

**Agenda for the Regional Workshop on "Building Partnerships for Technology
Generation, Assessment and Sharing in Agriculture among West Balkan Countries"
held in Skopje, TFYRM, 27th - 29th June 2007**

Tuesday, 26 June 2007

- 10:00 Meeting of the Organization Committee (finalization of the agenda and set-up facilities, selection of facilitators for various sessions)
19:00 Welcome cocktail with dinner at the hotel restaurant
21:00 Meeting of the Organization Committee (agreement on working in groups)

Wednesday, 27 June 2007

- 08:45 Registration of participants, distribution of materials, submission of posters and country papers, placing posters on boards and promotion materials on tables
09:30 Official opening of the Workshop (Chairperson: Sonja Ivanovska)
Welcome addresses by Ordan Cukaliev and Abubakar Maddur
Explanation of Workshop objectives and programme (Presentation by Karin Nichterlein)
Introduction of participants
Selection of rapporteurs (selected: Gordana Popsimonova, Ljupcho Toshev)
10:00 Session was facilitated by John Millns. Three presentations were given:
Challenges and trends in agricultural research for development (Karin Nichterlein)
Challenges and trends in agricultural extension/advisory services for development (Magdalena Blum)
Changes in EU Agricultural Policy and the role of extension (Ciaran Gannon)
11:50 Session was facilitated by Jeremy Groome. Two success stories from the region were presented as special cases for research – extension – farmers linkages (FAO projects):
- IPM for Western corn rootworm in Central and Eastern Europe: How research and extension support farmers to manage production constraints (Nedžad Karic)
- How research and extension support market-orientation of mountain farmers (Saso Martinov and Tatiana Dedic)
13:30 Market place (Introduction by Magdalena Blum)
Exhibition and short presentations of country posters. Each country was given an opportunity to explain their national systems and linkages between research and extension.
Information materials were disseminated and exchanged
15:30 Session was facilitated by Gordana Popsimonova. Tools and a framework for regional partnerships were explained and examples presented in three presentations:
- VERCON -ICTs for bringing together research, extension, farmers: Opportunities and challenges (Abubakar Maddur)
- Collaboration@Rural (Karin Nichterlein)
- Integrated GIS based software applications for farmers and advisory services (Walter Mayer)

- 17:00 Continuation of viewing country posters and discussion on the presentations
Each participant writing on cards their own opinions on two subjects: Challenges and Regional solutions
- 17:30 Meeting of the organizing committee (distribution of the received opinions by specific themes)
- 20:00 Welcome dinner at a restaurant Stara Kuka (Old House) in Skopje

Thursday, 28 June 2007

- 8:30 Summary of the previous day was given by Mr. Ljupcho Toshev
- 9:00 Presentation on Partnerships for technology generation, assessment and sharing among West Balkan countries, as an introduction to the work in groups (John Millns)
- 9:30 Introduction to group work and group composition (Karin Nichterlein)
Working Group 1 (facilitated by Karin Nichterlein)
Working Group 2 (facilitated by John Millns)
Working Group 3 (facilitated by Magdalena Blum)
- 11:30 Plenary presentation of group work and discussion
- 14:00 Group Work
- 16:00 Plenary presentation of group work and discussion
- 18:00 Touristic tour in Skopje

Friday, 29 June 2007

- 9:00 Funding FAO instruments -TCP, TCP facility, GCP (Aleksandra Zamberlin)
- 9:30 Group Work
- 10:30 Plenary presentation with elaboration of Draft matrix: Recommendations for regional initiatives in partnerships for technology generation, assessment and sharing in Western Balkan Countries
- 11:30 Final discussion – next steps
- 12:30 Evaluation of workshop with presentation of the evaluation results by Karin Nichterlein
- 12:45 Official closing of workshop