

# Protect the plants – protect life

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## *2020 – International Year of Plant Health*

On the occasion of the professional holiday of the plant protection specialist and the official launch of the National information campaign „Protect plants – protect life” under the patronage of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, within the International Year of Plant Health, on 16 January 2020 in the Aula of the Agricultural University, Plovdiv, a conference will also be held on the topic: “Plant health – new threats and prevention”.

Date: 16 January 2020

Venue: Aula of the Agricultural University, Plovdiv, 12 “Mendeleev” Street

## Programme

11:00 Registration, poster session, welcome coffee

13:00 Official opening and greetings. National conference „Plant health – new threats and prevention”: topical presentations on the subject

13:45 Plant health – new threats and prevention – Maria Tomaleva, Chief Expert at the Plant Health and Control of Plant Protection Means Directorate, BFSA

14:00 Challenges to plant health in a globalizing world – Prof. Dr. Olya Karadzhova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zhenya Ilieva, N. Poushkarov Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant Protection

14:15 Plant protection industry for sustainable agricultural development – Neli Yordanova, Director General of the Bulgarian Crop Protection Association (ARIB)

14:30 Trends in next-generation plant protection – Prof. Dr. Vili Kharizanova, Dean of the Faculty of Plant Protection and Agroecology, Agricultural University of Plovdiv

14:45 The role of biodiversity in modern plant protection – Prof. Dr. Rumen Tomov, University of Forestry, Sofia

15:00 Discussion

19:30 Plant Protection Specialists' Ball with a musical and entertainment programme in the restaurant of the Saint Petersburg Hotel, Plovdiv