



Albanian Academy of Sciences



PROGRAMME

XIIIth General Assembly of the Union of European Academies for Science Applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature (UEAA)

and Accompanying Scientific Symposium:

“Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources”

Tirana, Academy of Sciences of Albania, 21–22 September 2026

(in-person and online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480650686?pwd=AGxHmiI8hq1a3yrCQKdrQbAUVx3g5z.1>

Meeting ID: 844 8065 0686; Passcode: 144467)

An open activity.

Date / Time PROGRAMME

21.09.2026 – Venue: Academy of Sciences of Albania, Shëtitörja Murat Toptani 32,
Day 1 1000 Tiranë, Albania

08:00–08:45 Registration of participants

Date / Time	PROGRAMME
09:00–10:00	Opening and plenary session of the symposium: “Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources” Hall “Aleks Buda”; Moderator: Acad. Ilia Mikerezi, Academy of Sciences of Albania
09:00–09:05	Welcome address by the President of the Academy of Sciences of Albania, Acad. Skënder Gjinushi
09:05–09:15	Welcome address by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Andis Salla
09:15–09:25	Welcome address on behalf of the European academies; President of UEAA, Acad. Ioan Jelev
09:25–09:35	Welcome address on behalf of the Agricultural University of Tirana and brief presentation of AUT activities; Acad. Assoc. Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku, Albania
09:35–09:40	Welcome address from the president of NAAS, Acad. Ihor Hrynyk; Ukraine
09:40–09:50	“Update on Gene Editing in Agriculture in the EU”, Acad. Michel Thibier, Académie d'Agriculture de France
09:50–10:00	“Agronomic Innovations for the Sustainability of Cropping Systems”, Simone Orlandini, Accademia dei Georgofili, Italy
10:00–10:20	Coffee break
10:15–11:00	Continuation of the symposium – Hall “Aleks Buda”, Academy of Sciences of Albania “Evaluation of European Plum (<i>Prunus domestica</i> L.) Cultivars for Sustainable Fruit Production”, Marieta Nesheva, Institute of Horticulture, Bulgarian Agricultural Academy
10:20–10:30	
10:30–10:40	“Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture: The Case of Latvia”, Acad. Baiba Rivža, President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia (online)
10:40–10:50	“Balancing Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment through Bioeconomy Approaches”, Steliana RODINO, Scientific Director of the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development,

Date / Time PROGRAMME

Bucharest, and Honorary Member of Acad Agri. Forest. Sci. Romania
(online)

10:50–11:00 “Conservation Agriculture in Southern Sweden”, Martin Krokstorp,
Krokstorp Farm and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry
(online)

11:00–11:10 “Major Livestock Diseases in Albania: Current Status, Challenges and One
Health Perspectives”. Xhelil Koleci, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

11:10–11:25 Questions & short Discussions

11:25–11:45 **Break and preparation for the next sessions**

Acad. Nazim Gruda