## Welcome speech on the occasion of the 12th UEAA General Assembly, Bucharest, October 10, 2024

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## Dear SC members, guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I have a great pleasure to welcome all of you at the 12th General assembly of the UEAA both in Bucharest and online.

I am greeting you from Slovakia, from the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra and Faculty of Economics and Management, together with:

- Chairman of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences, dr. h. c. prof. h. c. prof. Ing. Vladimír Gozora, PhD.
- Vice-chairman of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences, prof. Ing. Jozef Golian, PhD.
- Member of the Biometric committee of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences, associate professor Danka Országhová

Time flies so fast and we are still remembering 11th General Assembly, organized on October 6 and 7, 2022 in Bratislava, at the end of covid pandemic situation, for the first time in hybrid mode.

The Union of European Academies for Sciences applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (UEAA) was created in October 2000 by 14 National Academies, both from European member and candidate countries, all committed to the advancement of science.

UEAA is here to support the academic cooperation within the European space, to support progressive ideas of sustainability, healthy food system, innovative approaches and environmental issues. Today, according to UEAA charter we expect the election of a new president and "transfer" of presidential office to Bucharest.

I wish you a fruitful negotiation, friendly atmosphere during whole two days and all the best.

Dr. h. c. Prof. Dr. Ing. Elena Horská