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SYMBIOTECH

5th International Symposium on Biotechnology

32nd Symposium on Biotechnology with International Participation

11-12 March 2027

Faculty of Agronomy, Čačak, Republic of Serbia

Call for participation and abstract/paper submission

Dear Colleagues,

Our 5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY (32nd SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION) will take place at the Faculty of Agronomy, Čačak, Serbia on 11–12 March 2027. We are confident that the designed model of the Symposium (an international scientific meeting) will enable all interested parties to take part in this scientific event and thus contribute to its continuing tradition. We are convinced that many experts and dear colleagues from abroad will join us.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday, 11 March 2027, 10 a.m.

- Opening Session (10:00 – 10:45 a.m.) – *Amphitheatre*;
- Cocktail (10:45 – 11:45 a.m.) and Mini Fair "Agriculture and Food for the Future" (10:45 a.m. – 15:45 p.m.) – *in front of the Faculty building*;

⊕ **Plenary Lectures** (Amphitheatre, 12:00 -13:00)

Dutch expertise in high-tech agricultural applications will be presented to the regional scientific community, with a focus on the following key areas:

- Smart Primary Production: The application of precision agriculture in crop and livestock management for resource optimization.
- Circular Food Technology: Valorization of agricultural byproducts and advanced solutions for smart food packaging.
- Nutrition and Food Safety: The development of functional and safe food systems aligned with strict European Union standards.
- the "Triple Helix" Model: *How synergy between science, government, and the private sector drives agricultural innovation.*

Plenary speaker: Mr. Michiel van Erkel, Agriculture Attaché and Counsellor for the Western Balkans at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Belgrade, Serbia.

- Scientific Sessions (the hourly rate will be published in the final program of the Symposium):
 1. Field, Vegetable and Forage Crops - *Classroom No. 37, first floor*;
 2. Pomology and Viticulture - *Classroom No. 38, first floor*;
 3. Livestock Production - *Classroom No. 31, first floor*;
 4. Plant Protection, Food Safety and the Environment - *Amphitheatre*;
 5. Food Technology- *Congress hall, second floor*;
 6. Applied Chemistry - *Classroom No. 30, first floor*;
- Lunch (14:00 – 16:00 p.m.) - *Student center restaurant, 50 m from the Faculty*;
- Gala dinner (19:00 p.m.)

Friday, 12 March 2027, 10 a.m. – Amphitheatre

1. **Plenary lecture 2** (30 min): "*Translating High-Tech Agriculture into Regional Practice: Tailoring Circular Economy and AgTech for the Western Balkans*". Focus of the lecture: The lecture should provide an answer to the "Triple Helix" model from the first day - how regional scientists, domestic small and medium-sized enterprises, and local governments in the region can realistically implement precision agriculture, smart food packaging systems, and valorization of by-products with limited resources.
2. **Panel discussion** (30 min): „*Bridging the Gap: How to Accelerate Regional Agri-Food Innovation through Science-Business Synergy*” - 4-5 panelists: representatives of the academic community, real sector (business), institutional support/decision makers and a special guest, a representative of the Dutch innovation ecosystem.
3. **Excursion** – “Kablar Skywalk” (viewpoint, 889 m), offering one of the most beautiful views in Serbia of the meanders of the Zapadna Morava River and the Ovčar-Kablar Gorge.
4. **Lunch and farewell**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Online registration for participation on 5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY (32nd SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION) will be made via the web-portal: <https://symbiotech.rs/register/>.

Paper title submission deadline: **15 January 2027**.

Full papers should be submitted electronically using the provided template form (SYMBIOTECH_Paper Template) to **symbiotech.cacak@gmail.com** by **19 February 2027** at the latest.

Papers must be prepared and presented in English.

The Paper Template provides detailed manuscript preparation guidelines that authors must follow. ***Only papers written according to these instructions will undergo peer review***; otherwise, they will be rejected.

Notification of paper acceptance will be sent by **27 February 2027**. After payment of the registration fee, positively reviewed papers will be published in the Proceedings of the 5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY (32nd SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION) (M₃₁-M₃₃). The Symposium Proceedings will be assigned both an ISBN and CIP data, ***and all published papers will receive a DOI number.***

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for participants from the Republic of Serbia is RSD 17,000.00 (for one scientific paper). For authors who wish to submit multiple papers as first authors, the registration fee is RSD 8,000.00 for each additional paper.

For foreign participants, the registration fee is EUR 150 (for one scientific paper). For authors who wish to submit multiple papers as first authors, the registration fee is EUR 70 for each additional paper. Registration fee payment **deadline** is **5 March 2027**.

FEE PAYMENT METHOD

Fee payment should be made to the Faculty of Agronomy's bank account No. 840-0000032750845-57, indication: 5th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY (32nd SYMPOSIUM ON BIOTECHNOLOGY WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION) – fee payment. The payment slip should clearly state the **first name and surname of the participant**, as well as the **name of the institution** making the payment.

For foreign participants, fee payment should be made according to the Payment Instructions specified in the attached document.

The registration fee includes: a symposium bag with the Symposium Agenda, an electronic version of the Symposium Proceedings, a Certificate of Participation and a Certificate for authors of invited papers, credentials, lunch on the first day of the Symposium, coffee breaks and refreshments, and a sightseeing tour.

***Please note that you must indicate your attendance at the gala dinner during the registration process. The price is an additional 30 euros on top of the registration fee.**

ACCOMMODATION: *For all Symposium participants, the Organizing Committee has negotiated discounted accommodation at Hotel „Beograd“, Hotel „Kole“, and Hotel „Livade“ (UTP „Morava“). These discounts will be available only to registered participants.*

You will book directly with Hotel "Beograd" (<https://www.hotel-beograd.rs/en>), Hotel „Kole“ (<https://www.hotelkole.rs/sr>), or Hotel „Livade“ (<https://www.hotellivade.com/>) using the code that will be sent to you after we receive your completed REGISTRATION FORM.

SYMPOSIUM DEADLINES:

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Registration fee payment deadline:	05 March 2027

The deadlines are firm and will not be extended!

For further information, please consult www.afc.kg.ac.rs or contact symbiotech.cacak@gmail.com

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