

A new editorial phase and transition to continuous publishing at *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* (2026–2030)

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ABSTRACT

This editorial marks a new phase for *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* (2026–2030) with updated editorial leadership and a renewed Editorial Board. The journal adopts a continuous publishing model and a fully electronic format to improve publication speed, visibility, and accessibility. Further developments will align the journal with international standards while maintaining rigorous and efficient peer review.

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EDITORIAL CHANGES

Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus, published by the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture, an institution with a long-standing tradition and international recognition in agricultural sciences, has continuously featured original scientific papers for over 80 years.

The start of the 2026–2030 term marks a transition to a new editorial structure at *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus*. Prof. Marina Piria and prof. Boris Duralija have been appointed Co-Editors-in-Chief for the 2026–2030 period, and a new Editorial Board has been established for the same term (Supplementary Material S1).

VISUAL IDENTITY

In line with current developments in scientific publishing, the journal will discontinue its print edition and further strengthen its electronic format through a new visual identity and a more user-friendly interface. It will remain a fully open-access publication with no article processing charges (APCs), ensuring high visibility, barrier-free access, and unrestricted authorship (Eysenbach, 2006; UNESCO, 2021).

CONTINUOUS PUBLISHING MODEL

Starting from Volume 91 (2026), the journal will adopt a continuous publishing model, in line with practices used by leading high-quality publishers (Godlee et al., 2008; Ferraz de Campos, 2018). Articles will be published online immediately

after the completion of peer review and production processes. Under this model, the journal will maintain one annual volume, with articles added to the volume continuously throughout the year rather than grouped into scheduled issues. This change is intended to reduce publication time, improve the visibility of accepted articles, and provide faster dissemination of research results.

POLICY AND STANDARDS

During the forthcoming period, the journal aims to further align its editorial practices with internationally recognized publishing standards, while continuing to improve the efficiency of the peer-review process. Planned developments include the introduction of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for published articles, the encouragement the use of ORCID iDs identification for authors, and the adoption of an open research data policy to support transparency and good research practices. In order to enhance dissemination and facilitate knowledge transfer, a Croatian-language abstract will be included prior to the reference section. The translation will be provided by the Editorial Board.

Throughout the 2026–2030 term, the Co-Editors-in-Chief and the Editorial Board will continue to support a rigorous peer-review process, uphold scientific integrity and sustain the journal's continuity, accessibility, and relevance in agricultural and related scientific research communities.

Nova urednička faza i prijelaz na kontinuirani način objavljivanja u časopisu *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* (2026–2030)

SAŽETAK

Ovaj uvodnik označava novu fazu za časopis *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* (2026–2030) s obnovljenim uredništvom i novim sastavom Uredničkog odbora. Časopis uvodi kontinuirani način objavljivanja i potpuno elektronički format kako bi unaprijedio brzinu objave, vidljivost i dostupnost. Daljnji razvoj bit će usmjeren na usklađivanje časopisa s međunarodnim standardima uz zadržavanje rigoroznog i učinkovitog recenzentskog postupka.

Ključne riječi: kontinuirano objavljivanje, urednička tranzicija, otvoreni pristup

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Supplementary Material S1. Members of the Editorial Board of *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* for the 2026–2030 term

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