

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)

and

the Association of Agricultural Economists in Slovakia (AAES)

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the Association of Agricultural Economists in Slovakia (AAES) share a common interest in promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession, to foster analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and to promote the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.

This memorandum of understanding specifies the kind of activities the two Associations agree to perform with the aim of expanding cooperation and generating synergies, particularly with reference to the dissemination of information regarding their activities among each other's membership.

1. EAAE and AAES agree to disseminate through the means they routinely use to inform their respective memberships (e.g. websites and newsletters) information regarding relevant activities promoted by the other Association, including congresses, symposia, seminars, courses, publications and award programs. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from the other Association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and AAES agree to investigate possible common actions that may serve the goals of both Associations.
3. To facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding the AAES will propose one of its members, possibly a member of its Board, who is also a member of EAAE, to serve as the Liaison Officer (LO) with EAAE. The proposed LO will become operational once agreed by EAAE.
4. The main duties of the LO will be:
 - (a) to represent AAES with EAAE for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and to act as the contact point with AAES for EAAE;
 - (b) to act as a contact point with EAAE for the membership of AAES;
 - (c) to forward information on developments in the profession in his/her country that may be relevant for the short and medium term planning of EAAE activities;
 - (d) to facilitate the flow of information on the activities of AAES among the membership of EAAE and of those of EAAE among the membership of AAES.

5. The AAES website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of EAAE.

AAES may decide to provide the LO with the opportunity to briefly address its membership on relevant matters related with the activities of EAAE at the time of its periodic general meeting.

6. The Secretary General of EAAE will act as the contact point with EAAE for AAES.

The EAAE website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of AAES.

The LO will be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of EAAE as an observer when this meets in his/her country.

At the request of the LO, EAAE will provide logistic support for the organization of a meeting of the members of AAES at the time of its triennial Congress.

7. At every EAAE Congress, a meeting will be organized between the LOs and the Board of EAAE to discuss activities performed and plans for the following triennial period. The meeting will also be used to explore the possibility of expanding cooperation activities jointly involving more than one National Association and the EAAE.
8. EAAE and AAES agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding three years after the start of its implementation, revising it as agreed by both parties.

Approved by the Board of the EAAE on January 18th, 2016

Chantal Le Mouël, the President of the EAAE

Approved by the Board of the AAES on November 26th, 2015.

Ľubica Bartová, the President of the AAES