



**AREA**

"ADVANCING RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL AND  
FOOD SCIENCES AT FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE,  
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE"



## *First Announcement and Call for Papers*

**Faculty of Agriculture  
University of Belgrade**

has the pleasure of inviting you to attend

**an International Conference**

## **EU Project Collaborations: Challenges for Research Improvements in Agriculture**

**2–4 June, 2014**

**Belgrade, Serbia**

## Overview

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The field of agriculture currently faces immense challenges, including the pressure to provide food security and safety despite the ongoing financial crises and climate changes. Meeting these challenges will require considerable efforts and research expertise, especially in less developed agricultures such as in the Republic of Serbia and other Western Balkan countries. The aim of the AREA project is to improve existing and introduce new research expertise at the Faculty of Agriculture, which will precisely target some of the mentioned challenges in various areas of agriculture and food production. This will be done in collaboration with several leading EU research institutions. Detailed information about the project can be found at the following web site: [www.area.agrif.bg.ac.rs](http://www.area.agrif.bg.ac.rs).

## Aims of the Conference

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The conference constitutes one of the core elements of the AREA project dissemination activities. Its aim is to promote the importance of research in the fields of agriculture and food science, as well as enhance collaboration with international research community. The conference is designed as a stimulating forum for exchange of ideas, information, knowledge and experiences with the goal of helping scientists from Serbia and other West Balkans countries to improve their opportunities for international collaborative research and become more familiar with activities of EU projects. The aim is also to propose specific suggestions towards adjusting EU projects into formats more accessible and attractive for SMEs from the Western Balkans.

## Topics

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The main conference thematic areas include, but are not limited to:

- EU funding opportunities for research in the area of agriculture and food science, including prospects for future actions
- Experiences, achievements and difficulties during managing and participating in EU-funded projects
- Innovation priorities in the areas of agriculture and food science
- Supporting SMEs participation and their mission to achieve innovation
- Technology Brokerage Network (STBN) as an important instrument strengthening the connection between science institutions and enterprises

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## **Conference Languages**

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Official conference language is English.

## **Registration Fee**

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No registration fee for the conference will be requested. All participants will receive one copy of the Proceedings of Conference. Free coffee/tea/refreshments in the breaks will be available for all participants.

## **Categories of presentations**

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Exchange of ideas and information will take place through:

- Keynote/Invited speakers
- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations

## **Publications**

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All received abstracts will be reviewed on the basis of their quality, originality and compliance with the conference objectives. Abstracts will be published in the Proceedings of Conference.

## **Deadlines**

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Registration: **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Abstract submission: **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Notification of abstract acceptance: **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement (**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**) will contain additional relevant information, including the program of the conference.

## **Venue**

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Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade,

Nemanjina 6, 11 080 Belgrade,

Serbia

## **Acknowledgements**

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The conference is organized in the framework of the EU FP7 REGPOT project "AREA".

## **Contact**

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