

Friday, 13 March 2026– “Nikolaos Germanos” Conference Center – Hall A

10:00-10:30

Registration

10:30 Opening of the 1st Day of the Conference

Welcome Address

Evangelia Golia, Professor, School of Agriculture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

**Greetings
Official Guests**

"From the Seed of knowledge ...to the harvesting of innovation"

Keynote Address – Conference Theme

Athanasios Mavromatis, Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH, President of the Scientific Committee of the Conference

11:15- 13:30 CONFERENCE SESSION A'

11:15-12:15

The contribution of the School of Agriculture of AUTH and agricultural education to the development of agriculture

Thomas Kotsopoulos, Professor, Head of the School of Agriculture, AUTH

"100 Years of the School of Agriculture at AUTH: Milestones in its history and contribution"

Iakovos Michailidis, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Extroversion, Lifelong Learning and Student Welfare
Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, AUTH
"The development of agriculture in Greece and the contribution of agricultural education"

12:15-13:30

**#1 THEMATIC SESSION
Perspectives of agriculture with a view to the future**

Chair: Dimitris Natos, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH

Sokratis Sokratous, Agricultural Officer A', Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Republic of Cyprus

Iro Tsibri, European LEADER Association for Rural Development, Vice President

Stelios Iliadis, CrediaBank, Chief Retail Banking and Wealth Management Officer

Evropi – Sofia Dalampira, NCP Cluster 6 Horizon Europe

13:30–14:00 Break

14:00–17:30 CONFERENCE SESSION B'	
<p>The Alumni of the School of Agriculture, AUTH joins forces- Introduction and interaction between students and alumni</p>	<p>Dimitrios Ioannidis, Agronomist, President of the Alumni Association School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Networking & Communication: “Together We Can”</p> <p>Entrepreneurship: Companies and initiatives focused on the future</p>
<p>Contemporary research topics and expected beneficial outcomes for the future of Greek agriculture</p> <p>Chair: Kostas Koudounas, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Presentations of research results by young researchers of the School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>

Saturday, 14 March 2026– “Nikolaos Germanos” Conference Center – Hall A

10:00 Opening of the 2nd Day of the Conference

<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, School of Agriculture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)</p>
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CONFERENCE SESSION C— Contemporary Developments in Agricultural Science, Innovation, and Agri-Food

<p>10:00-11:30</p> <p>#2 THEMATIC SESSION</p> <p>The importance of plant propagation material in the era of genetics and biotechnology</p> <p>Chair: Athanasios Mavromatis Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Dimitrios Vlachostergios, <i>Director, IKFBL – ELGO</i></p> <p>Athanasios Tsoutsas, <i>President, SEPPY</i></p> <p>Aris Konstantinidis, <i>Vitro Hellas</i></p>
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<p>Scientific Committee of the Conference</p> <p>Participants: Athanasios Koukounaras, Professor of Vegetable Crops, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Stefanos Chatzilazarou, Associate Professor of Floriculture, School of Agriculture, AUTH</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>11:30-13:00</p>	
<p>#3 THEMATIC SESSION</p> <p>Challenges in crop protection and nutrition: Pesticide availability, and the role of biostimulants and biopesticides</p> <p>Chair: Zisis Vryzas, Associate Professor of Pesticide Science, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Athanasios Molasiotis, Professor of Pomology, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>George Karaoglanidis, Professor of Phytopathology, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Jonh Vontas, Director, IMBB – FORTH, Professor, AUA</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, Association of Imathia's Agricultural Cooperatives</p>
<p>13:00-14:30</p>	
<p>#4 THEMATIC SESSION</p> <p>Competitive Models of quality products from animal production, fisheries, and aquaculture: Exports and added value</p> <p>Chair: Ioannis Giantsis, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Participants: Chrysa Tananaki, Professor of Apiculture, School 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>14:30-16:00</p>	
<p>#5 THEMATIC SESSION</p> <p>Digital tools and challenges in Agricultural Science and Agri-Food</p> <p>Chairs:</p>	<p>Nikolaos Tzollas, Deputy Regional Governor for Digital Governance, Central Macedonia</p> <p>Eirini-Xanthoula Pantazi, Associate Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>

<p>Evangelia Golia, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Alexandra Michailidou, Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>Agapi Doulgeraki, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p> <p>Marios Karagiannidis, Founder & CEO, IA Agro</p> <p>Effie Koutsomitropoulou, R&D Director, Barba Stathis</p>
<p>Session D The future perspectives of the Greek Agriculture Thoughts and proposals for a new re-start</p>	
<p>17:00 – 18:00</p>	
<p>Summary & Conclusions</p> <p>chair: Athanasios Mavromatis, Professor, School of Agriculture, AUTH</p>	<p>The future and prospects of Greek agriculture – Thoughts & Proposals for a New Start</p> <p>Participants: Advisory Board of the School of Agriculture Representatives from farmers’ associations, businesses.</p> <p>& Scientific Committee of the Conference: Zisis Vryzas, Ioannis Giantsis, Evangelia Golia, Konstantinos Koudounas, Dimitris Natos, Athanasios Mavromatis, Alexandra Michailidou, Stefanos Chatzilarou</p>