

“The development of a sustainable agricultural system and high economic efficiency”

Such system may not be developed unless, besides improved technical equipment levels on farms, all those involved in agriculture will also have the technical knowledge necessary to produce large quantities of agro-food products that prove to be of good quality, competitive and attractive to consumers.

An agricultural producer of any level he may be in the current environment will not be efficient unless, besides his technical knowledge, he is also familiar with the loan and funding systems, the market systems, as well as with the safety criteria for the beneficiaries of agro-food production in Romania. This is necessary in order to assure that agro-food products enter and circulate in both the internal and external market.

In this respect, in Romania there has been developed an efficient modernizing agricultural knowledge and information systems (MAKIS). So far, three such centres operate in our country: USAMV Bucharest, USAMV Cluj-Napoca and USAMVB Timisoara and a fourth USAMV Iasi which is now being organized.

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In all these four universities, there are currently being held modular courses that promote knowledge, improvement and development of the researchers’ professional skills, agricultural consultancy and food safety of specialists who work or wish to carry out their activity in these fields, aiming at a better understanding of the production technologies, quality control, safe processing and food products marketing, in order to adapt and permanently meet the demands of the European Union.

The activity of (TIC), Timisoara, has begun in November, 2008. Its objectives are: improving research capacity, consultancy, and extension, food safety for inspectors. Therefore, under the guidance of well known specialists, professors of USAMVB Timisoara, from the Training and Information Centre, we have developed training courses regarding:

- agricultural extension and consulting specialists;
- inspectors in food safety;
- agricultural researchers.

We have established for each area a theme that contains knowledge of present interest not only for the course attendants but also for those who are to be addressed by the graduates of the courses in the specified fields.

We desire that, the Training and Information Centre, under the experience and professional authority of its lecturers, continue its training activity after March 2010 when the present program ends. We want to continue to be creators of professional formators and by their means the Romanian agricultural producers become specialists.

The Training and Information Centre (TIC), Timisoara, USAMVB, in its activity, collaborates, and we desire that this collaboration will further continue and develop, with: The Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development, The National Agency for Agricultural Consultancy, The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, the Agricultural and Forestry Science Academy, and the leadership of USAMVB Timisoara, that has and will continue to ensure the best conditions in order to carry on the training courses at the highest technical level.

The obtained results, and also the opinions of our students make me believe that the Training and Information Centre (TIC) has earned its recognition of those who trained here, and it will be a way of increasing the professional training for those who believe in the contribution to the accomplishment of a performing, competitive agriculture, both on the Romanian and European market.

With friendship and confidence,

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