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## **INTRODUCTION**

In the past sixteen years the educational, research and practical activities of the Faculty of Agriculture – Stip, Goce Delcev University – Stip, contributed to the development of agriculture sector in the country and broader region.

The Faculty of Agriculture organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting Agriscience & Practice (ASP 2023), giving an opportunity to the participants for presentation and discussion of original scientific and practical results in different fields of agriculture.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting Agriscience & Practice (ASP 2023), held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 at the Faculty of Agriculture - Stip, was organized with intention to bring together all agricultural stakeholders for sharing their knowledge, experience and obstacles. One of the main aims was to link research and field work in agricultural sector in the country and broader, giving it an international dimension. All oral presentations as well as poster presentations at ASP 2023 were organized in several scientific sessions:

- Agricultural economics,
- Plant biotechnology,
- Plant production,
- Plant protection,
- Quality control and food safety,
- Soil science and hydrology,
- Viticulture, enology and fruit production.

The main goal of the Meeting was linking and promoting scientific achievements and practical knowledge, presented in different thematic areas, which were achieved in the Republic of North Macedonia and wider in the region.

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