PROGRAM OF BUSINESS EVENTS AGRA, VINARIA, FOODTECH 2023

February, 21-25

Tuesday, 21.02.2023

10.30

Press conference for the opening of the international exhibitions AGRA, VINARIA, FOODTECH

Venue: Press Club, Congress Centre

Organiser: International Fair Plovdiv

11.30

Official opening of AGRA, VINARIA, and FOODTECH

Venue: **In front of Pavilion 6**

Organiser: International Fair Plovdiv

Wednesday, 22.02.2023

10.00 – 14.30

Possibilities for the development of bio-economy in Bulgaria

Venue: **Europe Hall, Congress Centre**

Organiser: Agricultural University of Plovdiv

11.00- 13.00

Discussion: Science in smart agriculture

Open Science Forum as part of the Common Agricultural Policy: Science Speaking campaign

Venue: **Struma Hall, Congress Centre**

Organiser: STRATEGMA Agency Ltd with the support of DG Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission

13.00

Technological solutions for sustainable agriculture and business ideas for circular bio-economy, a workshop to share results from the National scientific programme Healthy food for strong bio-economy and quality of life
Venue: **Pavilion 6 Conference room, Hall 1**
Organisers: Agricultural Academy and Agricultural University of Plovdiv

16.30

Awarding ceremony of the international tastings and the Golden Rhyton competition
Venue: **Plovdiv Hall, Congress Centre (upon invitation)**
Organisers: International Fair Plovdiv, University of Food Technology, and Union of Oenologists in Bulgaria

Thursday, 23.02.2023

10.30-17.00

Twelfth international applied science conference: Current issues of the food industry with regard to the latest provisions of Bulgarian and EU regulations
Venue: **Bulgaria Hall, Congress Centre**
Organiser: Union of Food Industry, University of Food Technology, and Federation of Scientific and Technical Unions

10.00 – 16.00

Golden Rhyton competition, tasting the winners
Venue: **Pavilion 7**

13.00

Agriculture in a changing climate, a workshop to share results from the National scientific programme Healthy food for strong bio-economy and quality of life
Venue: **Pavilion 6 Conference room, Hall 1**
Organisers: Agricultural Academy and Agricultural University of Plovdiv

17.00

Awarding ceremony of the INNOVATIONS competition of the international exhibitions AGRA, VINARIA, FOODTECH
Venue: **Plovdiv Hall, Congress Centre (upon invitation)**
Organisers: International Fair Plovdiv and University of Food Technology

Friday, 24.02.2023

10.00- 17.00

Organic farming in Bulgaria

New programming period, new action plan, new hope

National conference

Venue: **Bulgaria Hall, Congress Centre**

Organisers: Ministry of Agriculture, BIOSELENA, and Bulgarian Organic Products Association

Panel 1: The 2030 vision for ORGANIC FARMING in Bulgaria:

10.20 – 10.50

National plan for the development of organic production in Bulgaria by 2030

- Measures to improve the organic food market in Bulgaria and to facilitate access to foreign markets;
- Measures to raise awareness of consumers and improve the image of organic foods;
- Measures to improve production and processing, new technology for higher yields.

Representative of the Organic Production Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture;
Veselina Ralcheva, Bulgarian Organic Products Association

10.50 – 11.20

Discussion

11.20 – 11.35

Presentation of the Biofactor Award of the Higher School of Agribusiness and Regional Development

Prof. Mariyana Ivanova, PhD, Rector of the HSARD, and Mr. Georgi Sabev, Deputy Minister for Agriculture

11.35 – 11.50

Good practices and common problems in the control of organic operators

Kristian Zhekov, Association of organic production control bodies

11.50 – 12.10

Trade and abuse of organic produce: TRACES and OFIS systems

Dr Rumen Metodiev, Organic Production Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

12.10 – 12.30

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30

Cocktail reception with organic products

Panel 2: Financial support for organic producers for the 2023-2027 period, new production rules and practical solutions to challenges faced by organic farms

13.30 – 13.45
Amendments to national legislation (Regulation No 5) and new catalogue of irregularities and measures to be imposed by control bodies
Iliyana Beshkova, CE, Organic Production Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

13.45 – 14.00
The place of organic production in the Strategic Plan - interventions under pillar 1
Adelina Stoyanova, Direct Payments Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

14.00 – 14.15
Interventions on Organic crop production and Organic beekeeping under pillar 2
Lidiya Chakrakchieva, Rural Development Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

14.15 – 14.30
Plant protection in organic fields: good planning, prevention and use of approved PPPs as necessary
Bozhidar Petkov, Agronomy Engineer, National Association for Organic Plant Protection, Organic Fertilisers and Innovative Technology

14.30 – 15.00
Discussion

15.00 – 15.15
Coffee break

15.15 – 16.00
Presentation of innovative products and technologies for organic production, results of scientific projects

- Presentation of summary results from the DOMINO Project, ID 1939, ERA NET of the European Union's Core Organic Cofund Program

Vasiliy Dzhuvinov, Hristina Kutinkova, Irina Staneva, Stefan Gandev,Georgi Kornov, Institute of Fruit Growing, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

16.00 – 17.00
Discussion and closing of the conference

10.00 – 16.00
Golden Rhyton competition, tastings
Venue**: Pavilion 7**

12.00 – 18.00

The Farm: Agricultural Innovations and Trends

Venue: **Plovdiv Hall, Congress Centre**

Organiser: Enterprise magazine in partnership with the National Grain Producers Association

Forum highlights:

- Strategic plan for the development of agriculture and rural areas for the 2023-2027 period;
- EU regulatory framework for carbon removals certification;
- Potential for radical changes in the technological processes of farms and food production;
- How innovation supports the reduction of chemical use in agriculture;
- Agriculture and technologies - the first European digital innovation hub, AgroHub.bg, with a focus on the agricultural sector;
- CAP 2023-2027: National plan under the Recovery and Resilience Facility;
- Direct payments 2023, new requirements and sanctions

Forum highlights:

For more information, visit https://forumfermata.enterprise.bg/

13.00

Ruminant livestock breeding: issues and prospects

Venue: **Pavilion 6 Conference room, Hall 1**

Organisers: Agricultural Academy and Agricultural University of Plovdiv

16.30

Awarding ceremony of the Consumer's Choice competition

Venue: **Europe Hall, Congress Centre (upon invitation)**

Saturday, 25.02.2023

13.00

Drawing the winning coupons from completed visitors' inquiries

Venue: **Street Food Fest stage**

Organiser: International Fair Plovdiv