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Particular focus of the conference:

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH: CLIMATE CHANGE, RISKS AND RESPONSES

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the ***22th "DURABLE AGRICULTURE – AGRICULTURE OF THE FUTURE"*** *Annual Meeting to be held in Craiova, Romania, at the Faculty of Agronomy of the University of Craiova.*

Craiova, Romania's 6 th largest city and capital of Dolj County, is situated near the east bank of Jiu river, in central Oltenia. It is a longstanding political center, and is located at approximately equal distances from the Southern Carpathians (north) and Danube River (south). Craiova is the chief commercial city west of Bucharest and the most important city of Oltenia Region. The city prospered as a regional trading centre despite an earthquake in 1790, a plague in 1795, and a Turkish assault in 1802 during which it was burned.

The University of Craiova is the most important source of knowledge, creativity, and innovation from the region. The innovation effect, which it has to produce for the community and for the Euro-region is one of the main institutional objectives. Our university will become a strategic point of the regional economy and promoter of the competitive, participative, inclusive economy principles.

The University of Craiova was founded within the university center system in Romania in the second half of the 20th century, being, chronologically, the fifth university in the country, following the ones in Iasi, Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, and Timisoara. The efforts to set up a university centre in the heart of the region of Oltenia were completed by the passing of the Law no. 138/April 25, 1947, thus permitting the founding and organization of the University of Craiova and its ephors.

The first higher education institutions in Craiova, organized after the passing of the 1947 law, were: The Faculty of Agronomy, in 1947; The Agronomic Institute, in 1948; The Technical Institute, in 1951; the 3-Year Pedagogical Institute, in 1959. All these institutes constituted the University of Craiova, according to the Decision of the Ministers Council, no. 894/August 27, 1965 (published in the Official Bulletin no. 2 of the Socialist Republic of Romania, dated September 10, 1965).

The Faculty of Agronomy - University of Craiova is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Romania, over time is concerned with ensuring an effective education, oriented society useful specialization. Currently, the Faculty of Agronomy in Craiova is a modern educational institution which carries out all forms of higher education. The number of students registered in our faculty in the academic year 2024/2025 is 1108.

In order to improve the education process, a special interest was laid upon the reformation of the higher education in accordance with the European Union regulations and the development of the cooperation and collaboration with other academic institutions in the country and abroad, within the European and extra-European area.

We hope we will all have a memorable and scientifically stimulating meeting in Craiova and we look forward to meeting you here in November 2026.

Welcome to Craiova, Romania!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference venue

The 22th ANNUAL MEETING "DURABLE AGRICULTURE – AGRICULTURE OF THE FUTURE" will be held at the Conference Center of Faculty of Agronomy, Craiova located in the south-west of Romania, for registration, Opening Ceremony, invited lectures, working group's sessions and poster session. For any question or problem please contact the local organizers at the following e-mail address: agronomie_cv@yahoo.com or medelete@yahoo.com

Conference registration: deadline November 12th 2026, please, return the REGISTRATION FORM to the meeting scientific secretary: e-mail address: agronomie_cv@yahoo.com

Participation fee:

- ***400 RON*** for the Romanian participant, physically present;
- ***300 RON*** for the Romania accompanying person, physically present;
- ***100 de Euro*** for the foreigner participant, physically present;
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The participation fee includes:

- conference information material including the Books of Abstracts;
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- Coffee breaks;
- Lunche on 19th November;
- Gala dinner on 19nd November.

The participation fee **does not include:** accommodation

ARRIVING IN/DEPARTURE FROM CRAIOVA

By air

Your place of arrival in Romania will be most likely the International Airport Craiova (http://www.aeroportcraiova.ro/) or "Henri Coandă" International Airport near Bucharest. When you show your passport and visa to the immigration officers, you

may be asked why you have come to Romania and also whether you have enough money to cover your costs of living plus a return ticket. You will avoid delays if you have all your papers handy: your passport and documents indicating your official acceptance by the university and your proof of financial support. Before you go through customs you can exchange money at a counter in the luggage-collecting If hall. The exchange rate is almost as good as you will get anywhere. To proceed to Craiova, you can take a taxi/bus from the airport to the Railway Station (Gara de Nord) in Bucharest.

By rail

you wish to travel from Bucharest to Craiova by rail **(http://www.infofer.ro/)**, you will have to leave from Bucharest Nord railway station. There are 250 km between Bucharest and Craiova and the journey will take you between 3 hours . We recommend you travel by the Rapid trains (fast) or Intercity, which stop only in a few stations. A single ticket for Intercity ("Blue Arrow") costs approx. 72 Lei (14,5) EUR. The first class ticket for rapid train costs 106 lei (21,5 EUR). NOTE: There are also other trains coming to Craiova during the day and night.

By car

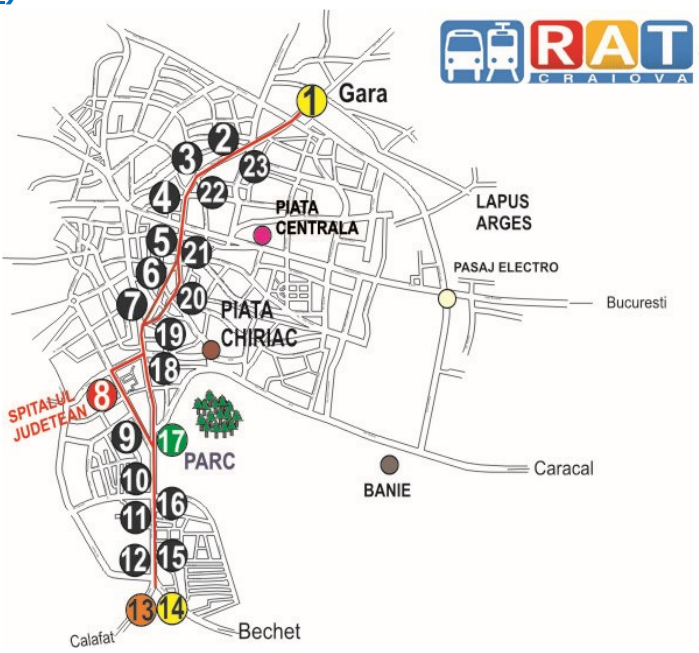
The trip by car to CRAIOVA is very nice and easy. Navigation coaches are not difficult if you have a **route map of Romania**.

There are also regular buses that are running to/from Greece, Turkey, Czech Republic, Austria, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Italy, France, Spain and Germany.

Local transport

For transport one can use bus, electric tram, maxi-taxi and taxi.

Tickets for buses, maxi-taxi and electric trams can be bought from the red-painted booths that are in most stops. You can also buy tickets from the drivers. Tickets should be punched immediately after you get on board. Bus/trolley/tram fare is 2,50 lei (RON) (2 Euro). Station – Faculty of Agronomy **(http://www.rat-craiova.ro/).**



Business hours (Shops, Banks, Post offices)

Most of the shops in Craiova are open between 9:00 and 19:00 hours. During weekends, shops are open on Saturdays, between 9:00 and 14:00 hours. There are some non-stop supermarkets, too.

In general, banks are open from 9.00 to 16.00 hours from Monday to Friday. Post offices open at 7.00 and close at 20.00 hours.

Climate

The Romanian climate is characterized by hot summers and cold winters. In November, there will be fairly hot days (above 15-20° C) and you will want to wear autumn clothes.

Language: Working language of the meeting is English; translations will not be provided.

Facilities: Overhead/slide projectors and PowerPoint projectors will be provided for the presentations. A computer room with internet connection will be open during the Conference.

Currency The legal tender is the Romanian Leu (RON). You will be able to change your money in hotels. The approximate exchange rate is 1 EUR = 4.9743 RON.

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Invitation letters will not be processed until you have registered and paid for the registration fees. This letters will be provided to help participants rise conference attendance funding and to obtain visas.

All participants and accompanying person should have a valid passport.

A certificate of attendance will be given to the registered participants upon request.

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Abstract

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METAMITRON EFFECT ON FRUIT THINNING OF 'WILLIAMS' PEAR

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ABSTRACT

Chemical fruit thinning is the preferred measure to apply in a pear orchard in order to ensure consistent yields and marketable fruit production. This study aimed to examine the thinning effect of the photosynthesis-inhibiting agent metamitron (MM), applied in two concentrations, on the yield and fruit quality of the 'Williams' pear cultivar. The experiment was conducted over two years (2023-2024) in a commercial pear orchard in Bogatić, Serbia, which was planted in 2019 at a distance of 3.5 m x 1 m on quince rootstock BA 29 and trained as a slender spindle. Metamitron was applied when central fruits in a cluster were 13-14 mm in diameter, using two concentrations: 250 mg/l (MM250) and 330 mg/l (MM330), with untreated trees serving as the control treatment. Metamitron applied at both concentrations reduced the number of the smallest fruit size category (diameter of <60 mm) by 34-57% in the MM250 treatment and 47-73% in the MM330 treatment compared to the control in both years studied. This effect was positively correlated with the applied concentration, leading to an increase in average fruit weight. In the first year investigated, the total yield was significantly lower in MM treatments compared to the control due to a reduction in total and smallest fruits number per tree. Conversely, in the following year, MM330 recorded the highest yield, along with an increase in the number of larger fruit size classes (65-70 mm, 70-75 mm). The number of fruits in the quality categories of 65-70 mm, 70-75 mm, and >75 mm did not significantly differ between the treatments applied in 2023. The treatments did not affect soluble solids, total acid content, or fruit firmness. The return bloom as an indicator of the following year's yield was higher in the MM treatments, but this difference was not statistically significant compared to the control treatment.

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