



Tropical News

“Newsletter for
FTA Friends”

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Find in this issue news and opportunities for further cooperation with the Faculty

Welcome

Dear students, colleagues and FTA friends, alumni and 'supporters'!

Welcome to the seventh issue of Tropical News. Our Newsletter will give you a brief insight into the latest updates about activities and international cooperation at the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.

This Newsletter is distributed twice a year and we would like to make all our present and future partners aware of the news from the faculty so we can easily find opportunities for cooperation.

We will be honoured to involve you in FTA activities, don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support!

The FTA team.

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Global Research Collaboration

The Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences hosted the Agrinatura General Assembly 2023 and scientific conference held from 10th May to 12th May. The General Assembly and international conference have proved to be a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration in agriculture for development. The Agrinatura General Assembly and conference brought together experts and professionals from different parts of the world to share ideas, experiences, and insights on various aspects of agriculture. Find more details about fruitful event [here](#).

Our Successes

Advisory Board to the Czech Minister of Science



Group leader of [Biogas Research Team Assoc.](#) Prof. Hynek Roubík become member of the new Advisory board to the Czech Minister of Science. The Biogas Research Team has long been involved in the recovery of organic waste, particularly its transformation into biogas and energy. This long-term focus of the research team presents new knowledge in this field and has practical implications in many countries (especially in the developing world). Moreover, Assoc. Prof. Hynek Roubík has been selected and rewarded by the Dean Prof. Patrick Van Damme and the members of Dean's College for his contribution, both scientific and in terms of popularization of science. Find more details [here](#).

84 IF publications at FTA in 2022

Annual Report 2022



Have a look for deeper insight into activities at FTA in [annual report](#).

New Study Programme

Our newly launched online **M.Sc. degree programme** offers students from all over the world the opportunity to specialise in Tropical Agroecology! The Tropical Agroecology programme is designed for part-time study, combining online contact teaching with self-study, which allows you the flexibility to pursue your professional career whilst advancing your education from anywhere in the world.

Cooperation in > 30 countries



E4 Research Group

[Ecology, Evolution, Emergence & Epidemiology of Zoonoses Research Group](#)

is focused on various aspects of zoonoses, diseases transmissible between animals and humans. The goal of our research is to describe mechanisms standing behind introduction of novel pathogens from one animal species into another one (including humans). We are mainly focused on viruses, but we work also on other zoonotic pathogens including bacteria and protozoa.

Equal opportunities

The newly launched Horizon EU project [AGRIGEP](#) contributes to creating equal opportunities for all through responsive Gender Equality Plans & Inclusive Action at Agriculture and Life Science Universities.

The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, via the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, is a partner in the newly launched Horizon Europe project under the coordination of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE).



International Cooperation



Ethnobotanical Research in India

FTA team investigate wild edible plants from the ethnobotanical perspective in Bastar region in central India. Find more [info here](#).



Lectures from Cameroon

Special lectures given by Professor Julius Kewir Tangka and Doctor Viyoi Catherine Tidze were focused on advances in renewable energy research and sustainable energy sources in sub-Saharan Africa.



New International Opportunities

New opportunities for students and staff from 17 countries within Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility will be running until 2025. The project is supporting exchanges of students and university staff with countries outside Europe. Find details [here](#).

Tropentag

We are pleased to inform you that Tropentag 2023 will be organised by Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), Germany. This year Tropentag will take place from September 20-22 in Berlin and online.

Green Plate Forum



The FTA representatives joined the Green plate forum – a sustainable international event organized on 20th June in BOKU, Vienna. Student-led initiative was a part of the activities of the project Circular Case Studies: Food Systems Transformation through Transdisciplinarity and Cooperation.

Cooperation with Ukraine



The FTA representatives are keeping the links with Ukrainian universities and research partners by:

- > [AgriSci-UA](#) platform
- > fostering credit mobilities from Ukraine
- > hosting a number of Ukrainian scholars
- > [Jean Monet project](#) focused to the interdisciplinary skills among target groups and implementation of bioenergy technologies for waste recycling.
- > Summer school at the FTA

Academic issues / Alumni



Conference - Evaluation Dynamics

Conference with the subtitle Evaluation Dynamics from the Perspective of Different Players was held at FTA in June 2023. Topics were focused to the use of artificial intelligence, evaluation praxis of the Czech development assistance or the future development of evaluations. Among significant participants of the conference were Šimon Pánek (People in Need), Daniel Prokop (PAQ Research), Josef Šlerka (Charles University), Petra Chaloupková (Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences) and others. The event was held under the auspices of the Minister of Regional Development Ivan Bartoš and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Lipavský.

Thank You!



Prof. MVDr. Daniela Lukešová, CSc.

Heartfelt thanks to our colleague Prof. Daniela Lukešová. After a tenure of nearly two decades, on June 30, 2023, our esteemed professor bid farewell to the faculty. On behalf of the entire team at FTA, we extend our gratitude for all her exceptional contributions, professionalism, skill, and enthusiasm.

We wish Prof. Daniela Lukešová all the best in future endeavours, and a new path filled with happiness.

We are proud of our alumni! We want to cooperate! FTA Alumni register [here](#) :) Join our team and contact us at alumni@ftz.czu.cz

Meet Our Alumni



Dr. Ingrid Melniková

Inspiring agricultural professional

Dr. Ingrid Melniková, a researcher and consultant in **Carboneg**, is focusing on **sustainable agriculture, carbon neutrality**, and driving positive change in farming communities. Beyond her research and expertise, Dr. Ingrid Melniková actively engages in raising awareness through exhibitions and conferences inspiring others to adopt sustainable practices in agriculture.

Recently, Dr. Ingrid Melniková has been mostly focused on expanding carbon farming to **Latin America**, agroforestry, and regenerative agriculture **in cooperation with FTA** representatives. We are excited to continue our collaboration and shared mission for progress and positive change in agriculture practice.



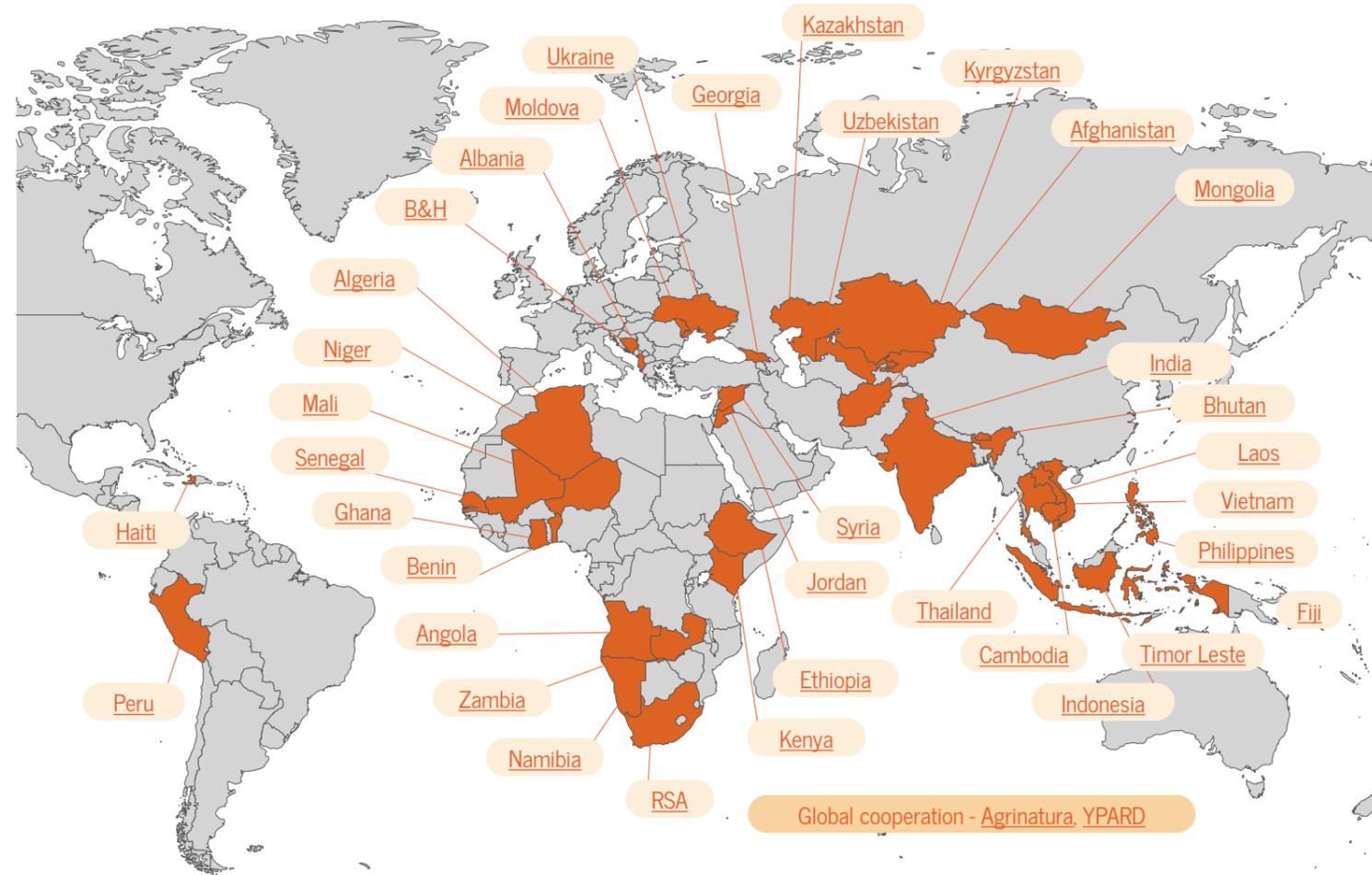
Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors have been working hard to organize several events and support new students throughout the summer semester of 2023. Most memorably first **Art Exhibition** - an extraordinary event that provided a refreshing change from the usual routine, allowing students and staff to come together in an environment that fostered open dialogue and creative expression.

In line with our commitment to sustainability, the Student Ambassadors also organized a traditional **Swap** event. The Swap allowed students to exchange pre-loved items, promoting reuse and reducing waste.

FTA Projects and Partnerships

As a Fair Trade Faculty, we support responsible consumption and sustainable development.



Do you want to cooperate with the FTA?

We are interested in cooperation on

- > Research
- > Projects
- > Guest lectures
- > Internships
- > Sharing experiences
- > Other

We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact

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