

Kosovo participates in the Balkan Symposium for Vegetables

Kosovo agronomists participated in the Balkan Symposium for Vegetables and Potatoes held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. This is the 4th Balkan symposium and first opportunity for Isuf Lushi and Ismet Babaj to present their research work.

40 research studies were presented and covered:

- Plant and genetic resources
- Genetics and breeding
- Technologies in vegetable growing
- Plant protection and agro ecology
- Molecular breeding and biotechnologies
- Post harvest storage of fresh produce



Two specific topics were presented from Kosovo:

1. A comparison of a range of tomato hybrids cultivated in greenhouses Lushi Isuf, Llazar Haxhinasto, Osman Zhitia, Nexhat Balaj
2. The influence of different substrate composition on growth parameters and dry mass partitioning of cucumber seedlings (*Cucumis sativum. L*).
Ismet Babaj, Skender Kaqiu, Glenda Sallaku, Astrit Balliu

The research presented by the Kosovo authors was well appreciated while researchers from Israel, Germany, Iran, Lithuania and Turkey were particularly interested to know more about the worm compost effect on seedling production.

This visit took place from 09-12 September 2008 and was the first organised by HPK on behalf of research done in Kosovo.