

# Discussion Panels at AGRA 2020

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Discussion Forum 1 – 20.02.2020 at 13:00 in Hall No. 2 of Pavilion No. 6

**„Challenges and solutions for agriculture related to climate and environmental changes“**

- The new green priorities in the CAP, scientific approaches and innovative solutions related to adaptation to climate change and reduction of adverse environmental impacts – Prof. Martin Banov, PhD – President of the Agricultural Academy
- Modern agro-ecological approaches and agrotechnical practices for sustainable agriculture – Prof. Irena Atanasova, DSc – Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant Protection „N. Pushkarov“, Sofia
- Plant breeding in cereal crops in response to climate and environmental problems – Assoc. Prof. Galina Mihova, PhD – Dobrudzha Agricultural Institute
- Opportunities for utilization of wastewater from rose oil production – Prof. Ivan Atanasov, DSc – AgroBioInstitute, Sofia
- Opportunities to reduce the environmental footprint in animal husbandry – Prof. Zhivko Krastanov, DSc – Agricultural Institute, Stara Zagora
- Presentation of a project on the topic: „Network for effective knowledge transfer for safe and economically sound use of wastewater in agriculture in Europe“ (SuWaNu Europe) – Assoc. Prof. Stefan Shilev, PhD – Agricultural University, Plovdiv

Discussion Forum 2 – 21.02.2020 at 13:00 in Hall No. 2 of Pavilion No. 6

## **„International Year of Plant Health. How to better protect plants in a changing world?“**

- Plant health – essence, importance, challenges – Prof. Olya Karadzhova, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Zhenya Ilieva, PhD – Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant Protection „N. Pushkarov“, Sofia
- Status of monitoring, forecasting and warning in plant protection – Chief Expert Maria Tomalieva, Chief Expert Mila Lazarova – BFSA
- Role of the soil microbiome for soil fertility and plant health – Assoc. Prof. Galina Petkova, PhD – Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant Protection „N. Pushkarov“, Sofia

– Threats to pollinating bees related to plant health – Prof. Olya Karadzova, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Zhenya Ilieva, PhD – Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant Protection „N. Pushkarov“, Sofia

– Status and problems of plant health in cereal crops under conditions of a changing climate – Assoc. Prof. Veselina Maneva, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Dina Atanasova, PhD – Institute of Agriculture, Karnobat

– Viruses in vegetables – methods for diagnosis and identification – Chief Assistant Prof. Gancho Pasev, PhD – Maritsa Vegetable Crops Research Institute, Plovdiv

– Traditional knowledge in plant protection in a changing world – Assoc. Prof. Desislava Dimitrova, PhD, Chief Assistant Prof. Teodora Ivanova, PhD – IBER – BAS