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IAAS FRANCE



1. International Exchange Pre-Event Survey

To streamline preparations for the January Exchange Event, IAAS France launched a pre-event survey for IAAS members from participating countries. This survey allowed us to collect essential information on participants' availability, interest levels, and travel details. The insights gained from this survey have been invaluable for estimating group sizes, arranging accommodation, and organizing meals and transport. It also enabled us to communicate early details on the program and budget, fostering a well-organized, welcoming environment for all attendees.

2. Event Program Planning and Site Selection

In the days leading up to the event, the IAAS France team visited several key sites around Paris to finalize the itinerary. We confirmed partnerships with local farms and agribusinesses that will host workshops and tours for our guests. These hands-on visits will emphasize sustainable practices and technological innovations in agriculture. The enthusiasm from the local hosts has been encouraging, and we are eager to showcase these collaborations to our international visitors.



IAAS GERMANY



1. First semester rallye

6th October 2024 Bonn, Germany

Every year in early October the first semester rallyes from different study programs are taking place all over Bonn. It's always great fun to get together with IAAS members, alumni and the new students getting to know each other and having a beer or a soft drink together.



2. Getting to know IAAS / Cooking event

(24th October 2024 Bonn, Germany

We hosted a cozy soup-cooking evening as our first social gathering. We prepared a delicious pumpkin soup, turned on some music to create a warm, relaxed atmosphere to get to know each other. After dinner, we organized speed-friending rounds so everyone had a chance to connect personally. This event was with local as well as international students which was really great!

3. IAAS-Garden

October 2024 Bonn, Germany

The IAAS garden continues to be a central part of our activities. This month, we discussed how we can prepare it for the winter season, by making a list of winter crops to plant. Together, we've come up with a few sustainable ideas to maintain the garden's health through the colder months, so it's ready for growth in spring.

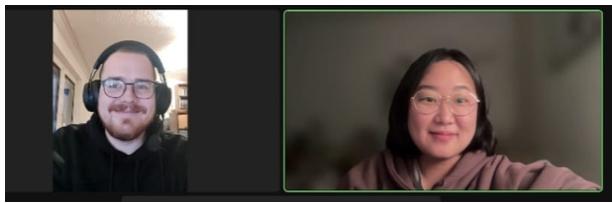


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4.EuropeanLocalChallenge

October 2024 Bonn, Germany

Two members of our local committee successfully participated in the European Local Challenge and presented their work in a final webinar. Together they created a comprehensive guide in the form of a flyer and a digital version that presents various hiking and walking routes in the Bonn area. A special focus was set on the environment and biodiversity to raise awareness for nature conservation. If you're interested in the project and their outcome, reach out to [IAAS Germany](#).



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CROATIA



1. AgroCroatica

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

We organized our fourth AgroCroatica 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 Vrbanik (Krk island) where we visited Katunar winery and Gospoja prosciutto production and winery and we had a lecture (and tasting) from the owner of KuSshh 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.

Summary: 10 different locations, 12 visits, 33 people, together with IAAS Greece (2 members) and IAAS Hungary (3 members).



2. Symposium of Chemistry Students

(October 12th) (Faculty of Science, Zagreb, Croatia)

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We participated on the 9th Symposium of Chemistry Students on the Faculty of Science of the University of Zagreb. On the Symposium, we had our stand on which the members of our Committee represented IAAS Croatia. We made a lot of new connections and even made some plans for the future with other associations that participated in the event.



3. Invitation to new members

October 21st – November 1st)

Since October is the month in which we start the new academic year, it was the perfect time for opening the registration for new members. In total, 38 new people applied to be a part of IAAS Croatia!

IAAS ITALY



1. Presentation meeting

16th October - University

We held a meeting to define our objectives and coordinate on November's projects. We also took the opportunity to exchange experiences on the exchange program, in particular on the latest experience in Ghent, Belgium.



After historical background on the Chiaravalle factory, the group had the opportunity to see the entire tobacco production chain, starting with the raw material and ending with cigarettes, which are a state monopoly.



3. FRUIT JOURNAL

From October - University

we have established a partnership with the 'Fruit-journal, cultivating information', which provides for the supply of twenty copies of the journal, bi-monthly and free of charge, to be distributed to ordinary members who show interest in the initiative

2. Free visit to the Italian tobacco factory

15th October - Manifattura Italiana dei tabacchi a Chiaravalle (AN)

IAAS members and other interested parties had the opportunity to visit the historical production unit in Chiaravalle, whose origins date back to 1759.

4. Ordinary Members' Meeting

1th October - University

Members and also freshmen were invited to attend, in order to present the association and the IAAS circuit.

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The A.S.A Molise 2024-2025 Board of Directors was elected during the assembly, and the proposals made by the members regarding the activities to be carried out during the association year were then evaluated.



5. GREEN GOLD FOR UNIVERSITY

October – University

we obtained the management of the olive grove in memory of the earthquake victims of San Giuliano di Puglia, located near the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Food of the University of Molise



6. IAASpettando San Martino

We will organise an event where we prepare vin brûlé and try to make the association known to as many people as possible

7. Aperitivo delle Associazioni

This aperitif is organised by our committee together with the committees of other student associations in Perugia such as: AISFA, IVSA, ELSA, SISM. The objective is to strengthen relations between the associations, exchange ideas on possible activities to be carried out also in cooperation between the associations, and to experience a moment of sociability.

8. “TEA, OGM & legislazione”

Seminar on TEAs, GMOs and related legislation held by professors from our university in order to have an in-depth look at different topics and to broaden the knowledge of members and participants.

9. EIMA

Some of our members visited the International Exhibition of Agricultural and Gardening Machinery

10. Excursion to Oliena

ASA Sassari, AUSF Nuoro and ASTVEA (Association of Viticulture and Oenology Students - Oristano) visited the archaeological area of Mount Tiscali and continued with a roast together with the participants. After a night in a tent, the weekend in Ottana for Autunno in Barbagia came to an end.

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11. Freshers' hike event

27TH October – Monte Somma

ASA and AUSF hiked in the Mount Somma Vesuvius complex



12. European Local challenge

October – University

Completed the European Local challenge organised by Iaas Europa by holding a presentation of the Brew Scholars team's project to brew at the University

IAAS BELGIUM



1. Teambuilding IAAS Ghent

(September 29th, 2024) (Ghent, Belgium)

No better way to get to know each other than to do this by conquering your fears! We went to a high rope parkour and got to help each other cross from tree to tree, while exploring the opportunities in IAAS.



2. Fairtrade DOCU-Night

(October 3rd, 2024) (Ghent, Belgium)

A documentary night about fairtrade chocolate to delve into the unknown stories behind this famous Belgian sweet, followed by a guided open discussion to engage our members to learn to speak in groups. This event was part of the fairtrade week organized by the University of Ghent and the city of Ghent.



3. Teambuilding IAAS LLN

(October 8th, 2024) (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

The IAAS team also got ready for the semester with a cozy teambuilding, where stories were shared, games played and an amazing night was held.



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4. Exchange Week Ghent

(October 6th - October 13th, 2024)
(Ghent, Belgium)

Welcoming amazing IAASters to spend the week with us in Ghent. Going from company visits to eating delicious Trade Fair food, exploring various cities in Belgium and discussing about food waste and agriculture across Europe! Of course, a traditional Cantus was added to the activities!



6. International Potluck

(October 30th, 2024) (Ghent, Belgium)

With over 20 dishes we explored the cuisine from all over the world! Having both students as some staff connect over food and the culture behind it. Both delicious and interesting.

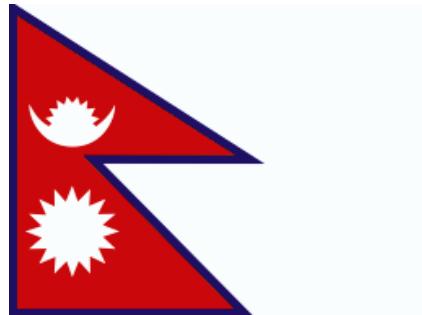


5. Belgium 101

(October 22nd, 2024) (Ghent, Belgium)

What a better way to welcome new international students to our campus, than by giving them free Belgium food (and beers) and giving 5 workshops in smaller groups to introduce Belgium culture. Making waffles (and eating many of them), learning some typical Belgium dances, testing out different local specialties from various regions, beer tasting and a quiz to learn you all the funniest facts!

IAAS NEPAL



1. Dashain and Tihar Lottery Announcement

(October 7th, 2024)

In 7th October, IAAS Nepal presents Dashain and Tihar Lottery Announcement. Through the Dashain and Tihar Lottery, IAAS Nepal continues to raise money.



2. Share your Festival

(Ongoing from October 31st, 2024)

To celebrate the festive season, we launched the "Share Your Festival" campaign, focusing on the rich cultural importance and religious significance of Tihar and Chhath.

This initiative highlighted traditions such as Deusi-Bhailo, Bhai Tika, Mha Puja, and the heartwarming practices of Gai Tihar and Kukur Puja. We encouraged community engagement by sharing stories of Tihar's rangolis, Chhath's riverbank diyas, and the symbolism of flowers like Sayapatri and Makhmali. Additionally, the campaign promoted awareness of safe practices, like the effects of firecrackers, and celebrated the flavors and customs that make these festivals meaningful and enduring.



3. Quality Board Member Recruitment Announcement 2024/25

IAAS Nepal proudly announced the selection of its Quality Board (QB) members for the 2024/25 tenure. This initiative was undertaken to strengthen our organization's commitment to quality and continuous improvement across various departments. The newly appointed Quality Board members were selected based on their dedication, expertise, and contributions to IAAS Nepal's goals and values.

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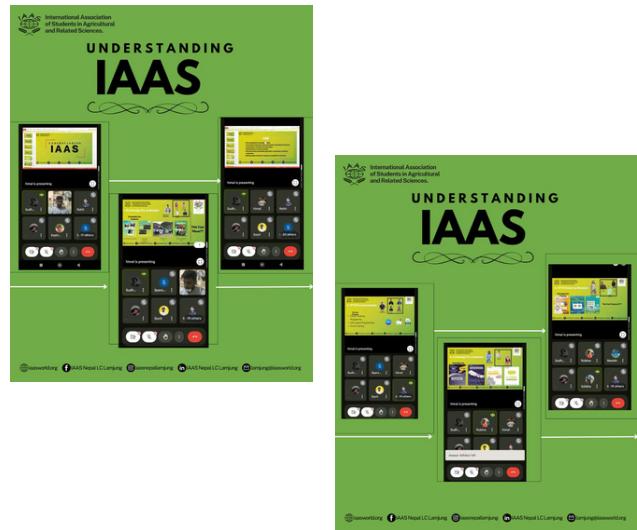
IAAS Nepal announced a national Quality Board application form under respective departments.

- 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

4. Understanding IAAS

(October 28, 2024) (Google Meet)

In October, the International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences (IAAS) hosted a successful virtual session titled "Understanding IAAS" drawing participants from various regions worldwide. This event offered an in-depth introduction to IAAS's mission and goals, emphasizing its role as a dynamic platform for students passionate about agricultural sciences, sustainable farming, and global networking. IAAS aims to foster a collaborative learning environment where students can exchange knowledge, ideas, and insights on the challenges and advancements shaping the future of agriculture. Through this session, participants explored the numerous opportunities IAAS provides for professional development, including workshops, internships, and international events that empower students to become proactive leaders in their fields. This October event exemplified IAAS's dedication to building an informed and connected community of young agricultural professionals eager to make a positive impact on global food systems and sustainability.



5. Food Waste Awareness

IAAS Nepal LC VKC organized an online session for this campaign, which originated from the National Campaign Team. During the session, we discussed the story and script, and all members were asked to find relevant pictures. Finally, we created a food waste awareness video and posted it on IAAS NEPAL LC VKC page to raise awareness about food waste.



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6. An Informative Video

(7 th October, 2024) (Online)

IAAS NEPAL LC Sindhuli released an informative video led by LOCAL CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR Tej Bahadur Budhathoki, on the rice yellow stem borer (*Scirpophaga incertulas*), a major pest causing up to 80% crop loss. The video explains the pest's life cycle, signs like "dead hearts" and "white heads," and offers essential management tips. This is a valuable resource for rice farmers, agricultural students, and anyone interested in effective crop protection techniques.



7. Youth Food Lab 2024

(22nd October, 2024)

We're excited to share our experience from Youth Food Lab 2024, a global platform for food security, innovation, and youth empowerment. Our team engaged in meaningful discussions and collaborated with young leaders to build sustainable food systems. We also had the chance to present our project, *Trash to Treasure*, and exchanged ideas with experts to help shape a sustainable, food-secure future.

IAAS BANGLADESH



1. IAAS Scientific Event 2024

The IAAS Scientific Event 2024 focused on "Advancing Climate Resilient Agriculture: Perspectives from Youth and Farmers." This event united young leaders, farmers, and experts to investigate sustainable agricultural practices capable of withstanding climate challenges, emphasizing practical insights from those most affected. It served as an engaging platform that empowered youth to contribute to a resilient agricultural system prepared for the future. The event took place at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University in Gopalganj, Bangladesh, on October 26, 2024.

The distinguished guests included:

1. Dr. Ziaul Haque, Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University
2. Dr. Shaharior Hashem, Associate Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University
3. Dipok Halder, Scientific Officer, BARI (Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute), Gopalganj,



The IAAS Scientific Event 2024 was a remarkable success! The discussions were dynamic and yielded valuable insights. The inspiring line up of presentations and interactive sessions fostered collaboration and enhanced our understanding of climate-related challenges in agriculture. Overall, it was an empowering experience that highlighted the significant impact of youth-driven initiatives in Climate Change Adaptation Strategies.



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2. Tree Plantation and Distribution Program

(1st-14th September, 2024)
(Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Patuakhali)

In our mission to support farmers, we've taken the initiative to distribute various fruit and timber-producing trees directly to the farmers. With seedlings collected from the Agroforestry Department of Faculty of Agriculture, we have prepared a plot to nurture these plants until they are ready for distribution. The field preparation took two weeks, transforming a once weed-infested area into a land of hope. This is a step towards a greener and more sustainable future!



3. Content Writing Workshops

(21st-30th Sep, 2024) (Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Patuakhali)

IAAS Bangladesh PSTU hosted an introductory session on CONTENT WRITING, led by the Vice Director of exchange, Anirban Saha. He emphasized the critical role of content writing in today's digital age and shared invaluable tips on choosing topics, conducting research, and crafting compelling content. The members were trained and having a series of training to improve their content writing skill under communication team.



4. Newsletter Publication

(31st October, 2024) (Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Patuakhali)

Welcome to the very first edition of our IAAS Bangladesh PSTU Newsletter! We are thrilled to share recent milestones, ongoing projects, and upcoming initiatives that showcase the dedication, passion, and collaborative spirit driving our team. In the months of 2024 our organization has made strides in development, sustainability, innovation, launched new programs, and engaged with our community in meaningful ways.

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Inside, you'll find stories and updates on our arranged programs, community engagement, highlights from our outreach events and partnerships, exciting projects and goals on the horizon, team spotlights. Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community.

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5. Volunteer Programme during the University Admission Test

(October 25th - BSMRAU Campus)

Our members actively volunteered at the BSMRAU campus on October 25th during the university admission test. A booth was set up by our members to assist the examinees by providing them with required information.



6. Fishbooth Lab

27th September, 2024 (CVASU)

They will provide us offline training (with discount for our members) on

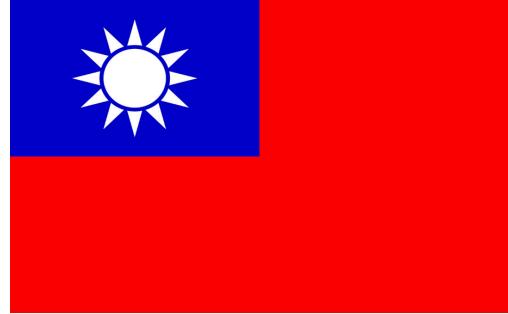
- SPSS
- Minitab
- Our honorable Director of Student Welfare, Dean sir of Fisheries, Instructor Teachers were present in the Inaugural ceremony.

We took the offer and participating in the session. The members are

- Swapnil Mahmud (Local Director)
- Most. Sayama Akhter Sathy (Head of Control Board)



IAAS TAIWAN



1. Fall Welcome and Networking Event

On October 20, 2024

IAAS Taiwan held a "2024 秋季迎新交流會" (Fall Welcome and Networking Event) via Google Meet from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. This session was designed to welcome new members and introduce them to the organization. It provided an opportunity for attendees to network and learn more about IAAS Taiwan's mission and upcoming activities.



2. Introduction to Agricultural NPO Internships

On October 30, 2024

IAAS Taiwan organized another event titled "農業NPO實習初探" (Introduction to Agricultural NPO Internships). This session was led by Hao-Hsiang Li, an active member of the Taiwan Rice Circle, a well-known organization promoting sustainable agricultural practices and supporting local farmers. The event covered key topics, including insights into agricultural internships, an introduction to the Taiwan Rice Circle's mission, and a Q&A session on NPO internship opportunities. Attendees gained valuable information on how to get involved in agricultural organizations and learned about the importance of sustainable practices in Taiwan's agricultural landscape.



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