

HIGHER EDUCATION IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CONCLUSIONS

VISOKO OBRAZOVANJE IZ EKOLOŠKE POLJOPRIVREDE ZAKLJUČCI

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The specificity of organic agriculture also demands very specific education of future agricultural experts and researchers, which is, unlike many other fields, recognized by the curricula of the Croatian agricultural higher education institutions (Faculty of Agronomy of the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture of the University of J. J. Strossmayer in Osijek, Agricultural College in Križevci). The most interesting topics discussed were realization of students' enrolment for organic agriculture programs, inter-institutional comparability of the organic agriculture curricula, ECTS transferability among institutions, long-life-learning plans, and collaboration within the national education system and international contacts and cooperative programs, where esteemed colleagues from Slovenia (University of Maribor) and Bosnia & Herzegovina (University of Mostar) gave their contribution to discussion. Discussions on all topics revealed potential for further better cooperation and mobility of both students and faculty members, with the final conclusion for initiative of creating of the organic-knowledge network among all interested higher education institutions in the region.

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