

GREETING

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Dear Academician Skënder Gjinushi, President of the Academy of Sciences of Albania,

Dear Academician Ioan Jelev, President of UEAA,

Distinguished heads of state and scientific institutions,

Distinguished academics, professors, researchers, and participants of this symposium,

It is my pleasure and honor, on behalf of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo and its President, Academician Justina Shiroka Pula, to convey to you our warmest greetings and best wishes for the successful proceedings of the 13th General Assembly of the Union of European Academies for the Applied Sciences in Agriculture, Food and Nature, as well as of the accompanying scientific symposium.

On behalf of ASHAK, I would like to thank the Academy of Sciences of Albania for organizing this important scientific gathering, which brings together representatives of academies and research institutions from various European countries.

The theme of this symposium, “European Sustainable Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources,” is especially important for the future of our society. It directly concerns food security, environmental protection, the rational use of natural resources, and sustainable economic and social development.

Distinguished participants,

In the context of climate change, growing demand for food, and increasing pressures on land, water, and biodiversity, science bears an extraordinary responsibility.

The agriculture of the future cannot rely solely on increasing production. It must balance productivity, environmental protection, and the well-being of rural communities.

In this regard, cooperation among academies of sciences, universities, and research institutions is essential. Exchanging experiences, scientific results, and successful practices can help find appropriate solutions to the challenges facing our countries.

The Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo values European academic cooperation as an opportunity to strengthen science, develop joint research, and bring our institutions closer together in the service of the general interest.

In addition, Kosovo and Albania need continued cooperation in agricultural sciences, environmental protection, energy, technology, and natural resource management. These fields are interconnected and require interdisciplinary approaches, institutional cooperation, and continued support for young researchers.

In particular, cooperation within UEAA can create new opportunities for joint projects, the exchange of expertise, and the greater involvement of academic institutions in sustainable development processes.

Distinguished participants,

One of the most important values of academies is their ability to bring together scientific knowledge with responsibility toward society. The results of scientific research should serve

not only the advancement of knowledge, but also the improvement of public policies and living conditions.

For this reason, our discussions should not be limited to identifying problems, but should also focus on practical solutions, supported by scientific evidence and cooperation among institutions.

With academics and researchers from different countries participating, this symposium represents an important step toward strengthening European scientific dialogue.

On behalf of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo, I express our readiness to contribute to this cooperation and support initiatives aimed at developing science and higher education.

In conclusion, I wish the organizers and all participants successful proceedings, fruitful discussions, and concrete results.

I hope this meeting will create new opportunities to strengthen ties among European academies and develop lasting forms of cooperation for the benefit of science and society.

Thank you for your attention, and I wish you a warm welcome and successful proceedings!

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