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# IAAS WORLD

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# IAAS ARGENTINA



## 1. Agreement with AGROIDEAS

September 18, virtual activity

The participation of AGROIDEAS was confirmed, as a new company to open its doors for students to perform activities related to their careers. The call is for careers related to the agricultural and livestock industry, since this company offers inputs and technical advice for the aforementioned area.



## 2. Directors Meeting of América 2025

Maria Belen Gasparoni and Lucia Gracia Goyhenetche are the ones who will attend the WTF 2025 held in Colombia. We support our members with the necessary documentation and payments for their participation. Lucia applied for the financial aid fund to attend the event and from IAAS Argentina we accompany for the process.

# IAAS CROATIA

## 1. AgroCroatia

(September 30th – October 5th)  
(Gorski kotar – Rijeka – Island of Krk, Croatia)

We organized our fourth *AgroCroatia* seminar. We had 6 wonderful days of traveling, lectures and visits to companies.

On the first day (Monday, September 30th), we started our journey from Zagreb to Gorski kotar. We had a lecture on Local Action Group Gorski kotar and their activities. We ended the day with Trade Fair.

On the second day (Tuesday, October 1st), we visited the Fruit Processing Facility, the Large Carnivores Museum and the *Borovnica* company and workshop.

On the third day (Wednesday, October 2nd), we went to the city of Rijeka, where we had a lecture on the aromas and sensory analysis of wine, beer and honey and we visited *Morčić* brewery. On the fourth day (Thursday, October 3rd), we went to Vrbnik (Krk island) where we visited *Katunar* winery and *Gospoja* prosciutto production and winery and we had a lecture (and tasting) from the owner of *KuSssh* company and plantation.

On the fifth day (Friday, October 4th), we visited *Magriž* family farm and the oil mill in Bor camp in Krk.

On the last day of the seminar (Saturday, October 5th), we visited



*Lynx* craft distillery owned by one of our professors at the Faculty of Agriculture and his wife.





# IAAS NEPAL

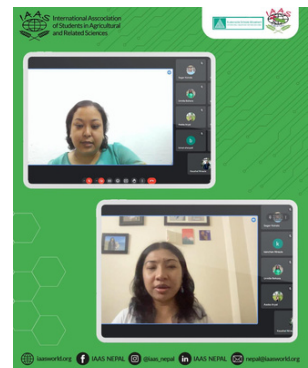
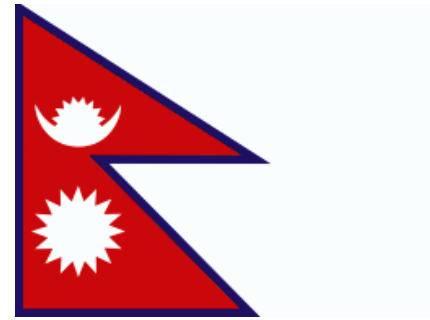
## 1. QB Recruitment open for different Department

IAAS Nepal opened a national Quality Board application form under respective departments.

- IAAS Nepal Director Team
- IAAS Nepal Communication Team
- IAAS Nepal Campaign Ambassador Team
- IAAS Nepal Exchange Coordinator Team
- IAAS Nepal Project Planning Team
- IAAS Nepal Finance Team
- IAAS Nepal External Relations Team.

## 2. Webinar on Climate Education and Nutrition

IAAS Nepal released an announcement for the online webinar "Empowering Future Generations: Integrating Climate Education and Healthy Nutrition in Community Schools of Nepal." The webinar took place on 6th September featuring Neha Malla (ED-ALIN & Co-founder, SOCHAI) and Ms. Sweta Dhaubadel (Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management- Deloitte Consulting/USAID Urja) as Speakers. The event highlighted the integration of climate education and nutrition in community schools.



## 3. NFF 2024 Participation

NFF 2024 took place with diverse participants, including students, entrepreneurs, and activists. IAAS Nepal showcased their initiative, "Trash to Treasure," in the exhibition area. The stall featured eco-friendly products such as flowers and baskets made from recycled materials, which originated from IAAS's preliminary training sessions conducted at LC Sindhuli and LC AFU. The event saw positive feedback and appreciation for IAAS Nepal's efforts. They also had the opportunity to reconnect with their alumni during the event.



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### 4. Video Competition on Sustainable Farming

On 14th September, on the occasion of National Science Day 2081, IAAS Nepal organized a video competition themed "Sustainable Farming; Innovation in Action" in collaboration with the LEO club of Ratnanagar in Mid Nepal. A total of 10 participants took part in the event. On 29th September, based on judging criteria, Srijana Sunar won the 1st place receiving a prize of NPR 1200, while Ms. Sadikshya Sharma earned 2nd place, winning NPR 800. Both received e certificates, along with all the other participants, in recognition of their efforts.



### 5. Online Reel Competition

On 2nd September, IAAS Nepal LC VKC organized an online reel (single dance) competition on the occasion of Teej. In this reel competition, Binita Shrestha (AFU, Rampur) won the first place and received NPR 1000 while Jagriti Bohora (Valley Krishi Campus) secured second position and was awarded NPR 500.



### 6. Thematic Youth Assembly on Agriculture

On 21st September, the World Food Forum (WFF) has partnered with IAAS and the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) to organise the Thematic Youth Assembly on the Committee on Agriculture (COAG). IAAS conduct and moderate a breakout session on the Status of Women in Agrifood Systems which was held on 24th September.

As we wrap up the month of August, we have a new energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated team to work on uplifting the IAAS Nepal to next level.



# IAAS ITALY



## 1. NATIONAL MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (A.S.A)

The Department of Agriculture, Environment, and Food at the University of Molise hosted the first National Meeting of the Agriculture Students Association (A.S.A) from September 10th to 15th. The event brought together the Molise committee along with local committees from Sassari, Naples, Perugia, Ancona, and Verona. A.S.A. is recognized as the local committee of the International Association of Agricultural Students (IAAS), which boasts over 10,000 members from 35 different countries. Founded in 1957, IAAS is the oldest agricultural students' association in Europe. This year, with the C.A.S.A. Molise 2024 program, A.S.A. Molise set several key objectives, including:

- Reflecting on the role of agronomists and the future challenges that graduates in Agricultural Sciences will face upon completing their studies;
- Understanding and studying the unique characteristics of certain agricultural models in Molise, representative of the region's agro livestock sector;
- Promoting the Molise region by exploring its territories, history, and traditions.

**September 10th:** The inaugural day saw the participation of students, researchers, and professors from the Department of Agriculture, Environment, and Food, together with the students from the hosted Italian Committees. During the opening event, speeches were delivered by the Rector of the University of Molise, Professor Luca Brunese, the Director of the Department, Professor Raffaele Coppola, the President of the Association of Agronomists

and Foresters of the provinces of Campobasso and Isernia, Professor Giuseppe Palumbo, the President of the Degree Course in Agricultural and Forestry Sciences and Technologies, Professor Angelo Belliggiano, along with various local committee presidents and the National Director of IAAS.

The inaugural day concluded with a tour of the Department, led by Dr. Antonella Fatica. Specifically, the areas visited included the Biodiversity Museum, the Leonardo da Vinci Machines Museum, and the Electron Microscopy Laboratory. At the latter, students were welcomed by Professors Claudio Massimo Colombo and Erika Di Iorio, both Pedology professors, who explained the functionality of the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM).



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**September 11th:** The first day of the National Meeting took place in the Upper Molise region. The morning was focused on a visit to the Pallotta Farm in Capracotta (IS), where the topic of managing cattle farming in marginal areas was explored. Together with Professor Salimei and Dr. Fatica, discussions were held on emerging issues such as animal welfare and the sustainability of cattle farming and related agro-food productions.

During the visit, the main activities of the PRIN 2022 SUNEQUMAR research project, which involves Pallotta Farm, the University of Molise, and the University of Milan, were presented. The second part of the visit took place at the Pallotta artisanal dairy, where the family's traditional cheese-making techniques, used for decades, were demonstrated.

In the afternoon, attention shifted to the Melise agricultural company in Castel del Giudice (IS). Dr. Scocchera shared the company's history and their long-standing projects aimed at the development of the local area, carried out with passion and determination. The day concluded with a visit to the apple orchards and a tasting of the agricultural beers produced by the farm.



**September 12th:** The day began with a visit to the Giardino della Flora Appenninica in Capracotta (IS), a reservoir of an incredible variety of plant species and their natural habitats, such as beech forests, grasslands, and wetlands. The tour provided an opportunity to explore the mountainous environments of the central-southern Apennines and offered excellent views of the Upper Molise landscapes. Several moments of in-depth study and discussion focused on the terraced gardens of medicinal plants and native vegetable varieties, which serve as living laboratories to explore traditions and uses related to the plant world. In the afternoon, the visit to the Pontificia Fonderia Marinelli in Agnone (IS) provided valuable insights into the fascinating art of bell-making and its deep connection to Molise's cultural heritage. The day concluded at the Archaeological Park of Sepino (Sepino, CB), where a roundtable discussion titled "The Role of Agriculture in Territorial Regeneration Processes: New Challenges for Agricultural Science Graduates" took place. The session featured contributions from Professor Belliggiano, Professor Bindi, Professor Pilla, Dr. Fatica, Dr. Colagiovanni, and Dr. Cusano. The debate actively engaged the entire audience, resulting in a lively exchange of ideas and perspectives.



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**September 13th:** The day began with a visit to the Ruscitto farm, a Casertana pig breeding operation in Petrella Tifernina (CB). Together with the owner, Alessandro Ruscitto, Professor Maiorano, and Professor Tavaniello, participants were given a thorough overview of the farm's breeding system, the specific diet provided to the Casertana pigs, and the strategies adopted to limit the environmental impact of the livestock production. Emphasis was also placed on the techniques used to prepare processed meats obtained from the Casertana pigs, and there was a discussion on target markets and future research plans and strategies for the farm.

In the afternoon, the National Assembly took place, during which the new IAAS Board of Directors were elected, consisting of:

- National Director: Diego Leone (Polytechnic University of Marche);
- Exchange Program Coordinator: Alessio Giarrusso (Polytechnic University of Marche);
- Vice President for External Communications: Martina Cusano (University of Molise);
- Vice President for Finances: Gabriel Raffaele Vanacore (University of Naples).

**September 14th:** The day included a visit to the Marina Colonna olive groves and oil mill in San Martino in Pensilis (CB), highlighting the native Molise olive cultivars and the unique olive oil production culture of the region. The visit concluded with a tasting of the olive oil produced by the Marina Colonna farm.

In the afternoon, the visit to the Vaira Farm in Petacciato (CB) provided an opportunity to learn about and discuss the specific aspects of biodynamic agriculture, with valuable insights from Dr. Cordella.

**September 15th:** The activities of the National Meeting concluded with a tour exploring the historic centers of Termoli and Campobasso, accompanied by storytelling that highlighted local myths and legends. This final day allowed participants to immerse themselves in the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region, bringing the event to a meaningful close.





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