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**IAASCROATIA**

Adipraya  
**IAASINDONESIA**

EDM 2019  
**IAASGERMANY**



**DECADE IN  
ACTION**





## New Year to Start New Commitment!

Dear IAASer!

New year is coming and a lot of things happened in 2019. New year also the year where we start our new commitment to take more responsibility as we wanted to put ourselves to be a better person. But, to make our every commitment run smoothly, team working is the one that we need to implement. Within this letter, I'm hoping for you all who read this newsletter can gain more team work to achieve your commitment together for better 2020!

Best Regards,  
Festus Septian Yosafat

Vice President of Communication IAAS World 2019/20

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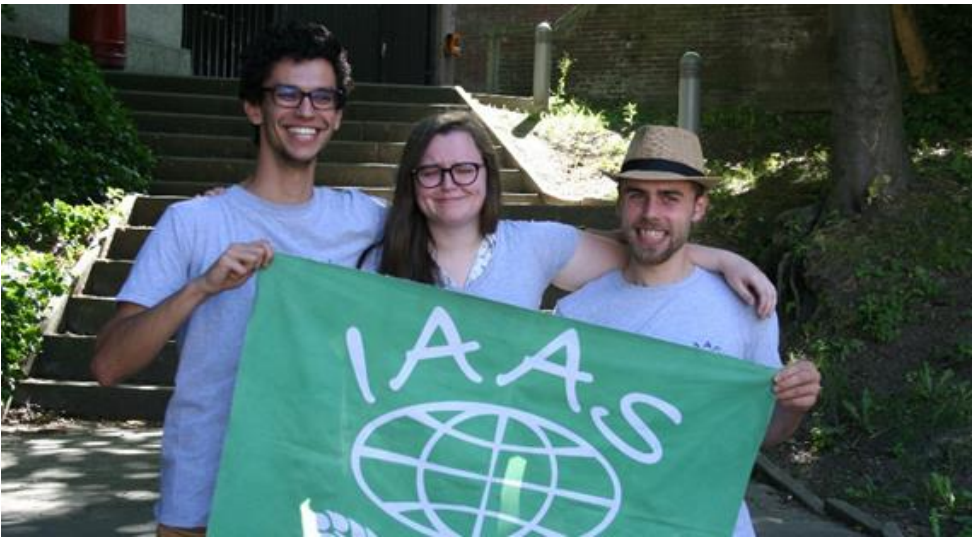


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# What's Up!

## *Europe*





# Christmas Vibes with IAAS Croatia



## Greetings from Croatia!

This month has been extremely successful and with a lot of good fun. Everything we planned, we did and we did it better than planned. December as the month of giving has connected us as well! Best wishes and good vibes from Croatia. We wish you the best and most successful New Year 2020!

Laura Gradiščak,  
VP of Communications of IAAS Croatia



## CroAgro: Agricultural, Agricultural Equipment and Mechanical Trade Fair

December 5-8, 2019

At the fair we represented our association and faculty. The fair held a ratings, a professional gathering for vegetable producers, an international OPG conference and two very stimulating and popular choices; Selection for the best producer in the pig, dairy, field and vegetable processing sectors and the Croatian Tractor of the Year selection.

At the fair, we met ExPro family; Sinjorina smokva EKO. On organic family farm, according to the traditional Dalmatian reception, organic fruit spreads are made of figs, quinces, higher stamps, plums and tangerines and they provide accommodation in the farm.







## Motivational Weekend

December 13-15, 2019

Our colleagues from the IAAS Serbia from the Committees of Novi Sad visited us, so we organized a motivational weekend to get to know each other.

Our experienced soft skills trainer Manuela Vukić held a workshop called "Organization of IAAS events". The workshop was excellent. Manuela successfully transferred her knowledge and experience to members of IAAS Serbia (Committee Novi Sad) and IAAS Croatia. Apart from getting to know our ideas and works of the IAAS, we also found time for some great fun. We visited the famous Advent in Zagreb and of course had a good time.

It was a small but good motivational weekend. We are looking forward to seeing them again!

## Agro Advent

December 17, 2019

Student associations, including us, have been organizing AgroAdvent. It is a Christmas fair that brings together students from the Faculty of Agriculture actively involved in agriculture to showcase and promote their products. Also, the fair is of a humanitarian nature so the student associations made various cakes, decorations, cooked wine etc. We sold it all to collect donations. This year, we donated money to a one family who needed help. We hope we made their holiday time a little better. We are very happy with the communication that we have achieved on this fair with the faculty, associations, other students and of course strengthened the connection with our members!



## Secret Santa

December 18, 2019

T-T-T-R !!!! Secret Santa! We, as lovers of good wine, fine food and good music, love gifts too! Some members were extremely imaginative in choosing gifts and some very humorous. We had a great time and got to know each other even better. Events like this motivate members and connect them.



# EDM Vibes from IAAS Germany



## Dear FamillAAS

This month we had the honor to host the European Directors Meeting 2019 in a village close to Bonn. Months ago, our committee in Bonn started planning this event, getting more and more excited the closer it appeared. Organizing such a huge event always comes with some difficulties that need to be solved and overcome, so as ND I am very proud of the work that my team has done and deeply acknowledge the effort all of them put into it. Feedback reaching us after the event has been nice and thoughtful. Plus, we've received some clever tips for future events, which we will definitely consider to improve whatever will come next. 😊 Also, I would like to thank our members from Hohenheim, who came to support us during the event.

Best regards and greetings from IAAS Germany

Luca Marie Erbe  
National Director of IAAS Germany

## European Directors Meeting

November 28th – December 5th, 2019 (Neunkirchen-Seelscheid, Germany)

After being voted to be the hosting committee of the EDM for 2019 during the EDM 2018 in Madrid, IAAS Bonn started organizing the event. The meeting started off with three days of General Assembly including interactive workshops and trainings, followed by another three days filled with fun and interesting excursions to diverse activities close to Bonn and Cologne. The group spirit was great thanks to our 30 participants coming from all over the world joining our meeting. The evening program was planned by the OC and very diverse, since we stayed in a huge house including gym in the countryside. Next to all time classics like the Trade Fair and Development Fund Night, we enjoyed hot Glühwein close to a bonfire, had a karaoke night with a lot of singing, played some games known from our childhood in a gym and had a goodbye Xmas party on the last night. The GA meetings were successful, too, as Marie (VP Finance), who lead the GA, told us afterwards. Main goals were to inform IAAS Europe members about everything that is new and has changed within IAAS and establish new projects that can be implemented in European member countries. So, in future, we might receive funding from the EU.





# EDM 2020 Gallery





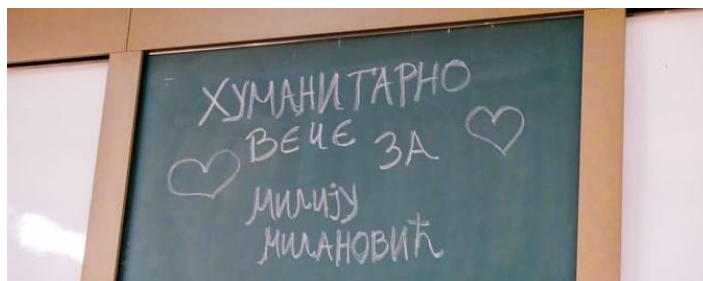
# New Year Kindness of IAAS Serbia



Greetings from IAAS Serbia,

December was full of events for our committees. We hope that these activities will further contribute to the work of our committees and we have many new projects in the pipeline. IAAS Serbia organized a New Year's Eve in the form of a stand up. The money raised was used for the cost of treatment sick boy, Ilija Milanovic, who have cancer. Also, we organized New Year's manifestation for children without parents and made presents for them. In January, IAAS Serbia will be part of biggest international fair of Agricultural science. Topic of fair will be innovative technology in agriculture, also the fair is based on the pomiculture, viticulture and olericulture. Our goal is to promote IAAS like organization for students exchanges and development and find more companies that would partake in ExPro.

Best regards,  
Bajkić Marijana  
National Director of IAAS Serbia





# What's Up!

## *Asia Pacific*





# Highlight for Adipraya IAAS Indonesia



## Halo! Apa Kabar IAASer!

In this December, all of local committees in IAAS Indonesia are busy to regenerate their committee but there is IAAS LC UGM which had done amazing project called Adipraya in the early December. So, check this out!

Best regards,

Rahadian Nur Prathama  
National Director of IAAS INDONESIA

# ADIPRAYA IAAS LC UGM

30<sup>th</sup> of November - 1<sup>st</sup> of December (Indonesia)





On 30<sup>th</sup> of November to 1<sup>st</sup> of December, although in the middle of the exam month, IAAS LC UGM was very excited to hold a fabulous event Adipraya Festival which was held at Pujale UGM. The event officials were staff from all of departments of IAAS LC UGM who registered before the event. The event was held to motivate and educate people to improve their daily life habits in order to actualize sustainable environment. The environment was taken as our main concern because it's the closest aspect to us. The target of the event was all of the people in the society in general. The event went terrific as the event officials, visitors, and tenants were all excited during this event. In order to intensify our objectives, various methods are used such as; sorting out tenants who have concern on environment sustainability, using less plastic not only for decorations but also almost everything that were used during this event.

There were 13 tenants who participated during this event which are Samara Natural, 1719 Novi Bamboo, Opposite Coffee, Zerowaste, Bye-bye Plastic, Sektimuda, Kombuchisme, Moonshine, Project B, Soraja, Ranah Bhumi, Oke Sayur, and Fortunate. The activities during this event are talkshows by Opposite Coffee and Sektimuda in the first day, Zerowaste, Oke Sayur, Gifood, and Bye-bye Plastic Bag in the second day; live music; fun activities which are Mini Games by Rapel\_id and Tukar Baju by Zerowaste which exchange our old clothes with other clothes to reduce textile waste; and photo contest. The event went terrific and smoothly even though there are still many plastic wastes were used. We hope from this event IAAS LC UGM will inspire others to concern about our own environment.





# What's Up!

# Americas





# Goods by IAAS USA

## Greetings FamillAAS from USA!

Hello FamillAAS,

December was a time for all of the IAAS members to enjoy the holiday season and spend time with their family and loved ones.

Best wishes,

Myranda Gorman  
National Director of IAAS USA

## Environmental Sustainability Club Bake Sale

December 1, 2019 (Knoxville, TN)

Members of IAAS UTK made and sold baked goods at the Environmental Sustainability Bake Sale. A portion of all profits from the bake sale were given to The Love Kitchen a local non-profit that helps food to homeless and unemployed individuals.





# What's Up!

# *Africa*





# Climate Act by IAAS Morocco



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

MARCH 15TH - MARCH 22ND

**AGRICULTURE FACE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

RABAT, MOROCCO

Greetings from IAAS Morocco,



Salam IAASer,

We are glad and satisfied about the exposure we gained and the work and opportunities we got involved in starting last month, and most of all the project we are highly proud of, it is the the reality international seminar scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> March, under the them "Agriculture face to climate change. We hope you all having a great day!

Best regards,

Oumaima Lfakir

VP of Communication of IAAS Morocco

## Participation in CECAMA Conference

December 12th (Rabat, Morocco)

We participated in the conference about climate resilient agriculture organized by CECAMA. We were able to introduce our upcoming event our seminar about agriculture and climate change that will take place in March. We met many professors and many people who agreed to help us in the organization of our event. Many thanks to CECAMA for making that happen and for organising this conference.



## World Soil Day Video

December 27th (Rabat, Morocco)

On the occasion of the world soil day, the communication board made a video about the importance of soil, as an essential source of life. It was an opportunity to remind everyone that protecting the earth starts from the ground. All of the IAAS members took part of it and had fun making the video. we posted it on our Instagram Account.





# Amazing Moment by IAAS Ivory Coast



## Greeting From IAAS Cote d'Ivoire

First of all; I would like to wish my best wishes to the whole of the big IAAS family. Concerning the report of December, IAAS Côte d'Ivoire participated in three major activities: **The day of civism and citizenship**; **Environment Day** and **ADM 2019**.

Best regards,

ROMEO KOUAKOU  
National Director of IAAS Cote d'Ivoire

## The Day Of Civism And Citizenship

December 12, 2019 (university Nangui Abrogoua /Côte d'Ivoire)

As part of the collaboration with other student associations, IAAS Côte d'Ivoire was invited by the Peace Club to take part in the second edition of civism and citizenship day. The theme of the day was: "What contributions from actors in the academic world for lasting peace in Côte d'Ivoire". The objective of this activity was to raise awareness of the importance of association and union leaders in maintaining social cohesion and peace in the university environment and to encourage each actor to favor the path of dialogue for the peaceful resolution of problems.



## Environment Day

December 20, 2019 (université Nangui Abrogoua)

IAAS Cote d'Ivoire participated in the activity called "Christmas of the environment". This activity consisted of making the campus clean by cleaning the classrooms and picking up the garbage lying around the campus. The goal of this action was to sensitize the students to keep their environment clean. This activity was marked by the presence of several leaders of student associations



## Participation A L'ADM AU Ghana

December 22th – 28th, 2019 (Accra-Cape Coast – Kumasi; GHANA)

As part of the African directors meeting of the International Association of Students in Agricultural and related Sciences, Côte d'Ivoire was among the eight delegations present. For this year the theme of the congress was: "Adidipa: Better nutrition, Better lives" and registered over 100 participants. For a week, we had general assemblies, conferences and debates on the importance of youth in agriculture, visits to companies.

In addition, reforms and recommendations were made for the proper functioning of IAAS Africa. Finally we renewed the regional executive board of Africa.



# IAAS Nigeria



## Greetings from Nigeria!

Hello Familiaas,

In December, activities of IAAS Nigeria went smoothly and normally. Though it was somehow stressful due to the nature of the festive season and end of the year and subsequently, the holiday breaks. The month of December was a month we focused majorly on educating members on agriculture and its different aspects from many different experiences of people; it was a learning curve. It was a good month and review of the year and some of its activities were done.

IAAS Nigeria wishes everyone a New Year and sends her compliments of the season!

Best regards,

Oladapo Omotade  
National Director of IAAS Nigeria

## African Directors Meeting (ADM) 2019

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (ACCRA, CAPE COAST, KUMASI GHANA)



On December 2019, the International Association of student in Agricultural and related Sciences through its committee of Ghana organized its annual African directors meeting. The main goal of this annual 1-weeks event is to gather the members of the association to share knowledge and friendship. What's more this event was the occasion to have the general assembly of the association as well as discover the host country. Over 100 students (bachelor and master level) in the field of agriculture (from agricultural economics, agricultural extension, animal production, crop production, agronomy, food sciences, biotechnologies...) took part in this event. The language used was English and French for the general assembly, also election for the new African directors was conducted.



# IAAS ZIMBABWE

This is a report of what we did in this month as IAAS Zimbabwe. As all universities (local committees) are in holidays, we took this time to build up our ideas and activities to be done in this year 2020 by all local committees for strategic planning.

## **Activity**

Thus, what we are working on one village project, which is to plant vegetables in some of the orphanage which are near IAAS Zimbabwe local committees. We encourage orphanage leaders to plant more vegetables for the kids to have a balanced meal.

## **Meetings**

During the month of December, we had 4 national board meetings, in which we had to evaluate each local committees' action plan for the year 2020. As IAAS Zimbabwe is not much visible as it was before, we planned to work more on our visibility (social media, discussions, newsletters and debates).

## **Activities planned:**

- Fruit juice
- Poultry.









Some of the people that read this might have or have not heard about Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs. Made since five years ago, it has progressed much, yet seems to not fulfill the rate that is needed to actually reach its goals in one more decade. Ten more years with a pretty big goals to be reached. What is it, and what has been done in this half decade? Let's delve deeper on the matter.

## What are the Sustainable Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs as said by UN, are universal call to action related to ending poverty, protecting our planet, and ensure the prosperity of everyone, everywhere in the world. It has been adopted by all UN member countries since 2015, as a part of 2030 Agenda for sustainable development goals. The main areas declared in the agenda are as below<sup>1</sup>:

1. People → to end poverty and hunger, and ensuring the fulfillment of human potential in dignity, equality and in healthy environment
2. Planet → to protect the planet from degradation through many means, such as sustainable consumption and production, sustainable management of its natural resources, and taking urgent action on climate change.
3. Prosperity → to ensure prosperous and fulfilling lives of human while economic, social and technological process occurs in harmony with nature
4. Peace → to foster peaceful, inclusive and just societies free from fear and violence
5. Partnership → to mobilize the required means for implementation of this Agenda through participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people with the spirit of global solidarity

With such a big vision to meet, based on the general areas above, SDGs are broken down into 17 points with its own target goals, which are: 1) No Poverty; 2) Zero Hunger; 3) Good Health and Wellbeing; 4) Quality Education; 5) Gender Equality; 6) Clean Water and Sanitation; 7) Affordable and Clean Energy; 8) Decent Work and Economic Growth; 9) Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; 10) Reduced Inequalities; 11) Sustainable Cities and Communities; 12) Responsible Consumption and Production; 13) Climate Action; 14) Life Below Water; 15) Life on Land; 16) Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions; 17) Partnership for The Goals<sup>2</sup>



## What have been Done Since it Frist Started

In these five years period, there have been many activities done by the member countries. One of the most well-known agreement made to follow it is the Paris Climate Agreement, where 196 countries plus European Union pledged to keep the temperature of the planet at "well below" 2°C higher than when the industrial revolution began. Progresses has also been made by them. In 2019, the report<sup>3</sup> stated that favorable trends are evident, some of them are, the fall of under-5 mortality rate by 49% between 2000 and 2017, marine protected areas have doubled since 2010, 150 countries have developed national policies as a respond to rapid urbanization's challenges, and many more. While these happened, there are many more things to be considered and need collective attention, such as the climate change condition (environment deterioration, rising sea levels, etc) which can undo the progress, and too slow movement on efforts related to end human suffering and create opportunity for all<sup>3</sup>. We might as well need to think of new ways of SDGs action acceleration, as said by UN General Assembly President, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande<sup>4</sup>.



# What should be Done in the Upcoming Decade To Achieve Them

UN Secretary-General, António Guterres called the world leaders for a decade of action to deliver SDGs by 2030 and announced more than 100 “accelerated actions” – voluntary undertakings to speed up progress. The decade of action will be focused on three levels, which are<sup>2</sup>:

1. **Global Action** – securing greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the SDGs
2. **Local Action** – embedding the needed transitions of regulatory frameworks and related matter of cities, local governments and authorities
3. **People Action** – generating unstoppable movement to push the required transformations. Variety of players are included, ranging from youth and civil society to private sectors, academia and other stakeholders.

Some countries have stated to support the deliverance of SDGs by their current action plan<sup>4</sup>, such as Nigeria with the world’s largest lesson to teach 500,000 children about SDGs, Sweden with its pledge to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2045, pledge of energy poverty eradication of Mexico by 2024, and UK’s pledge to end its contribution to climate change by 2050. These are just some examples of countries trying to increase the rate of transformations needed to achieve those SDGs by 2030. We, as a part of society, as youth can also contribute on delivering the SDGs, just as the “People Action” has been said as one of the decade of action focus. Here are some tips for you guys who wants to contribute to the goals!

## 1. Educate Yourself

Before starting your contribution, make sure you are familiar with the goals you are trying to reach. Try to learn more about SDGs, what is it and its target goals. Delve deeper on the current situation and the progress that has been made on SDGs.

## 3. Start Small

Try to start small on your early actions, maybe even start it yourself only. By trying to do it yourself first, and then as you become fond of it, you can enlarge your scale of action by sharing it with your circle, and so on. Starting small also gives you a room for learning and evaluation at first, to help grow and develop your action in the future.

## 5. Partnership is Encouraged

When your action grows, you will not be able to grow it further without the help of others, because most of the time a person is not jack of all trades. Doing partnership with other people or stakeholders can be a good enhancement for your action, and it will broaden the exposure too!

## 2. Be Focus

Multitasking is not always somebody’s talent, and that also includes on what action you are going to contribute in. You can try do actions related to all 17 goals of SDGs, yet it won’t reach its optimum potential. Try to find which issues you are more interested in, and stick with those issues first. You might as well enjoy your actions and progress on reaching the goals, because it will take your time, mind, and resources as well.

## 4. Be Sustainable

Your action won’t be helpful unless it is sustainable. Try to always evaluate your action in a certain period to see which part should be stopped, kept, or needed to be changed. This will help your action to be more sustainable by always making it up to date and improved from time to time. Mistakes and obstacles will also be on your action journey, but those things should become sort of encouragement and lesson for your action to improve.



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# Upcoming IAAS Events!

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## EXCHANGE COORDINATOR MEETING 2020 HOSTED BY IAAS BELGIUM



After we received a cancellation statement letter from IAAS Chile due to the several circumstances, with the help from every IAAS member we can finally have our host for the ExCo Meeting 2020 which is IAAS Belgium as from the vote from every IAAS country. Exchange Coordinator Meeting is an yearly event held by IAAS World as for the Summit for every ExCo from every IAAS country for having a General Assembly and Meeting for the Exchange Program in IAAS.

Application is not yet opened. But for everyone of you especially Exchange Coordinators, keep stay tuned with us and prepare yourself for the events in the next end of March 2020! See you in Belgium!

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE HOSTED BY IAAS SERBIA



International Conference for Youth in Agriculture (ICYA) is a 4 day, science-oriented event, covering a specific topic (or a set of specific topics). Its main structure is divided into two parts is focus on:

1. Bringing up new innovative projects, ideas, youth movements.
2. Creating statements and expressing the voice of students on particular topics.
3. Fostering and facilitating the debate and dialogue between students from all over the world.
4. Giving the opportunity to every student to apply and participate in the Conference regardless whether he/she is a member of IAAS or not.
5. Collaborating with new partners/sponsors, Universities and NGOs. Participants are internationally active young leaders

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