

Friday, 13 March 2026– “Nikolaos Germanos” Conference Center – Hall A	
9:15-10:00	Registrations
10:00 Opening of the 1st Day of the Conference	
<p>Welcome Address</p> <p>Greetings</p> <p>Official Guests</p> <p>Keynote Address – Conference Theme</p>	<p>Evangelia Gkolia, Professor, Department of Agriculture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)</p> <p>"Seeding knowledge ...harvesting innovations"</p> <p>Athanasios Mavromatis, Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH, President of the Coordinating & Scientific Committee of the Conference</p>
10:45–13:30 CONFERENCE SESSION A	
<p>#1 The contribution of the Department of Agriculture of AUTH and agricultural education to the development of agriculture</p>	<p>Thomas Kotsopoulos, Professor, President of the Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>“100 Years of the Department of Agriculture at AUTH: Milestones in its history and contribution”</p> <p>Iakovos Michailidis, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Extroversion, Lifelong Learning and Student Welfare</p> <p>Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, AUTH</p> <p>“The development of agriculture in Greece and the contribution of agricultural education”</p>
12:30-13:30	
<p>#2 Perspectives of agriculture with a view to the future</p> <p>Chair: Dimitris Natos, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Antonios Fillippis, Secretary General for Agricultural Policy and International Relations, Ministry of Rural Development and Food (Greece)</p> <p>Sokratis Sokratous, Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Cyprus)</p> <p>Iro Tsibri, Vice President, ELARD</p> <p>Stelios Iliadis, Chief Retail Banking and Wealth Management Officer · CrediaBank</p>
13:30–14:30 Break	

14:30–17:30 CONFERENCE SESSION B'	
<p>#3 Contemporary research topics and expected beneficial outcomes for the future of Greek agriculture</p> <p><i>Chair: Kostas Koudounas, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</i></p>	<p><i>Presentations of research results by young researchers of the Department of Agriculture, AUTH</i></p>
<p>#4 Alumni of the Department of Agriculture, AUTH join forces</p> <p>Introduction and interaction between students and alumni</p>	<p><i>Dimitrios Ioannidis, Agronomist, President of the Alumni Association Department of Agriculture, AUTH</i></p> <p>Networking & Communication: “Together We Can”</p> <p>Entrepreneurship: Companies and initiatives focused on the future</p>

Saturday, 14 March 2026– “Nikolaos Germanos” Conference Center – Hall A	
9:15-9:30	Registrations
Opening of the 2nd Day of the Conference	
09:30-10:00	
<p>Welcome Address Greetings- Official Guests (TBC)</p> <p>Introductory Address on the Conference Theme and Scientific Sessions of the 2nd Day</p>	<p>Alexandra Michailidou, Professor, Department of Agriculture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) Scientific Committee of the Conference</p>
10:00-11:15 CONFERENCE SESSION C— Contemporary Developments in Agricultural Science, Innovation, and Agri-Food	
<p>1# THEMATIC DISCUSSION</p> <p>The importance of plant propagation material in the era of genetics and biotechnology</p> <p>Chair: Athanasios Mavromatis Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Dimitrios Vlachostergios, Director, IKFBL – ELGO</p> <p>Athanasios Tsoutsas, President, SEPPY</p>

<p>Scientific Committee of the Conference</p> <p>Participants: Athanasios Koukounaras, Professor of Vegetable Crops, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Stefanos Chatzilazarou, Associate Professor of Floriculture, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Aris Konstantinidis, <i>Vitro Hellas</i></p> <p>Georgios Kostelenos, <i>OLEA Nurseries</i></p> <p>Ioannis Plastiras, <i>ATHENA Nurseries</i></p> <p>Nikolaos Tsakirparoglou, <i>Postgraduate Researcher, AUTH</i></p>
<p>12:00-13:15</p>	
<p>#2 THEMATIC DISCUSSION</p> <p>Contemporary challenges in crop protection and nutrition: Shortages of agricultural chemicals, role of biostimulants and biocontrol agents</p> <p>Chair: Zisis Vryzas, Associate Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Scientific Committee of the Conference</p> <p>Molasiotis Athanasios, Professor of Pomology, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Karaoglanidis Georgios, Professor of Phytopathology, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Ioannis Vontas, Director, IMBB – FORTH</p> <p>Vassos Efthymiadis, K&N Efthymiadis ABEE – President ESYF</p> <p>Dimitrios Rouseas, President, SPEL</p> <p>Zafeiris Mystakidis, Agro-supply Store</p> <p>Christos Giannakakis, ETHEAS, COGREXPO S.A, Venus Growers, Κοτν. Σ.Ο.Π.Η</p>
<p>13:00-14:45</p>	
<p>#3 THEMATIC DISCUSSION</p> <p>Competitive Models of quality products from animal production, fisheries, and aquaculture: Exports and added value</p> <p>Chair : Giannis Giantsis, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Scientific Committee of the Conference</p> <p>Participants: Chrysa Tananaki, Professor of Apiculture, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Konstantinos Gioutikas, Deputy Regional Governor, Central Macedonia</p> <p>Dimitrios Savvopoulos, Deputy Regional Governor, Kastoria</p> <p>Panagiotis Gougouras, Board Member, AQUA BLUE FISH</p> <p>Katerina Toulou, CEO Olympias S.A.</p> <p>Anastasios Antoniou, Agricultural Cooperative “Voskos Olympos”</p>
<p>15:00-16:45</p>	

<p>#4 THEMATIC DISCUSSION <i>Digital tools and challenges in Agricultural Science and Agri-Food</i> Chairs: Evangelia Gkolia, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Alexandra Michailidou, Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Scientific Committee of the Conference</p>	<p>Nikolaos Tzollas, Deputy Regional Governor for Digital Governance, Central Macedonia Eirini Pantazi, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Agapi Doulgeraki, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH Marios Karagiannidis, Founder & CEO, IA Agro Effie Koutsomitropoulou, R&D Director, Barba Stathis</p>
<p>17:00–17:30</p>	
<p>Closing Session – Summary & Conclusions Athanasios Mavromatis, Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH, President of the Coordinating & Scientific Committee of the Conference Vagia Kati, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>The future and prospects of Greek agriculture – Thoughts & Proposals for a New Start Participants from the audience: Representatives from farmers' associations, businesses, and government agencies Scientific Committee of the Conference: Zisis Vryzas, Ioannis Giantsis, Evangelia Gkolia, Konstantinos Koudounas, Dimitris Natos, Athanasios Mavromatis, Alexandra Michailidou, Stefanos Chatzilazarou</p>