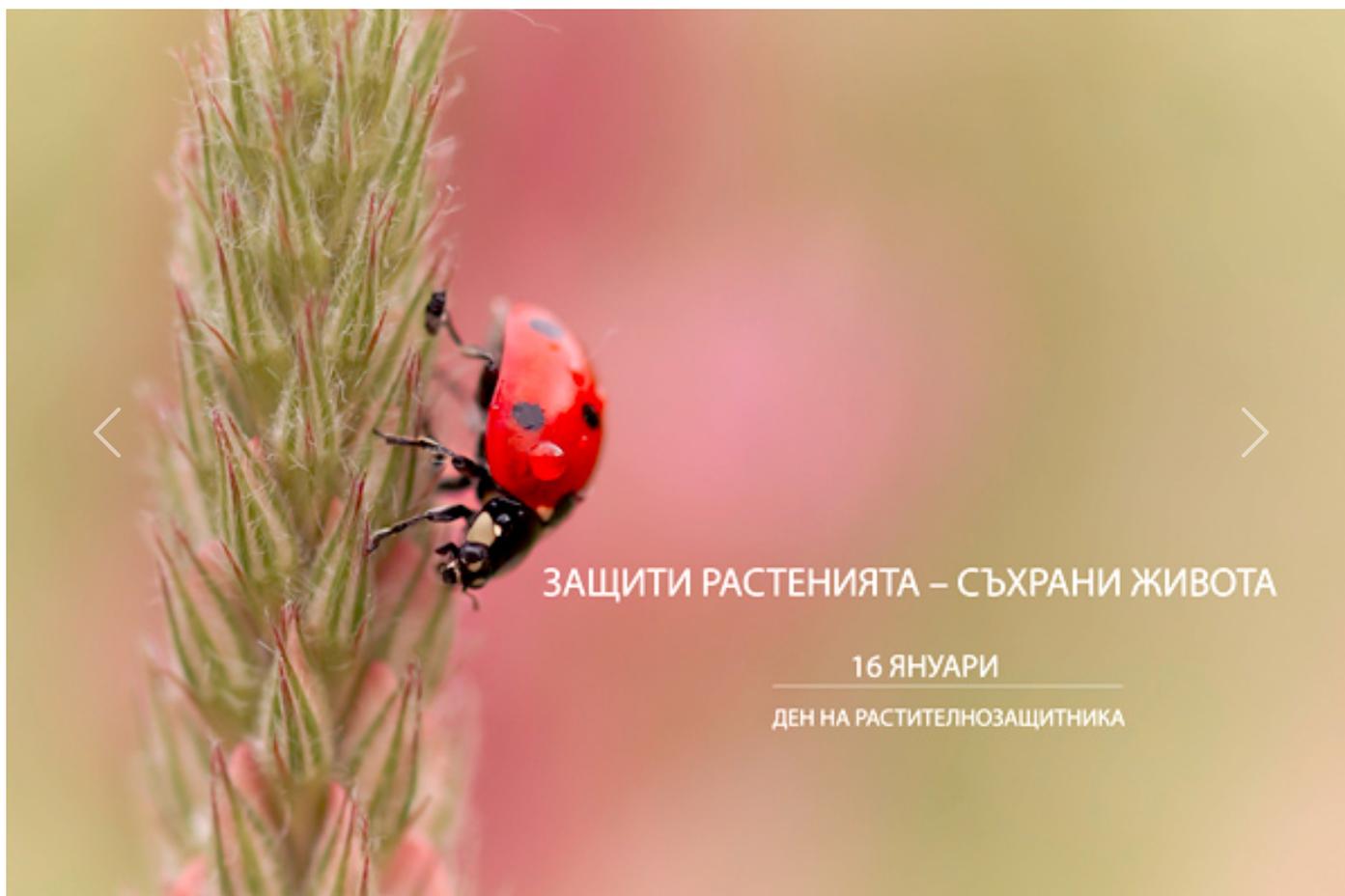


129 years of plant protection activities in Bulgaria

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Traditionally, on 16 January the Day of the Plant Protection Specialist is celebrated, a history filled with challenges and difficulties, whose main mission remains the preservation of the diversity of plant species. Plant protection is a key factor for the development of modern and sustainable agriculture, competitive in the dynamic environment of continuous economic, climatic and social changes.

Under the motto „Protect plants – preserve life“, on 16 January 2025 in Auditorium Seven of the Faculty of Plant Protection and Agroecology, Agricultural University – Plovdiv, the professional holiday of the plant protection specialist and 129 years of plant protection activities in Bulgaria will be celebrated.

The organizer of the event is the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Co-organizers:

Agricultural University – Plovdiv, which this year celebrates its 80th anniversary,

Association of Plant Protection Industry Bulgaria and Bulgarian Association for Plant Protection.

PROGRAMME:

13:00 – 13:30 Official opening and welcome addresses, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boryana Ivanova, Rector of AU – Plovdiv

13:30 – 13:50 „Application of beneficial microorganisms in plant protection“, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordanka Kartalska, Dean of the Faculty of Plant Protection and Agroecology

13:50 – 14:10 „Invasive invertebrates threatening agriculture between two EU regulations“, Prof. Rumen Tomov, Dean of the Agronomy Faculty, UFT – Sofia

14:10 – 14:30 „AgriGuide: An innovative digital tool in support of the new EU legislation and modern agriculture“, Ms. Francesca Idrau and Ms. Neli Yordanova

14:30 – 15:00 Discussions

Happy professional holiday to all devoted to the cause of plant protection!