

Project: Building an Excellency Network for Heightening Agricultural ecoNomic researCh and Education in Romania – ENHANCE
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The first USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School was a big success

The **University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest** hosted between **19 and 23 September 2016** the first **Summer School on “Scientific Working”** organized within the **ENHANCE** Project with lecturers from the **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)**, Vienna, Austria.

The Summer School Opening Ceremony was attended by the 23 participants, ENHANCE team members from USAMV, members of the management and staff of the Faculty of Management who welcomed the lecturers and the trainees, expressing their support to the organizing team ([click here for photos](#)).

During this hard working and intensive week, Mr. Jochen KANTELHARDT, Ms. Michaela POPPE, Ms. Svetlana FEDOSEEVA, Ms. Kerstin BÖCK, Mr. Peter WALDER and Mr. Andreas NIEDERMAYR managed to develop the participants' competences related to scientific working, including literature management and publishing, scientific writing/ writing journal articles with a focus on economic and social science as well as inter- and trans-disciplinary research, presentations (e.g. PowerPoint, graphics programmes), aspects related to manuscript submission to journals (e.g. choosing the right journal, special issues, templates, editing), science communication to stakeholders (e.g. different channels, social media, blogs) ([click here for photos](#)).

The courses were interactive and enriched by the attendants' diverse backgrounds which made it possible to have access to examples from a wide range of domains, the information exchange being beneficial for both lecturers and trainees. The participants were PhD and Master students from USAMV of Bucharest, young researchers from HORTINVEST-Research Center for Studies of Food Quality and Agricultural Products and Central Laboratory for Quality of Seeds and Planting Material, and young professionals from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

This week was not all about scientific learning, the Organizing team preparing a visit to the Romanian Academy. The main objective of the visit was the trainees' opportunity to ask questions and have challenging discussions with Academician Cristian Hera and Associate Professor Adrian Peticilă. The guests were welcomed and guided by these two distinguished experts in the field, they took photos and learned about the history of Romania's highest cultural forum ([click here for photos](#)). The visit was followed by a short tour of downtown Bucharest, presenting the highlights of the city and relaxing after three days of study.

The Closing Ceremony and Cultural Night took place on September 23rd, all the participants successfully completing the course requirements and being awarded a Certificate of Completion. In the evening, all the Summer School participants and lecturers were invited to a well-deserved, entertaining dinner where they enjoyed Romanian music, local gastronomic products and folk costumes and strengthened the already formed relationships ([click here for photos](#)).

After the program's closure, all attendants expressed their impressions on this learning week, giving testimonials that certify that the first USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School was a big success ([click here for testimonials](#))!

