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The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje is organizing the **5th International Symposium for Agriculture and Food (ISAF-2025)**, which offers a possibility for presenting novel and fundamental advances in the field of sustainable agriculture and food production. ISAF 2025 will bring together and foster the communication among leading researchers, engineers and practitioners with an aim to share their scientific ideas and experiences with all actors in the agricultural sector. Since 2012, the International Symposium for Agriculture and Food is integrating the previous organized events: Faculty-Economy Meeting, Symposium of Viticulture and Wine Production, Symposium for Vegetable and Flower Production and International Conference of the Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia.

EVENTS WITHIN ISAF 2025

- 41st Faculty-Economy Meeting
- 14th International Conference of the Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia (AAEM)
- Meeting of the Association of Faculties of Agricultural Sciences of South Eastern Europe
- 10th Balkan Animal Sciences Conference BALNIMALCON 2025
- General Assembly of Agro-Well – Horizon Europe Project
- Beyond the leaf: Innovation, Research & Regulation - Philip Morris Panel Discussion
- Biobased Technologies for Climate-Resilient Farming: The DIVAGRI Project Approach
- AgriFood Business x EDIH: Innovate, Connect, Transform

SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF ISAF 2025

The topics of ISAF 2025 are divided into the following **scientific sections**:

- Animal Biotechnology & BALNIMALCON 2025
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Machinery and Sustainable Agriculture
- Apiculture
- Phytomedicine - Plant Protection
- Food Quality and Safety
- Fruit Growing, Viticulture and Wine Production
- Vegetable, Flower and Decorative Plants Production
- Digital Agriculture & Natural Resources Management
- Field Crop Production
- Genetics, Breeding and Genetic Resources

IMPORTANT DATES

Third Announcement with General Programme	30 September 2025
Full Paper submission deadline	25 October 2025
Notification of paper acceptance	25 November 2025
Registration of participants	until 10 October 2025
Registration fee payment	until 10 October 2025
Symposium dates	8-10 October 2025



SUBMISSIONS

- The Full Paper submission should be done by uploading at your personal account on <https://www.conftool.pro/isaf2025>.
- The Organising Committee of the ISAF 2025 invites you and encourages you to submit your contributions as Full Papers which will be reviewed by the Symposium Scientific Committee and the accepted papers will be published in **e-version of the Proceedings from the 5th International Symposium for Agriculture and Food**.
 - **Authors Guidelines / General Remarks**
 - Manuscript must be original unpublished work, based on original research and contain novel findings, which have not been previously published elsewhere (except as abstracts, theses, short reports). It is recommendable that manuscripts address the problems relevant for agriculture of a temperate climate zone. The contributions must present recent research data adequately statistically validated and followed by a comprehensive discussion of factors affecting results. Results reported in manuscripts must be based on repeated trials or experiments. Review articles are also considered, but generally upon invitation by the Editors.
 - Manuscripts must be written in clear, concise and grammatically correct English using simple declarative sentences. English spelling and grammar should follow standard British English usage. Authors are strongly advised to have papers reviewed linguistically prior to submission. Authors are responsible for submitting well-written manuscripts.
 - The manuscript should be prepared as Microsoft Word document, in English language, on numbered pages of A4 format, Times New Roman font 12pt, with 1.5 line spacing, justified, and standard margins (2.54 cm) at all sides of every page. Paragraph should have 1 cm indentation, with no spaces between paragraphs in the text.
 - The text should be organized into clearly defined sections. TITLE of the article and headings (ABSTRACT, INTRODUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS, REFERENCES).
 - The headings and subheadings for section titles in the text should be aligned left. HEADINGS are in capitalized letters and bold type. First order subheadings are in Sentence Case Bold, Normal, and Second order subheadings are in Sentence Case, Italic. Include an empty line before each heading and subheading.
 - The International System of Units (SI) should be used.
 - A manuscript should not exceed 6000 words. Exceptions can be made if the content and quality of the paper justify it (at the discretion of the Editor).
 - Suitability of the articles for this journal is approved, and its contents are arranged by the Editorial Board members, representing the key areas and branches of agriculture, food and environmental sciences. Manuscripts may be rejected without peer-review by the Editor if they do not meet the author guidelines, or do not fall within the scope of the journal.
 - Manuscripts are organized in two documents (submissions): cover page and manuscript.
 - Please see the Detailed Author Guidelines enclosed with this Announcement and available at ISAF 2025 web site.
- If interested, the authors are also encouraged to submit their full papers to the Journal of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (JAFES), following the instructions of the journal, journal review procedure and submitted directly to the journal's web site <https://journals.ukim.mk/index.php/jafes/index>.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS/PRESENTERS

The **official symposium languages** are **Macedonian and English**.

Presentations made in electronic format (PowerPoint) should be prepared in English.

Information for Oral Presenters

Each presenter will have a time slot of 15 minutes. You are invited to speak for about 10 minutes and allow 5 minutes for questions from the auditorium.

Prepared PowerPoint presentations should be uploaded at your personal account on <https://www.conftool.pro/isaf2025> by 11 am on 7th of October, or bring an additional copy of your presentation with you to Ohrid (USB stick and/or send it to your personal email address). Save the file under a name that includes the session title and your last name, according to the following format *e.g. Apiculture_Tsigkou*.

Make sure that your PowerPoint presentation is in 16:9 format (1,920 x 1,080 pixels). Videos must be embedded in PowerPoint. Do not use links to web services in your presentations.

Information for Poster Presenters

Recommended poster dimension is A0 format (84 x 119 cm). We also recommend one complete sheet, rather than small multiple sheets. At the top of the poster, include the title, author name(s) and affiliations (organization, city, country). We suggest the poster to have title letters at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) high. Lettering for the author's information (name and affiliations) may be smaller (1.25 cm or 0.5 inch).

Each presenter will have a time slot of 10 minutes. You are invited to speak for about 5 minutes and allow 5 minutes for questions from the auditorium.

On registration, you will be provided with the location of your poster board and adhesive material for attaching your poster. Please do not use any other method of attaching your poster to the boards.

All posters are to be removed by the end of the session. Remaining posters after this time will be removed by the organization without the possibility of recovery.

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The Symposium will take place in **hotel Metropol, Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia**. City of Ohrid is located in the Southwestern part of the Balkan Peninsula, 30 kilometers from Albania, 80 kilometers from Greek border and 171 kilometers from Skopje, the capital city of North Macedonia. It can be reached by plane, car or bus. Nearest airport is Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport, while Skopje Airport is around 180 km away from the center of Ohrid.

For more information, please visit the following web site <https://isaf2025.isaf.edu.mk/>.

More information about hotel Metropol, Ohrid is available on www.metropol-ohrid.com.mk. ISAF 2025 participants are advised to book their accommodation in the hotels listed on ISAF 2025 web site as hotels are in short distance from the Symposium venue. Accommodation in these hotels has special price rates for the participants in the Symposium.

The prices per person in hotel Metropol and hotel Bellevue, both ranked as four stars hotels are:

Accommodation rates:
Half Board (HB)

Single 1/1
85€

Double 1/2
126€



REGISTRATION FEE

The following table presents the fees for registering as an Attendee and/or Accompanying Person at ISAF 2025.

Registration as:	Registration Fee
Symposium participant	120 EUR
Young researcher (up to 35 years old)	100 EUR
One day participant	50 EUR
Accompanying person	60 EUR

The registration fee of 100 and 120 Euros includes Symposium materials, Book of Abstracts, Coffee Breaks and official gala dinner. The registration fee of 50 EUR includes Symposium materials, Book of Abstracts and Coffee Breaks. The registration fee of 60 Euros includes an official gala dinner. In order the papers to be published, at least one of the authors should have paid a registration fee. Please note that up to two reviewed and accepted papers per registered person as a first author can be published in the Proceedings from the 5th International Symposium for Agriculture and Food.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

For registration you need to create your profile at ConfTool Pro, where you will gain the access when submitting your abstract at <https://isaf2025.isaf.edu.mk/> or you can setup at <https://www.conftool.pro/isaf2025>.

The registration fee can be paid during registering through ISAF 2025 Online Registration System, or at the venue of Symposium, but not later than October 10, 2025. Please use the option "OUR" for bank charges, otherwise the organizer will not receive the full amount.

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Date and Time	Programme	Hall
Day 1: 8 October 2025		
09.00-17.30	Registration of participants	Lobby
09.15-15.00	<i>General Assembly of Agro-Well – Horizon Europe Project</i>	Banket
16.00-17.30	<i>Meeting of the Association of Faculties of Agricultural Sciences of Southeast Europe</i>	Banket
18.00-19.00	Opening Ceremony	Biljana
19.00-19.30	Plenary Session 1	Biljana
19.30-21.30	Welcome Reception	Lobby
Day 2: 9 October 2025		
09.00-10.00	Plenary Session 2a & 2b	Biljana
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break	Lobby
10.30-12.00	Parallel Sections 1 <i>Beyond the leaf: Innovation, Research & Regulation - Philip Morris Panel Discussion</i>	Biljana, Car Samoil, Kaneo, Ohrid, Labino, Banket Car Samoil
12.00-12.30	Coffee Break	Lobby
12.30-14.00	Parallel Sections 2 <i>AgriFood Business x EDIH: Innovate, Connect, Transform</i>	Biljana, Car Samoil, Kaneo, Ohrid, Labino, Banket Green
14.00-15.00	Lunch	
15.00-16.00	Panel Discussion 1	Biljana
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break	Lobby
16.30-18.00	Parallel Sections 3 <i>Biobased Technologies for Climate-Resilient Farming: The DIVAGRI Project Approach</i>	Biljana, Car Samoil, Kaneo, Ohrid, Labino, Banket
20.00	Gala Dinner	
Day 3: 10 October 2025		
09.00-10.00	Panel Discussion 2	Biljana
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break	Lobby
10.30-12.00	Parallel Sections 4	Biljana, Car Samoil, Kaneo, Ohrid, Labino, Banket
12.00-12.30	Coffee Break	Lobby
12.30-13.45	Parallel Sections 5	Biljana, Car Samoil, Kaneo, Ohrid, Labino, Banket
13.45-14.00	Closing Ceremony	Biljana
14.00-15.00	Lunch	
15.00-18.00	Excursion (optional)	
15.00	Departure of participants	



PLENARY SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Dragi Dimitrievski, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food-Skopje, North Macedonia

Title: From Support to Resurgence – A Vision for the Macedonian Agri-Food Sector

Prof. Dr. Hossein Azadi, Department of Geography, Ghent University, Belgium

Title: Tipping Points and Resilient Agriculture: How Climate-Smart Agriculture Can Support Small-Scale Farmers

Prof. Dr. Cecilia Costa, CREA, Italy

Title: The most essential of all agricultural activities: apiculture

PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of Innovation and Technology in Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav Tanaskovikj

Prof. Dr. Zdenko Loncaric, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia

Prof. Dr. Hossein Azadi, Department of Geography, Ghent University, Belgium

Prof. Dr. Ordan Cukaliev, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food-Skopje, North Macedonia

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Prof. Dr. Rozalija Cvejic, Biotechnical Faculty, University in Ljubljana, Slovenia

PANEL DISCUSSION: From Farm to Global Market: Rethinking Agri-Food Trade

Moderator: Neda Gruevska

Prof. Dr. Ruzica Loncaric, Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia

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