

Minutes of the Scientific Symposium

Held as Part of the

XIIIth GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UEAA in Tirana, Albania

- **Date:** September 21, 2026
- **Venue:** Hall “Aleks Buda”, Academy of Sciences of Albania, Shëtitorja Murat Toptani 32, 1000 Tiranë, Albania
- **Event Format:** Hybrid (In-person and online via Zoom; **from UEAA, present:** Ioan Jelev — President of UEAA (2024–2026), Romania; Florin Stănică — President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences “Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești”, Romania; Michel Duclos — Académie d’Agriculture de France, France; Simone Orlandini — Vice-President of Accademia dei Georgofili, Italy; Stefan Gandev — President, Agricultural Academy, Bulgaria; Marieta Nesheva — Agricultural Academy, Bulgaria; Kerstin Niblaeus — Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Sweden; Past President of UEAA (2012-2014); Helena Jonsson — Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Sweden); Fejzulla Krasniqi — Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo), Enver Hamiti, Secretary of the Section for Natural Sciences, Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo; Nazim S. Gruda — Academy of Sciences of Albania; **Online:** Michel Thibier — Académie d’Agriculture de France, France, Past President of UEAA (2026-2018); Ihor Hrynyk (President of NAAS, Ukraine); Baiba Rivža — President, Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, Latvia; Past President of UEAA (2008-2010); Mario Pezzoti — Accademia dei Georgofili, Italy; Vasile Botnari — President, Academy of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of Moldova, Moldova; Steliana Rodino — Scientific Director of the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Bucharest, and Honorary Member of Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences “Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești”, Romania; Vili Dragomir — Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences “Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești”, Romania.
- **Symposium Theme:** “Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources”
- **Moderator:** Acad. Ilia Mikerezi, Academy of Sciences of Albania

I. Opening and Plenary Session (Welcome, Guest and Greeting Addresses*)

- **Acad. Skënder Gjinushi** (*President of the Academy of Sciences of Albania*) delivered the opening welcome address.
- **Mr. Fatmir Guri** (*Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Albania*) presented an institutional welcome address.
- **Ms. Elda Xhumari** (*Deputy Minister of Environment, Albania*) presented her welcome address highlighting environmental considerations*.
- **Acad. Ioan Jelev** (*President of UEAA*) extended a welcome address on behalf of the European academies.
- **Acad. Assoc. Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku** (*Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania*) delivered a welcome address and a brief presentation of AUT activities.
- **Acad. Fejzulla Krasniqi** (*Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo*) extended a welcome address to the assembly.

- **Acad. Ihor Hrynyk** (*President of NAAS, Ukraine*) presented an institutional welcome address.

II. Scientific Symposium Presentations

Session 1 – Plenary Session (09:40–10:00)

- **“Update on Gene Editing in Agriculture in the EU”**
Presenter: Acad. Michel Thibier, Académie d'Agriculture de France
- **“Agronomic Innovations for the Sustainability of Cropping Systems”**
Presenter: Simone Orlandini, Accademia dei Georgofili, Italy

Between two sessions of the symposium, we took a photo with all participants present.



Participants of the Symposium “Sustainable European Agriculture and Balanced Management of Natural Resources,” held in Tirana on September 21, on the occasion of the XIIIth General Assembly of the UEAA.

Session 2 (10:20–11:10)

- **“Evaluation of European Plum (*Prunus domestica* L.) Cultivars for Sustainable Fruit Production”**
Presenter: Marieta Nesheva, Institute of Horticulture, Bulgarian Agricultural Academy
- **“Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture: The Case of Latvia”**
Presenter: Acad. Baiba Rivža, President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia (Online)
- **“Balancing Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment through Bioeconomy Approaches”**
Presenter: Steliana Rodino, Scientific Director of the Research Institute for Agricultural

Economics and Rural Development, Bucharest, and Honorary Member of Acad. Agri. Forest. Sci. Romania (*Online*)

- **“Conservation Agriculture in Southern Sweden”**

Presenter: Martin Krokstorp, Krokstorp Farm and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (*Online*)

- **“Major Livestock Diseases in Albania: Current Status, Challenges and One Health Perspectives”**

Presenter: Xhelil Koleci, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

III. Q&A and Closing

- **11:10–11:25:** The plenary session concluded with technical questions and short discussions among the in-person and online participants.

* The welcome, guest, and greeting addresses have been published on the UEAA website, together with some selected full papers.