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Day 1 3 November 2025	
09:30 - 10:00	FEA building – Conference Room “Behar Male” Registration of participants
10:00 - 11:00	Welcoming and official address Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku, Rector of Agricultural University of Tirana Prof. Gjokë Uldedaj, Rector of “Qiriazi” University College Prof. Skënder Gjinushi, Chairman of the Academy of Sciences H.E. Mr. Karl Bergner, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany H.E. Mrs. Monika Zach, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria Mr. Andis Salla, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania
Day 1 - Block 1 11:00 - 13:00	Plenary Session: Transforming Life Sciences for EU Integration: Food Safety, One Health and Education Reform – (Moderator: Prof. Endrit Kullaj)
11:00 – 11:20	Shaping the Future of Life Sciences in Albania: Research, Teaching, and the Challenges Facing Higher Education – <i>Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, BOKU, AUSTRIA</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Albania 2030: Food Safety, Academic Engagement, and the EU Accession Challenge – <i>Prof. Erinda Lika, AUT, ALBANIA</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Building Albania’s Agricultural Future: Chapter 12 Through German Expertise and Partnership – <i>Dr. Eberhard Haunhorst, Head of Department 3 of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, GERMANY.</i>
12:00 – 12:20	Reimagining Biomedical Engineering Education for Global Challenges of Our Time – <i>Prof. Muhammad Zaman, Boston University, USA</i>
12:20 - 12:40	A One Health approach to managing animal and public health challenges – <i>Prof. Gerald Barry, University College Dublin, IRELAND</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Open discussion: speakers will answer questions from participants and the moderator
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break

Day 1 - Block 2	Plenary Session 2 – Integrated Animal Science and Food Systems: Water, Health and Societal Futures ‘Room B101’ (Moderator: Prof. Erinda Lika)
14:00 - 17:30	
14:00 - 14:20	Building a Water Quality and Health Program: From the Watershed to the Sewer – <i>Prof. Joan B. Rose, Michigan State University, USA</i>
14:20 - 14:40	Towards Water Framework Directive-Compliant Water Quality - Monitoring in Albania – <i>Prof. Guenter Langergraber, BOKU, AUSTRIA</i>
14:40 - 15:00	Understanding societal readiness for gene-edited food crops: insights from Thailand – <i>Prof. Lindsay C. Stringer, University of York, UK</i>
15:00 - 15:20	Lab-Grown Meat: a sustainable solution for tomorrow’s table? – <i>Prof. Giuseppe Maiorano, University of Molise, ITALY</i>
15:20 - 15:40	AMORE-AL research project in the context of the EU Water Legislation – <i>Prof. Thomas Ertl, BOKU, AUSTRIA</i>
15:40 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:20	Large Animal as Model of Translational Medicine – <i>Prof. Antonio Crovace, University of Bari ‘Aldo Moro’, ITALY</i>
16:20 - 16:40	Implementing feed-dairy food safety concepts in Albania: experiences from READ project - <i>Prof. Qëndrim Zebeli, University of Veterinary Medicine, AUSTRIA</i>
16:40 - 17:00	What Is Rural, What Is Urban—Again?: Albania’s First Post-2014 DEGURBA Classification and the Rise of Very-Low-Density Areas – <i>Prof. Fatmir Guri, deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, ALBANIA</i>
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Open discussion: speakers will answer questions from participants and the moderator</i>
Day 2	4 November 2025
	Plenary Session: Transforming Agriculture Through Data: Remote Sensing, Smart Irrigation and Digital Solutions (Room ‘B101 FEA) (Moderators: Prof. Ilir Kapaj, Ms. Lorena Pullumbi)
09:00 – 09:20	How the EU Integration Process Can Transform Land Governance and Agricultural Policy in Albania – <i>Prof. Daniel Müller, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, GERMANY</i>
09:20 – 09:40	When AI Meets IoT: A Novel Enhanced industrial scale IoT Wireless Sensor Network for Potato Stores – <i>Prof. Edmond Nurellari, University of Lincoln, UK</i>
09:40 – 10:00	Developing digital tools for smallholder farmers: addressing challenges, designing solutions – <i>Prof. Luuk Fleskens, Wageningen University, THE NETHERLANDS</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Using Physiological Parameters and Sensing Technologies to Monitor Water Status in Fruit Trees – <i>Prof. Endrit Kullaj, AUT, ALBANIA</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Remote Sensing for Agriculture (RS4Ag) Development - from research to decision support systems – <i>Dr. Francelino Rodrigues, FAO-Albania</i>
10:40 – 10:45	Innovating for Digital and Sustainable Agriculture in Albania – FAO’s Perspective – <i>Ms. Lorena Pullumbi, Assistant FAO Representative in Albania, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee Break

Day 2 –Timing	5 Parallel Scientific Sessions
11:00 – 13:00	Session 1: Agricultural Sciences and Smart Production Technologies (Room B101 FEA Building) (Chair: Prof. Lindsey Stringer, Prof. Evan Rroço)
11:00 – 11:15	– Nitrogen supply for improvement of cereals growth under drought – <i>PhD Cand. Moltine Prebibaj*</i> , R. Neugschwandtner, F. Sallaku, E. Rroço, H.-P. Kaul. <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
11:15 – 11:30	– Collecting weed seeds during threshing in organic farming – <i>PhD Cand. Taulant Shabani*</i> , Rainer Waldhardt. <i>*Justus Liebig University Giessen, Institute of Landscape Ecology and Resource Management Research Center for Biosystems</i>
11:30 – 11:45	– Revitalising native plant genetic resources for sustainable agritourism and rural development in Albania – <i>Prof. Valbona Hobdari*</i> , I. Lazega, S. Kotelli, Z. Gjeta, N. Lila, H. Kuçi <i>*Institute of Plant Genetic Resources, AUT</i>
11:45 – 12:00	– Biotic stress management in <i>Calendula officinalis</i> L.: a review of conventional and biological control strategies – <i>PhD Cand. Emi Panariti*</i> , Sh. Shahini, D. Shëngjergji, E. Kaloshi, E. Shahini <i>*Dep. of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
12:00 – 12:15	– Selection of virus-free plant material from Albanian local vineyards (<i>Shesh i Zi & Shesh i Bardhë</i>) as a functional step in certification – <i>Prof. Adriatik Çakalli*</i> , E. Kongjika, F. Çarka, H. Kokiçi, A. Ramaj, E. Papakosta, M. Cara <i>*Institute of Plant Genetic Resources, AUT</i>
12:15 – 12:30	– Influence of climatic temperature variability on the development of biology of <i>Scaphoideus titanus</i> in Kosovo – <i>PhD Cand. Gazmend Gjinovci*</i> , A. Ramadhi, B. Xhemali, B. Bresilla, Sh. Shahini <i>*Dep. of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
12:30 – 12:45	– Land use and land cover change detection in Tirana Municipality (2000–2024) using remote sensing and GIS – <i>PhD Cand. Olsid Mema*</i> , B. Islamaj, M. Hofmann, D. Müller, F. Sallaku <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
12:45 – 13:00	– First-year bioassay results on the synergistic effects of citrus essential oil and pyriproxyfen in managing resistant whitefly populations under greenhouse conditions in Albania. – <i>PhD Cand. Marko Kolaci*</i> , Ajten Bërxolli <i>*Dep. of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Session 2: Rural Development Policies and Agribusiness Management Strategies (Room 'Qiriazi' University College) (Chair: Prof. Dr. Remzi Keco, Dr. Ali Shingjergji)
11:00 – 11:15	– Beyond quantitative indicators: mapping and visualising risk in apple farms in the Korçë Region – <i>Prof. Arif Murrja*</i> , G. Çera, Xh. Dedndreaj <i>*Dep. of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness, AUT</i>
11:15 – 11:30	– Fiscal policy and business relations with the fiscal administration - some considerations on the influential factors and reduction of fiscal evasion – <i>Prof. Halit Xhafa*</i> , A. Binaj <i>*Faculty of Economy, Qiriazi University College</i>
11:30 – 11:45	– Bridging green leadership and well-being: unveiling multidimensional pathways to sustainable development – <i>PhD Cand. Afrim Osmani</i> <i>Dep. of Management, Luarasi University</i>
11:45 – 12:00	– Valuing environmental amenities in Lake Ohrid: linear vs. semi-Log hedonic pricing models – <i>*PhD Cand. Engjëllushe Icka</i> , E. Skreli, A. Boshnjaku <i>Dept. of Economics and Rural Development Policies, Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness, AUT</i>
12:00 – 12:15	– Building resilience to desertification through agricultural innovation and community engagement – <i>Dr. Thomas P. Timberlake</i> , L.C. Stringer <i>*Dep. of Environment and Geography, University of York, UK</i>

12:15 – 12:30	The impact of IFRS adoption to the quality of financial reporting in Albania – Prof. Albana Gjoni*, A. Mlouk <i>*Department of Finance and Accounting, Agricultural University of Tirana.</i>
12:30 – 12:45	NUTRIR - Technological Centre for Agri-Food Sustainability, a strategic initiative for rural areas development – Dr. Marta Vilas Boas*, J.P. Marques, N. Vieira e Brito <i>*CISAS, Escola Superior Agrária, Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo, Portugal</i>
12:45 – 13:00	The impact of socio-demographics on e-fiscalization compliance: who, how, and why? – PhD Cand. Denisa Cani*, E. Arabska, D. Kolaj, R. Kolaj <i>*Department of Finance, Qiriazi University College, Tirana, Albania</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Session 3: Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources, Forests and Ecosystem Management (Room ‘Lucë Agraja’) (Chair: Joan Rose, Prof. Seit Shallari)
11:00 – 11:15	<i>In situ</i> partitioning of selected antibiotics in the water-sediment system: effect of pH – PhD Cand. Aleksandër Peqini*, B.J. Heyde, F. Brahushi, R. Düring <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Are treatment wetlands a suitable wastewater treatment technology for Albania? – Prof. Guenter Langergraber <i>BOKU University, Institute of Sanitary Engineering and Water Pollution Control, Austria</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Nitrogen surplus in the Ishëm river basin: quantifying agriculture’s contribution at analytical-unit scale – PhD Cand. Xhuljo Sema*, F. Huqi, V. Bakillari, E. Skura, F. Sallaku, S. Shallari, I. Kristo <i>*Dep. of Environment and Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Assessment of total phosphorus emissions in the Ishem river basin through the MoRE model – PhD Cand. Fatos Huqi*, V. Bakillari, Xh. Sema, E. Skura, S. Shallari, I. Kristo, F. Sallaku <i>*Dep. of Environment and Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Vegetated earth berms as biofilters for traffic-related air pollutants – PhD Cand. Adam Nawrocki <i>Centre for Climate Research, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Effect of uniform shelter-wood cutting method on forest regeneration in beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L.) virgin forests in Albania. – Prof. Vath Tabaku, E. Toromani, L. Peri <i>*Department of Forestry, Faculty of Forestry Science, AUT</i>
12:30 – 12:45	The Western Balkans Climate Data Viewer – PhD. Max Hofmann*, D. Müller <i>*Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Integrating UAV-based remote sensing and GIS for precision agroforestry management – Prof. Sonila Sinjari*, O. Pupi <i>*Dep. of Geography, Faculty of History and Philosophy, University of Tirana</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Session 4: Animal Health (Room ‘B114’, FEA) (Chair: Prof. Gerald Barry, Prof. Rezart Postoli)
11:00 – 11:15	Formation of passive specific immunity in young infants by administration of serum – Zura Yessimsiitova*, D. Khussainov, Z. Lessova, I.Y. Tissen, A. Kaya, A. Sansyzbay, M. Berdikulov, A. Yernazarova <i>*Scientific Production Technical Center “Zhalyñ”, Almaty, Kazakhstan</i> <i>*Kazakh National University, Al-Farabi, Almaty, Kazakhstan</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Seroprevalence of <i>Theileria equi</i> in equids in Albania – PhD Cand. K. Morava, I. Dova, Dh. Rapti, K. Çela, Xh. Koleci, Prof. Rezart Postoli* <i>Dep. of Clinical Subjects, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Evaluation of mineral–vitamin supplementation and post-milking teat disinfection on subclinical mastitis under practical dairy farm conditions in Albania – Prof. Xhelil Koleci*, R. Meçaj, I. Ajdini, R. Maçi, E. Rrapaj, B. Haskaj, M. Tafaj <i>Dep. of Veterinary Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>

11:45 – 12:00	Seasonal differences in on-farm welfare assessment of Albanian dairy goats using animal-based parameters – <i>Prof. Sokol Duro*</i>, C. Leeb, E. Lika, A. Kelo, N. Nöllenburg, J. Avdi, R. Koto, *Dep. of Morphofunctional Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT
12:00 – 12:15	Serological evidence of caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Virus (CAEV) in goats from the Elbasan region, Albania – <i>PhD Cand. Brixhilda Qyra*</i>, D. Beqiraj, M. Sulçe, E. Ozuni, A. Munga, P. Zalla, Xh. Koleci, E. Andoni, G. Muça, V. Zela Dep. of Morphofunctional Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT
12:15 – 12:30	Macroscopic evaluation of cardiopulmonary lesions in slaughtered cattle and sheep in Tirana – <i>Prof. Eglantina Xhemollari*</i>, K. Dervishi, K. Haka *Dep. of Preclinical Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT
12:30 – 12:45	Titanium and polycaprolactone scaffolds for osteochondral regeneration: a CT study in sheep – <i>PhD Cand. Taulant Goga*</i>, E. Lika, A. Crovace, B. Goxha, L. Lacitignola, F. Staffieri, A. Maria Crovace Dep. of Preclinical Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT
12:45 – 13:00	Seasonal dynamics of Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC) isolation from the recto-anal mucosa of slaughtered sheep using selective media - <i>Nertila Dini</i>, B. Dhami et al. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT
11:00 – 13:00	Session 5: Food Safety, Biotechnology and Nutrition Science (Room 'B215' FEA) (Chair: Prof.Dr. Renata Kongoli, Prof. Kapllan Sulaj)
11:00 – 11:15	Comparative analysis of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beers: physicochemical characteristics, phenolic content and antioxidant capacity – <i>Prof. Panagiotis Kandyliis</i>, D. Dimitrellou *Dep. of Food Science and Technology, Ionian University, Greece
11:15 – 11:30	Oxidative stability of minced beef treated with pomegranate peel (<i>Punica granatum</i> L.) extract – <i>PhD Cand. Arita Sabriu Haxhijaha*</i>, Nj. Luta Idrizi, L. Shabani Faculty of Technological Sciences, "Mother Teresa" University-Skopje, N. Macedonia
11:30 – 11:45	EU Integration and Albanian agriculture and agro-processing: standards, investments, and strategic pathways – <i>MSc. Esmeralda Ballesha*</i>, F. Hoxha *EIT Food RIS Policy Council Member – Albania
11:45 – 12:00	Acrylamide in food: challenges for industry across different countries and implications for food safety – <i>Prof. Alketa Shehaj</i>, A. Morina, F. Hoxha, K. Sulaj, E. Haruni Dep. of Agri-food Technology, Faculty of Biotechnology and Food, AUT
12:00 – 12:15	Natural organic matter in drinking water: levels, variability and implications for water safety – <i>PhD Cand. Shkëlqime Poga</i>, E. Mamoçi, D. Mema Dep. of Assessment and Treatment of Risks in Public Health, Institute of Public Health, Albania
12:15 – 12:30	Alternative proteins from filamentous fungi: a pathway to sustainable food systems – <i>Prof. Luziana Hoxha*</i>, M.J. Taherzadeh *Center for Food Research, Faculty of Biotechnology and Food, AUT
12:30 – 12:45	Effects of sequential fermentation with <i>Metschnikowia pulcherrima</i> and <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> S-04 on the aroma profile of American pale beer style – <i>PhD Cand. Julian Karaulli*</i>, N. Xhaferaj, B. Testa, F. Letizia, O. Kyçyk, M. Ruci, R. Kongoli, F. Lamçe, I. Lloha, K. Sulaj, M. Iorizzo. *Faculty of Biotechnology and Food, Food Research Center, AUT
12:45 – 13:00	Influence of sensory attributes and volatile compounds in Kallmet wine produced with sequential fermentation – <i>PhD Cand. Mamica Ruci*</i>, R. Kongoli, M. Iorizzo, B. Testa, A. Abdyl, J. Karaulli, F. Lamçe, O. Kyçyk *Faculty of Biotechnology and Food, Food Research Center, AUT
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00	Poster Session – Presentation and Discussion of Posters
15:00 – 17:15	Session 1: Agricultural Sciences and Smart Production Technologies (Room B101, FEA) (Chair: Prof. Antoaneta Gigova, Prof. Lirika Kupe)
15:00 – 15:15	– Citizen-science powered biodiversity monitoring in the Western Balkans: bridging ecological data gaps for sustainable agriculture – Dr. Hysen Kokiçi* , E. Skura, F. Sallaku, S. Shallari, A. Çakalli, A. Ramaj, M. Hofmann, D. Mueller <i>*Institute of Plant Genetic Resources, AUTO</i>
15:15 – 15:30	– Advancing plant pathogen diagnostics in Albania through nanopore sequencing – Prof. Magdalena Cara* , S.S. Amoia, C.G. Orfanidou, A. Kola, O. Cara, T. Elbeaino. <i>*Dep. Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:30 – 15:45	– Optimising extraction strategies to enhance the phytochemical profile and bioactivity of <i>Achillea millefolium</i> for pharmaceutical and industrial applications – PhD Cand. Edlira Kaloshi* , L. Kupe, K. Shpati, M. Alikaj <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:45 – 16:00	– Third year results of the European eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>) local stock and the silvering process, in the Karavasta lagoon – PhD Cand. Marko Kule , E. Hala, E. Kamberi <i>*Dep. of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
16:00 – 16:15	– POME-Protect: Developing and implementing sustainable alternatives for the control of phytopathogenic fungi in Albanian apple – PhD Cand. Amedeo Kola* , A. Chikora <i>*Dep. of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
16:15 – 16:30	– Crop diversification in Albania through evaluation of <i>Nigella sativa</i> L. accessions from the Western Regional plant introduction station (Washington, USA) – PhD Cand. Jonida Biturku* , E. Dodona, V. Hobdari, H. Kuçi and E. Kuçaj <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
16:30 – 16:45	– Field performance and biochemical characterisation of 6 autochthonous chards (<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>cicla</i>) – Prof. Zef Gjeta* , B. Pepa, H. Kuçi, A. Ramaj <i>*Institute of Plant Genetic Resources, AUT</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Session 2: Rural Development, Agribusiness and Policy Innovation (Room Qiriazi University) (Chair: Prof. Ledia Thoma, Dr. hab. Anna Mazurek-Kusiak)
15:00 – 15:15	– Determinants of market concentration in the Albanian banking system – an empirical analysis using the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index – Dr. Ali Shingjergji* , K. Bica, A. Kulli. <i>*Department of Finance, Qiriazi University College, Tirana, Albania</i>
15:15 – 15:30	– Local communities' willingness to accept trade-offs between conservation and development in Divjakë-Karavasta National Park, Albania – PhD Cand. Zenepe Dafku* , P. Chevalier, F. Guri, P. Le Grusse, A. Sela <i>*Dep. Economy and Agrarian Policies, Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness, AUT</i>
15:30 – 15:45	– The evolution of agritourism development in Albania: a multi-stakeholder perspective – Prof. Shpresim Domi , F. Domi <i>*Dep. of Rural Tourism Management, Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness, AUT</i>
15:45 – 16:00	– Thematic villages of Eastern Poland as an innovative rural tourism product – Dr hab. Anna Mazurek-Kusiak <i>Dep. of Tourism and Recreation, University of Life Sciences in Lublin, Poland</i>
16:00 – 16:15	– Youth employment challenges in Albania's rural regions: socioeconomic determinants and policy perspectives – PhD Cand. Leons Hasani * , R. Keco <i>* Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness, Agricultural University of Tirana</i>
16:15 – 16:30	– Smart Tourism: the impact of Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain, a literature review – Dr. Blerta Leka (Moçka)* , A. Kambo, Xh. Dulja <i>*Dep. of Mathematics and Informatics, Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness, AUT</i>
16:30 – 16:45	– Strengthening the agribusiness sector: the strategic role of value chains – Dr. Chrysanthi Balomenou <i>Epoka University</i>

16:45 – 17:00	Multidimensional Well-being in Rural Areas During Times of Transition: A Descriptive Glance at Four Southeast European Countries – <i>PhD(c). Johnson Kansiime*</i>, A. Jantsch, A. Arapi-Gjini, A. Shala, E. Zhllima <i>*The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle (Saale), Germany</i>
15:00 – 17:15	Session 3: Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources, Forests and Ecosystem Management (Room 'Lucë Agraja') (Chair: Prof. Guenter Langergraber, Prof. Elvin Toromani)
15:00 – 15:15	Temporal dynamics of nickel immobilisation by nano-montmorillonite in serpentine soils – <i>PhD Cand. Teuta Bushi</i>, A. Bani, E. Sallaku (Sheqeri), F. Ottner <i>*Dep. of Environment and Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Blue carbon in Albanian coastal wetlands: a synthesis of sequestration potential and management perspectives – <i>PhD Cand. Adri Erebara*</i>, A. Kopali <i>*Dep. of Environment and Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:30 – 15:45	The Asian Chestnut Gall Wasp and its Biocontrol in Albania <i>Dr. Agim Pepkolaj*</i>, R. Metaliaj, Sh. Sathyapala, K. İpekdağ <i>*FAO, Albania</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Comparative analysis of the species diversity structure in two habitats of the Divjake-Karavasta natural park – <i>PhD Cand. Enea Malaj*</i>, D. (Bode) Xhulaj <i>*Dep. of Environment and Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
16:00 – 16:15	The curious case of Adriatic sea fisheries – <i>PhD Cand. Elvis Kamberi*</i>, E. Hala, E. Tzanatos, C. Möllmann <i>* Department of Aquaculture and Fishery, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania</i>
16:15 – 16:30	The effect of heat treatment on compression strength of Pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> L.) – Holta Çota*, E. Lato, D. Quku, H. Thoma, E. Kola, <i>* Department of Wood Industry, Faculty of Forest Sciences, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Bridging theory and practice in landscape studio courses: insights from the linear garden project at the Agricultural University of Tirana – <i>PhD Cand. Silvi Jano*</i>, Gj. Vuksani, Z. Teqja, D. Buza, E. Hasa, A. von Birgelen, G. Senes. <i>*Dep. of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Policy gaps in benchmarking irrigation water use, Albanian case – <i>PhD Cand. Mirgjana Gjermizi*</i>, U. Abazi, M. Gecaj <i>*Dep. of Agronomic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Session 4: Veterinary and Public Health (Room 'B114/ FEA) (Chair: Prof. Qëndrim Zebeli, Prof. Myqerem Tafaj)
15:00 – 15:15	Milk quality parameters for early detection of subclinical mastitis under practical dairy farm conditions across Albania – <i>PhD Cand. Renis Maçi*</i>, R. Meçaj, Xh. Koleci, J. Boçi, I. Ajdini, E. Rrapaj, B. Haskaj, M. Tafaj <i>*Institute of Food Safety and Veterinary, Tirana, Albania</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Relationship between nutrition and subclinical mastitis in holstein dairy farms across three regions of Albania – <i>PhD Cand. Roland Mecaj*</i>, F. Plaku, M. Sulçe, E. Sallaku, E. Delia, F. Brahushi, S. Shallari, M. Tafaj <i>*Dep. of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, AUT</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Identification of virulence genes <i>Escherichia coli</i> producing extended-spectrum β-Lactamases from Shkumbini river in Albania – <i>PhD Cand. Florian Plaku*</i>, I. Kusi, E. Lika, E. Dushku, E. Tsavea, V., C. Kotzamanidis, <i>*Dep. of Clinical Subjects, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Identification of antibodies to various subtypes of influenza A viruses in dairy cattle – Dr. Liljana Lufo, V. Shtjefni <i>Dep. of Preclinical Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>

16:00 – 16:15	– Linking biosecurity and antimicrobial resistance in poultry farms in Albania – Prof. Tana Kika , S. Cocoli, E. Lika, K. Mersini <i>Dep. of Veterinary Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
16:15 – 16:30	– Study on selected infectious diseases in equids in Albania (Theileriosis, Babesiosis, West Nile Virus, Equine Infectious Anemia) – PhD Cand. Kristi Morava* , R. Postoli, I. Dova, E. Ozuni, Dh. Rapti, K. Çela, Xh. Koleci <i>Dep. of Clinical Subjects, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
16:30 – 16:45	– Occurrence of zearalenone in selected animal feed materials from Albanian farms, analyzed by LC-MS/MS – PhD Cand. Suela Teqja* , J. Mavromati <i>Dep. of Veterinary Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
16:45 – 17:00	– Bioaccumulation factors of mercury in liver, muscle, and gills of three fish species from the Adriatic sea, Albania – Msc. Altin Metalla* , E. Lika, R. Olchowski, P. Orłowski, A. Chałabis-Mazurek, J.L. Valverde Piedra <i>*Dep. of Preclinical Modules, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, AUT</i>
15:00 – 16:30	Session 5: Food Safety, Biotechnology and Nutrition Science (Room 'B215' FEA) (Chair: Prof. Panagiotis Kandylis, Dr. Spase Shumka)
15:00 – 15:15	– Consumer protection in Albania: legal framework and challenges – Dr. Valentina Memini* , D. Maloku <i>*Department of Civil and Business Law, "Qiriazi" University College</i>
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16:00 – 16:15	– Immersive digital technologies and food quality labels: shaping consumer behavior in the Western Balkans' agri-food value chains – PhD Cand. Enxhi Marku* , A. Shumeli, E. Shehu <i>*Department of Business Management, Faculty of Economy. LOGOS University, Tirana</i>
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A05	Dinoshi, I. Mobilising Finance and Technology through Partnerships: Advancing Digital Transformation in Albania's Agriculture and Food Systems. University College of Business.
A06	Gigova, A., Petrova, V. Climatic changes, their impact on the productivity of apples of the "Florina" variety in the Republic of Bulgaria. Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnology and Plant Protection "N. Poushkarov",
A07	Hasrat, A., Martine, W., Turmalaj, L., Dobi, P. Implications of new mountain law and policy of Albania government for transhumant and pastoralist communities. The Grassroots Institute, Canada
A08	Hobdari, V., Gjeta, Z., Çakalli, A., Pepa, B., Çarka, F., Kuçi, H., Lila, N., Ramaj, A. Importance of management, use and future perspectives of plant genetic resources in genebank of Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana
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A10	Huqi, A., Ismailaj, E., Bërxolli A., Likaj M., Imeri A., Shahini Sh. Survey to understand the situation regarding the safe use of PPPs by farmers in Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana
A11	Hysi, L., Papa, L., Hoda, A.. Artificial insemination and biotechnology as key drivers for genetic improvement and sustainable animal production. Agricultural University of Tirana
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A13	Jojiç, E., Vata, N., Laze, P., Vorpsi, V., Mema, O., Salillari, I., Gjeka, Xh. Assessment of mechanization level based on degree of mechanization: a case study of Divjaka city. Agricultural University of Tirana
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A17	Muca, R., Dervishi, D., Osmani, L., Laze, Ibro, V. Is the acclimatisation that wheat plants underwent during the life cycle transferred to their seeds? Agricultural University of Tirana
A18	Nachtsheim, J.N., K.Obermeyer, J. Messner, J.Weber. The impact of tracking agrivoltaic systems on yield, botanical composition and forage quality in a grass-clover ley. Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Ravensburg, Germany
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A22	Papa, L., Kume, K., Hysi, L. State and sustainable conservation of farm animal genetic resources in Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana
A23	Pepa, B., Hobdari, V., Çakalli, A., Gjeta, Z., Çarka, F., Lila, N., Kuçi, H., Ramaj, A. Traditional cultivars and the challenge of genetic erosion in the Librazhd region. Agricultural University of Tirana
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N17	Duka, I., Malo, N., Demiraj, E., Sallaku, E., Çuni, E., Brahushi, F. Assessment of water quality parameters in two lakes of the Dumre region, Albania and their role in ecological risk evaluation. Agricultural University of Tirana
N18	Elohor, A., Ugochukwu, P.O., Ifechukwu, O.J. Strengthening Nigeria's Climate Action through Decentralized Agroecological strategies: A Conceptual View. Osun State University, Nigeria
N19	Frem, M.F., Santeramo, G., Lamonaca, E., El Moujabber, M., Choueiri, E., La Notte, P., Nigro, F., Bozzo, F., Fucilli, V. Assessing public preferences for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services in post- pest outbreak landscapes: Evidence from a choice experiment in southern Italy. SINAGRI, spinoff Univeristy of Bari.
N20	Gecaj, M. Advancing Albania's Agriculture for CAP Integration: From National Subsidies to Digital Solutions. Agricultural University of Tirana

14:00 – 15:00		Poster Session – Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources, Forests and Ecosystem Management (Faculty of Biotechnology Building)
N21		Halebi, A., Ajdinaj, D. Value Chain Analysis of the Wood Industry in Albania: Resources, Processing, Trade, and Policy Perspectives. Agricultural University of Tirana
N22		Halilaj, T., Bani, A., Sallaku (Sheqeri), E., Ottner, F. Temporal Dynamics of Nickel Immobilization by Nano-Montmorillonite in Serpentine Soils. Agricultural University of Tirana
N23		Haveraj, F., Impact of Wooden Materials on WiFi Signal Strength On a Wood Industry Enterprise (Case Study). Agricultural University of Tirana
N24		Hobdari, V., Lazega, I., Kotelli, S., Gjeta, Z., Lila, N., Kuçi, H. Revitalizing native plant genetic resources for sustainable agritourism and rural development in Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana
N25		Imeri, A., Kupe, L., Alikaj, M., Bahiti, E. Alien Invasive Plants in Ankara, Turkey. Agricultural University of Tirana
N26		Kansiime, J., Jantsch, A., Arapi-Gjini, A., Shala, A., Zhllima, E. Multidimensional Well-being in Rural Areas During Times of Transition: A Descriptive Glance at Four Southeast European Countries. The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle (Saale), Germany.
N27		Kodra, M., Stafasani, M. PM10 and PM2.5 monitoring to assess air quality. Agricultural University of Tirana
N28		Kola, E., Ajdinaj, D., Shehu, B., Quku, D., Cota, H., Lato, E. Towards Circular Furniture Manufacturing: Challenges and Opportunities. Agricultural University of Tirana
N29		Kopali, A., Erebara, A., Shehi, M. Analyzing the Potential for Carbon Sequestration from Cover Crops in the Agricultural Lands. Agricultural University of Tirana
N30		Korita, J. Analysis of policies on climate change adaptation. Agricultural University of Tirana
N31		Korita, J. Analyzing the effectiveness of public interest litigation in environmental cases. Agricultural University of Tirana
N32		Kuhn, J., Jantsch, A., Eltzarov, S., Hermans, K. Climate change and migration intentions in rural Southeast Europe: The moderating role of place attachment. Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO).
N33		Kupe, L., Bahiti, E., Alikaj, M., Imeri, A., Kaloshi, E. Integrating Diatoms and Nutrient Loads Variability — Spatio-temporal dynamics of water quality in the Vjosa River. Agricultural University of Tirana
N34		Luarasi, M., Grepcka, A., Bahja, E. Innovation in Non-Wood Forest Products MSMEs: A Case Study from Korça Region. Agricultural University of Tirana
N35		Malaj, E., Xhulaj. Analysing the protection status of the natural park Divjake-Karavasta through ecological and human disturbance variables. Agricultural University of Tirana
N36		Malollari, G., Shallari, S., Ahmeti, A., Luarasi, M. Model-Based Assessment of Aerosol Mass Concentrations over Albania during 2023. Agricultural University of Tirana
N37		Mucollari, Nertila, Shumka, S. Longitudinal patterns of fish assemblages in relation to local factors in the Vjosa. Agricultural University of Tirana

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N38	Mysliha, S., Bani, A. Nickel Accumulation in Vegetables Cultivated on Serpentine Soils of Albania: Implications for Food Safety. Agricultural University of Tirana
N39	Nachtsheim, J.N., Obermeyer, K., Messner, J., Weber, J.. The impact of tracking agrivoltaic systems on yield, botanical composition and forage quality in a grass-clover ley. Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Ravensburg, Germany
N40	Osmani, A., Firanj, R., Maci, A., Ylli, A., Ylli, F., Sallaku, E. Microplastic Abundance, Polymer Composition and Heavy Metals Contamination in the Ishmi River (Albania): An Integrated Assessment of water and riverbanks. European University of Tirana,
N41	Pepa, B. Biodiversity and ecological status assessment of the Drin River using benthic macro invertebrates. Agricultural University of Tirana
N42	Peqini, A., Finis, L.M., Brahushi, F., Düring, R.A. Potential applications of biochar from organic waste in Albania, with a focus on irrigation water treatment. Agricultural University of Tirana
N43	Prendi, Klarida, Murrja, A. Dimensions of Circular Economy Implementation in Albanian Companies: An Empirical Study by Company Size. Agricultural University of Tirana
N44	Saliaga, V., Bakillari, V., Shallari, S., Sallaku, S., Kristo, I. Analysis of water pollution and effect of rainfall trend in the quality of Ishem river, Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana
N45	Shehu, B., Çota, H., Lato, E., Vejsiu, I., Kola, E. Sustainable visitor guidance and eco-friendly infrastructure planning in Tomorr mountain National Park. Agricultural University of Tirana
N46	Shumka, S., Hasanllari, R., Xherri, Xh. eDNA Compared with Conventional Methods for Fish Field Surveys: Case Study from the River Buna in a try for Adriatic Sturgeon presence. Agricultural University of Tirana
N47	Topuzi, R., Sejdiu, Rr., Mjaku, Xh., Bajraktari, A. Increasing productivity in the furniture manufacturing sector through reducing idle time. University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj.
N48	Vejsiu, A., Kola, E., Beqo, S., Thoma, H., Kllapi, J. Vocational Education and the Wood Industry in Albania: Bridging Gaps, Building Futures. Agricultural University of Tirana

14:00 – 15:00	Poster Session – Animal and Public Health (Faculty of Biotechnology Building)
V01	Barjami P, Bizhga B. Dermanyssus gallinae in Albania and its Impact on Public Health. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V02	Bijo B, Shehu F. Overview of the Challenges of New Meat Inspection Systems in Europe. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V03	Branciaro R, Primavilla S, Valiani A, Ranucci D. Antimicrobial Resistance in the Food Chain: Scientific and Regulatory Challenges in Food Safety and Inspection. Department Veterinary Medicine, University of Perugia, Via san Costanzo 4, 06126 Perugia. Italy
V04	Dhaskali L, Qoku A, Mazari B. Retrospective Study of Canine Cutaneous Tumor-Like in Tirana District. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.

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V05	Dimço E, Abeshi J, Dharmo G, Bizhga B. Evaluating Serum Amylase, Lipase and cPLI as Diagnostic Biomarkers for Acute Pancreatitis in Dogs. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V06	Dini N, Dhami B, Koni A, Malaj N, Sulçe M, Tairllari L, Dautaj E, Muça G, Zalla P, Durro V, Koleci X. Seasonal Isolation Dynamics of Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (STEC) from Recto-Anal Mucosa of Slaughtered Sheep Using Selective Media. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V07	Filippi A, Nava M, Dellamaria D, Lazzari B, Bianchi A. Filipe J, Bertoletti I, Pedrotti L, Corlatti L, Ricchi M, Luzzago C, Garbarino C. Surveillance of paratuberculosis in red deer (Cervus elaphus) at the interface between domestic and wild animals in the Central Italian Alps. Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna
V08	Goxha B, Lika E, Crovace AM, Goga T, Lacitignola L, Staffieri F, Crovace A. Complications and Short-Term Outcomes after Tibial Tuberosity Advancement with a Porous Titanium Scaffold in Dogs. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V09	Lufo L, Beli E, Dura G, Kaba E, Zhupa O. Assessment of raw milk quality in Albania: a farm-to-processing evaluation based on national and EU standards. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V10	Mecaj R, Sallaku E, Plaku F, Selmani E, Duka I, Delia E, Brahushi F, Shallari S, Tafaj M. A Survey of Calcium, Phosphorus, and Zinc Contents in Roughages and Concentrate Feeds Commonly Used in Dairy Farms Across Three Regions of Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V11	Muça G, Turmalaj L, Sulçe M, Koleci X, Andoni E, Ozuni E, Muga A, Kurti F, Parangoni I, Hoxha V, Beqiraj D. The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Reproduction in Cows, Goats, and Sows. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V12	Muçollari N, Shumka S. Longitudinal Patterns of Fish Assemblages in Relation to Local Factors in the Vjosa. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V13	Munga A, Sulçe M, Ozuni E, Beqiraj D, Zekaj EA Review on the Toxicity of Cadmium in the Urinary System. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V14	Pandiscia A, Terio V, Bonerba E, Troise F, Savini F, Prandini L, Indio V, De Cesare A, Masi M, Vecchio Y, Panebianco F, Civera T, Alberghini L, Giacometti F. Unlocking the Potential of Neglected and Underutilized-fish-Species (NUS): A preliminary study on the microbiological profile of innovative ready-to-eat dry-cured NUS fish products. Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bari Aldo Moro. Italy
V15	Qafzezi P, Rapti D. Hematological and Biochemical Alterations in Dogs with Canine Leishmaniasis in Albania. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V16	Qoku A, Mazari B, Kodra F, Dhaskali L. Tumoral Lesions of the Dog's Oral Cavity. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V17	Sahraoui N, Boukert R, Benali S, Hornick JL. Effect of Diet on the Health of the Dromedary. Institut Vétérinaire, Université de Blida 1- Algérie.
V18	Sahraoui N, Boukert R, Hornick JL. Main Herbaceous Plants Grazed by Dromedary Camels in the Algerian Sahara and its Impacts. Institut Vétérinaire, Université de Blida 1- Algérie.

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V19	Sawad AA. Used of Plastinated Models for Veterinary Anatomy Education: Applications and Future Prospects in Iraqi Veterinary Colleges. College of veterinary medicine, University of Basrah,Basrah,Iraq.
V20	Shehu F, Ndoci M, Bijo B. The Risk of AFM1 Presence in Cow and Sheep Milk in the Lezha Region. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V21	Shehu F, Prendi E, Koni A, Bijo B. Influence of Somatic Cells on Physico-Chemical Indicators of Raw Milk. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V22	Shoshi N, Dhaskali L, Çabeli P, Shoshi O, Papajani A. Environmental and Health Impacts of Intensive Livestock Farming. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V23	Simakoski D, Karapetkovska-Hristova V, Veljanovski D, Pacinovski N, Eftimova E. Preliminary (Initial) Data on Lacaune Sheep in North Macedonia. Faculty of Biotechnical Sciences, University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – Bitola, North Macedonia.
V24	Sulçe M, Munga A, Ozuni E, Beqiraj D, Zalla P, Muça G, Koleci X, Hunda I, Balilaj I, Dushku J. Identification of Rabbit Myeloid Populations Using Nonspecific Antibody Clones and Scatter Properties: A Flow Cytometric Approach. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.
V25	Turmalaj L, Muça G, Bodlli E. The Role of Hormonal Treatment on Fertility in Cows. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania
V26	Turmalaj L, Bakiasi I, Muça G, Ruçi F. Synchronization of Estrus in Sheep During the Transitional Period. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania.

14:00 – 15:00	Poster Session – Food Safety, Biotechnology and Nutrition Science (Faculty of Biotechnology Building)
F01	Arailym.Zh, Shynar.K, Zhasuzakova.A From farm to fork: Digital and scientific solutions for health protection and Food Safety
F02	Ballesha.E, Hoxha.F EU Integration and Albanian Agriculture & Agro-Processing: Standards, Investments, and Strategic Pathways
F03	Berberi.E, Pinderi.E Glycemic Variability as a Biomarker for Non-Communicable Diseases: A Systematic Review of Biological Pathways and Lifestyle Interventions
F04	Bici.E Shumka.S Microbiome of Durres Beach sand and its characterization of the pathogenic potential rate
F05	Bllaca.M, Kolaneci.V, Hidri.R Fishery production and catch per unit effort in Lake Ulza
F06	Buda.E, Kolutari.J Evaluation of fish catches in Albania in period of time 2020-2024 and quantities of marine coastal and lagoon species.
F07	Bushati.M, Koni.E, Nezaj.R Occurrence of Potentially toxic phytoplankton in Butrinti lagoon.
F08	Bytyçi.P, Hasalliu.R, Kaya Sirin.B, Fetoshi.O, Nikerel.E Composition of the microbiota of lactic acid bacteria of artisanal cheeses in the Municipality of Malisheva, Kosovo
F09	Ceka.E, Lloha.I Plants that grow naturally in Albania, their uses and geographical distribution.
F10	Dano.E, Nurçe.S Determination of salt concentration in white and whole bread

F11	Dimitrellou.D, Kandyliis.Panagiotis Effect of plant-based compounds on syneresis and water-holding capacity of yogurt
F12	Gjeloshi.Gj, Malollari.L Siguria ushqimore apo edukata seksuale: Cila duhet të mësohet e para në shkollat 9-vjeçare?
F13	Hyseni.A, Kalevska.T, Nedelkoska.D, Knights.V, Hyseni.V Essential Minerals in Yogurts and their contribution to the diet in North Macedonia
F14	Kongoli.R, Ruci.M, Gjergji.N Authenticity and Quality Attributes of Olive Oil from Indigenous Albanian Varieties: Kalinjot and Tirana White Olive
F15	Kopali.A, Hoxha.F, Devolli.A, Laçi.L, Kyçyk.O The potential to export Olive Oil: a comprehensive evaluation of the quality and safety in the Olive Oil value chain
F16	Kuliçi.M, Sena.L, Hasani.A Natural and Technological Determinants of Honey Quality: A Case Study on Albanian Honeys
F17	Kyçyk.O, Vuksani.A, Thomaj.T, Vuksani.Gj, Pazari.F Quality and Stability of Extra Virgin Olive Oil: Influence of Storage Conditions and Key Degradation Factors
F18	Lamçe.F, Kyçyk.O, Ruci.M, Karaulli.J, Laçi.L, Nezaj.R Evaluation of fat and vitamin content in different types of nuts consumed in Albania
F19	Lipe.A, Hoxha.L Grape Marc as a Source of Natural Antioxidants: Potential for Clean-Label Food Ingredients
F20	Maçi.R, Nexhipi.E, Memoçi.H, Shehu.F, Bijo.B <i>Salmonella serovar</i> distribution along the food chain in Albania, 2014-2021
F21	Mamoçi.E, Basha.E, Zejnelhoxha.S, Gurazi.V, Peçuli.A Essential oil composition of wild <i>Satureja montana</i> L. collected from Mali i Balgjajt, Burrel, Albania
F22	Morina.A, Shehaj.A Synergy interface of traceability systems, food additives and clean label movement
F23	Nezaj.R, Bushati.M, Kyçyk.O, Lamçe.F, Karaulli.J, Ruci.M, Laçi.L, Tobli.Sh Evaluation of some indicators of bottled drinking water in Albania and their comparison with the European Drinking Water Directive
F24	Peçuli.A, Hoffmann.D, Bici.M Effect of Enzymes and Enzyme Concentration on the Physicochemical Properties of Oat-Based Beverages
F25	Pikuli.K, Devolli.A Sustainable valorization of olive oil by-products and their application in food model systems
F26	Shahinasi.E, Devolli.A, Beshiri.V, Kopali.A, Brahushi.F The design of a smart indicator and its application in food packaging system for food quality control
F27	Shumeli.A, Shehu.E, Mine.L, Isaraj.M From Vine to Wine: A Comparative Study of Viticulture and Enology Terminology in Albanian and English
F28	Stafasani.M, Kodra.M, Buzali.L Presence of contaminating microorganisms in milk; A case of three farms in Tirana
F29	Stojkovski.V, Bojkovska.K Plant-Based Milks and Consumer Trust: Managing Transparency and Food Quality in the Context of Food Policy in North Macedonia
F30	Troka.P Muça.L Ndikimi i paketimit të produkteve të bulmetit në perceptimin e konsumatorit në lidhje me sigurinë ushqimore

F31	Veli.A, Berberi.E, Xhaferaj.N, Sulaj.K Exploring Albanian Perceptions of Dried Fruit Consumption: Nutritional Preferences and Pesticide Awareness
F32	Xhaferaj.B, Kopali.A, Koçia.S, Vrushi.L, Vaso.K, Nuro.A An overview on chemical profile for oil and alcoholic tinctures of <i>Rosmarinus Officinalis</i> plants
F33	Xhelili.V, Kastrati.V, Sylejmani.R, Hasani.A Evaluation of 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) in Local and Imported Honey Samples
F34	Zeinelhoxha.S, Dybeli.A, Gurazi.V, Basha.E, Mamoçi.E Knowledge, attitudes and behaviors toward salt consumption: a survey among parents of primary and lower secondary schoolchildren in Albania

Day 3 – Timing	Field trip
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8:30 – 18:00 Visit to Belsh, Lushnja and Divjaka

On the third day, participants will embark on a field excursion that highlights Albania's innovations in sustainable agriculture. The visit will begin in Belsh, where participants will tour olive plantations and a modern olive oil processing facility supported by FAO, gaining insights into local value chain development and quality improvement efforts, especially in relation to good agricultural practices.

The Belsh area is located in central Albania, within Elbasan County. It is known for its beautiful landscape of hills, lakes, and fertile plains. The town of Belsh lies near the Dumre plateau, which contains over 80 natural lakes, making it one of the most unique lake regions in Albania. The area has a rich agricultural tradition, and in recent years has become a popular eco-tourism destination.

The journey continues to Lushnja, where a greenhouse demonstration site showcases the application of innovative and climate-smart farming technologies.

The Lushnjë–Divjakë area is located in the western part of Albania, within the fertile Myzeqe plain. It is one of the country's most important agricultural regions, known for its production of grains, vegetables, and olive oil. The area combines rich farmland with natural beauty, including the Divjakë-Karavasta National Park, which hosts Albania's largest lagoon and diverse wildlife.

Depending on weather conditions, the day will conclude with a visit to Divjaka National Park, offering a brief immersion into one of Albania's most emblematic natural ecosystems, followed by a networking lunch at Divjaka Resort.



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