



**Minutes of the UEAA General Assembly October, 6, 2022, Bratislava,
Slovak Republic**

**Program of the 11th General Assembly of the Union of European Academies for Science
Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (UEAA)
October, 6th, 2022, Bratislava, Slovak Republic**

Attendees – Steering committee members: **Guram Aleksidze** (Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences)/online; **Michel Thibier** (French Academy of Agriculture)/online, **Elena Horska** (Slovak Academy of Agricultural Science)/on-site, **Zenonas Dabkevičius** (Lithuanian Academy of Sciences)/on-site, **Ioan Jelev** (Rumanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences)/on-site, **Vilem Podrazsky** (Czech Academy of Agricultural Sciences)/online, **Baiba Rizva** (Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences)/online, **Kerstin Niblaeus** (Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry)/on-site, **Simone Orlandini** (member of the Scientific-Technical Committee of Academy of Geogofili, Italy)/online, **Tomas Garcia Azcarate** (National Association of Agricultural Engineering, Spain)/online, **Evi Arachoviti** (Great Britain, Innovation for Agriculture)/online, **Nazim Gruda** (Academy of Science of Albania)/on site. **Maria Salome Pais** (Portugal, Lisbon Academy of Sciences)/online.

Absentees: **Ieroslav Gadzalo** (National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine),

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13:30	<p>Opening of GA UEAA and welcome address <i>prof. Guram Aleksidze, president of UEAA</i></p> <p>Welcome address by <i>Dr. h. c. prof. mpx. h. c. prof. Ing. Vladimír Gozora, PhD. MBA, chairman of the Slovak Academy of the Agricultural Sciences</i></p> <p>Welcome by representative of the hosting organization, the Slovak Veterinary and Food Administration</p> <p>Moderator: Elena Horska</p>
13:40	<p>Introduction of presented SC members and GA official guests (representatives of Slovak institutions related to agriculture, food industry, forestry, research and education)</p> <p>Moderator: Elena Horska</p>

13:50	<p>Speech of the representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic <i>RNDR. Slávka Krížová, Director of Section of the Agrofood Market and Analysis</i></p> <p>Welcome speech by <i>the Director General of the National Agricultural and Food Centre, Ing. Martin Polovka, PhD.</i></p> <p>Welcome speech by the <i>vicerektor for science of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, associate professor Drahoslav Lančarič</i></p> <p>Moderator: Elena Horská</p>
14:00	<p>Recording of the current members present Approval of the agenda Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly UEAA <i>Brief report of the work carried out by the Union of European Academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (2020-2022)</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Guram Aleksidze, president of UEAA</i></p>
14:20	<p>Election of the new president UEAA</p> <p><i>Prof. Guram Aleksidze, president of UEAA</i></p>
14:25	<p>Nomination of the new Vice-President UEAA Election of the steering committee members</p>
14:35	<p>Suggested plan of actions of UEAA for 2022 – 2024</p>
14:40	<p>Awarding ceremony Commemorative medals awarded by <i>Dr. h. c. prof. mpx. h. c. prof. Ing. Vladimír Gozora, PhD., chairman of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences</i> <i>Ing. Martin Polovka, PhD, the Director General of the National Agricultural and Food Centre</i> <i>prof. Ing. Jozef Golian, PhD. vice-chairman of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences</i> <i>prof. Ing. Monika Hudáková, PhD. Chairwoman of the Section Economics and Management of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences</i></p>
14:45	<p>Conclusions</p>

1)

On 6 October 2022, the General Assembly of the Union of European Academies of Agricultural Sciences took place in Bratislava (Slovak Republic) at the premises of the State Veterinary and Food Administration. The General Assembly was held in a hybrid form and was attended by 40 guests in total (online, on site) representing the Union's Steering Committee, representatives of the European academies and guests from national sectorial institutions. Program is available at the beginning of this document.

The meeting was opened by the President of the UEAA prof. Aleksidze Guram (Georgia) and prof. Ing. Jozef. Golian, PhD., vice-chairman of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences. This was followed by speeches of representatives of the sectorial institutions, among whom the first speaker was RNDr. Slávka Křížová, Director of the Department of Agri-food Markets and Analyses, who addressed the priorities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for the current period. The main intention of her speech was to show Slovak situation and approach to agri-food policy, geopolitical crisis and other current issues.

The Director of the National Agriculture and Food Centre, Ing. Martin Polovka, PhD., greeted the participants and awarded a **commemorative medal** to the President of the Union **prof. Aleksidze Guram** and to the former President and active member of the Steering Committee, who is **prof. Michel Thibier**, representing in the same time the French Academy of Agriculture. Because both of them participated online, moderator of GA, prof. Elena Horská expressed the hope to meet in the near future at some occasion personally in Slovakia or in other countries and deliver medals personally.

A greeting speech was delivered also by vice-rector for science and research of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, assoc. prof. Ing. Drahoslav Lančarič, PhD.

2)

After the official opening and greetings part the working program started and general assembly has been recorded. Working program included:

- Recording of the current members present, 40 participants presenting in hybrid form (online and on-site), 13 SC members participated (including president), 1 person absent
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly UEAA
- *Brief report of the work carried out by the Union of European Academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (2020-2022)*

This first part of program was managed by prof. Guram Aleksidze, president of UEAA who presented also the brief report of the work carried out by the UEAA for 2020-2022. He mentioned also external conditions that complicated all kinds of activities, as Covid pandemic, etc. Full report is available here and report was accepted by the GA:

<https://ueaa.info/2022/09/15/the-president-reports-on-his-two-years-presidency-2020-2022/>

3)

According to the charter of UEAA Prof. Guram Aleksidze introduced the election of the President, vice-president and members of the Steering Committee.

In the election, **Dr.h.c. prof. Dr. Ing. Elena Horská**, the current Vice President of the Union, **was elected as a president**. All participants agreed with her election, only one abstained from voting. Her election, according to the statutes of the UEAA, transferred the **presidency of the Union to Slovakia and to the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences**, for a period of two years, 2022 - 2024. Prof. Guram Aleksidze congratulated prof. Elena Horská and wished her all the best in managing UEAA activities.

Prof. Horská replied and thanked prof. Guram Aleksidze on behalf of all SC members and all GA assembly for work done in the period of 2020 – 2022 and expressed the hope professor will

continue to be an active member of SC ready to help with complicated tasks based on his previous experiences.

4)

After the election prof. Elena Horská took over the moderation of the program of the GA and propose the election of vice-president. For this position she proposed prof. PhD. Ioan Jelev from Romania based on very good references and very active approach to implementation of UEAA tasks. There was no other proposal, so in voting all the members voted for him. So, **prof. PhD. Ioan Jelev, from the Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences "Gheorghe Ionescu- Șișești" Romania has become the vice-president of UEAA for 2022 – 2024.**

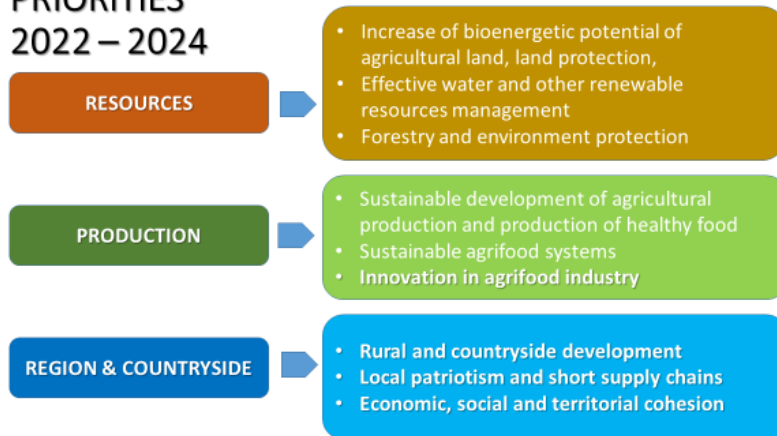
Further, **the Steering Committee** was elected in which countries **Lithuania, Latvia, France, Italy, Sweden, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Georgia** are represented. **Observers** from the **UK, Portugal, Spain** and a new observer from the **Albanian Academy of Sciences** were confirmed by election as SC member observers. Here is the complete list of SC members:

- **Elena Horská** (Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences)/president
- **Ioan Jelev** (Rumanian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences)/vice-president
- **Guram Aleksidze** (Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences)/SC member
- **Michel Thibier** (French Academy of Agriculture) /SC member
- **Zenonas Dabkevičius** (Lithuanian Academy of Sciences) /SC member
- **Vilem Podrazsky** (Czech Academy of Agricultural Sciences) /SC member
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- **Simone Orlandini** (member of the Scientific-Technical Committee of Academy of Georgofili, Italy) /SC member
- **Tomas Garcia Azcarate** (National Association of Agricultural Engineering, Spain) /SC member observer
- **Evi Arachoviti** (Great Britain, Innovation for Agriculture)/SC member observer
- **Maria Salome Pais** (Portugal, Lisbon Academy of Sciences)/SC member observer
- **Nazim Gruda** (Academy of Science of Albania)/SC member observer

5)

Professor Elena Horská as a new UEAA President presented the **priorities** for the next period. She declared **to continue** with already started activities and highlighted a new priority topic - **sustainability in the agriculture and food industry** in relation to current policies, but also to unforeseen situations and geopolitical crises. Among the priorities there was declared also the topic of **strengthening communication** of agri-food topics at the national and European level as well as strengthening **the awareness of young science and its promotion in the European area**. **The main part of the presentation, together with conclusions are resolutions are available here:**

PRIORITIES 2022 – 2024



PRIORITIES 2022 – 2024 II

- Reflecting the actual geopolitical and environmental global, regional and local conditions and identifying the ways of eliminating business risks and crisis phenomena in agriculture
- Developing interest in topics addressed so far by UEAA
 - New genomic techniques
 - EWG on CAP(Spain)
 - Reflexion on Forest strategy (Sweden)
- **Working group „Sustainability“ during Slovak presidency:**
 - Elena Horská, Vladimír Gozora, Monika Hudáková, Danka Moravčíková, Jozef Golian, Peter Šedík (new members can be suggested and approved by the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences)

ACTIVITIES 2022 - 2024

- **European Innovative Partnerships in UEAA Countries** (Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability) transfer of know-how, visions, experiences, **workshop at national or European level** (2023)
- **International Scientific Conference „International Scientific Days 2024:**
„The Role of Agrifood Sector in Meeting the Goals of Sustainable Development“ (May 2024)
- GA and scientific event in Romania with Academy of Agricultural and Forestry sciences
- 100 years of agricultural research in Slovakia (September 2024)
- **Promotion and UEAA** popularization at national and international level:
 - UEAA Website updates
 - Membership expansion in Europe
 - Support of YOUNG SCIENCE



Conclusions and resolutions of the 11th General Assembly UEAA II.

- 2. GA elected** Dr.h.c. prof. Dr. Ing. Elena Horská as President of UEAA and Slovak republic and its Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences takes over the presidency of UEAA for 2022-2024.
3. GA elected Steering committee members
4. GA approves the plan of priorities and activities for 2022- 2024.
5. GA assigns the task to president of UEAA, prof. Elena Horská and chairman of SAAS prof. Vladimír Gozora to inform the GA and presidency of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences about priorities and activities of UEAA 2022-2024, harmonize activities of SAAS and UEAA during Slovak presidency and manage the agenda of the UEAA
- 6. GA thanks to all participants, sponsors, invited guests and partners for organizational support of the event.**

Conclusions and resolution of the 11th General Assembly UEAA I.

General Assembly of the Union of the European academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature takes the following resolutions:

1. GA UEAA approves:
 - the program of the 11th GA UEAA
 - working presidency of the 11th GA UEAA: prof. Guram Aleksidze, prof. Elena Horská, prof. Jozef Golian, RNDr. Slávka Krížová, Ing. Zuzana Nouzovská, Ing. Lillian Šánerová
 - recorders doc. Gabriel Kuczman and doc. Danka Országhová
 - members of proposal committee: prof. Jozef Golian, doc. Sobocká, prof. Ioan Jelev
 - member of mandate committee: Ing. Sviček, doc. Rovný
 - the national working group „Sustainability“ responsible for implementation of priorities and activities during Slovak presidency:
 - prof. Elena Horská, prof. Vladimír Gozora, prof. Monika Hudáková, prof. Jozef Golian, doc. Ing. Danka Moravčíková, Ing. Peter Sedík (with possibility to enlarge it upon request and needs of current activities)

There were no additional proposals to this action plan and plan of activities was approved.

The UEAA General Assembly is held every two years in the presiding country and it is linked to the organisation of international scientific events. In the case of Slovakia, it was linked to the organisation of the **international scientific symposium** held at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra entitled as “**Sustainable, resilient and fair food systems in the EU and globally.**”

At the end of the GA the representatives of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences awarded active members for their contribution to academic activity development:

for creative and innovative contribution in the sphere of agrarian business and rural countryside development to the following candidates:

- Ing. Zoltán Černák, member of Section Economics and Management of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural sciences
- Ing. Ladislav Moravčík, MBA, member of Section Economics and Management of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural sciences
- Ing. Michal Storoška, PhD., MBA, Regular member of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural sciences,
- Ing. Ján Šimúnek, PhD., MBA, Regular member of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural sciences
- Prof. MVDr. Jozef Bíreš, DrSc., Regular member of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural sciences for excellent results in science, research and managing the State veterinary and food administration of the Slovak republic.

Honorable acknowledgement of the Slovak Academy of agricultural sciences and Section Economics and Management went to PeadDr. Slavomíra Melišová, mayor of village DOJČ for personal contribution to applying municipal policy and implementation of the program of economic and social development of village DOJČ.

At the end of GA prof. Elena Horská, president of UEAA, thanked to all participants for their participation both online and in-side and wished them all the best with the hope for further fruitful cooperation.



Done by: Elena Horská

Nitra, 29. 10. 2022