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A central component of the process was the presentation of each course module by the faculty member responsible for its delivery. Each lecturer outlined the module's content, objectives, the competencies and skills it is designed to develop in students, the teaching methodology, and the assessment methods. They also presented their academic, research, and professional experience, demonstrating the qualifications and expertise that make them well suited to deliver the respective module.



An important component of the workshops was the review of the teaching plans for each course module, the intended learning outcomes, and the teaching methodologies. This ensured that every module is aligned with the competencies required for the professions of the future and with the new educational philosophy underpinning UBT's study programs. **[Read more...](#)**

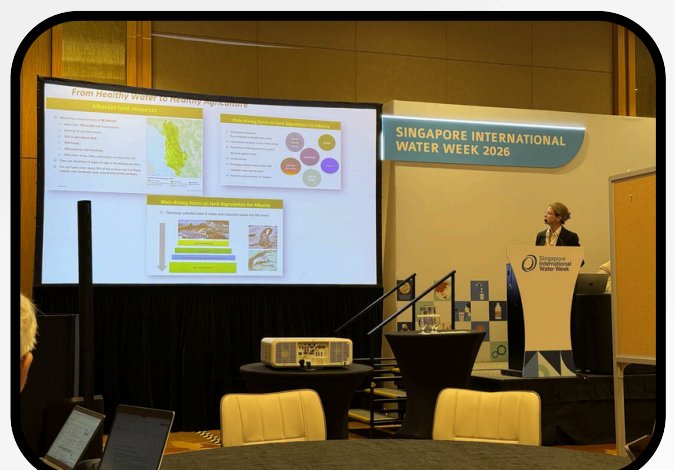


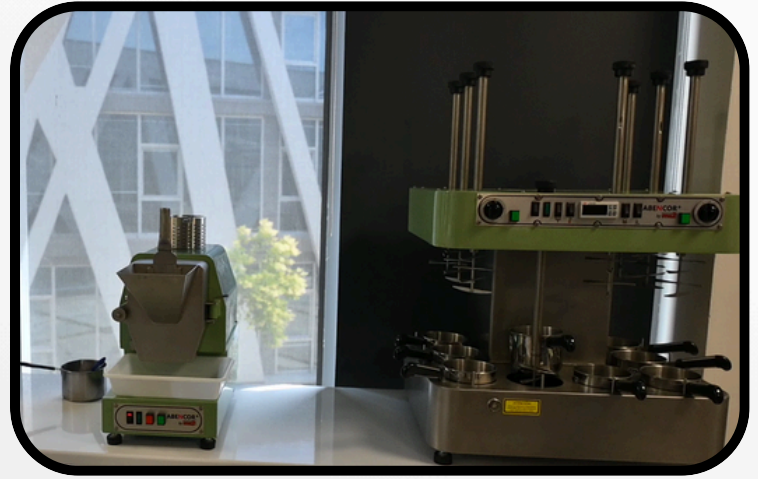
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Representing UBT at this global forum, Prof. Dr. Erinda Lika, Vice Rector for Science and Projects, participated in the workshop “Rethinking Water and Health: Integrating the One Water and One Health Concept.” She contributed an Albanian case study from an agricultural perspective and presented research-based approaches to the complex interconnections between water quality, agricultural productivity, ecosystem sustainability, animal health, and human well-being.

This milestone marks UBT's first engagement with a prestigious global network focused on water, health, agriculture, and sustainability, demonstrating the university's capacity to contribute to international scientific dialogue through interdisciplinary research, innovation, and meaningful collaboration.

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UBT Unveils a New Laboratory for the Analysis of Olive Oil and Vegetable Oils

The Faculty of Biotechnology and Food hosted the closing event of the project "Establishment of the Laboratory for the Analysis of Olive Oil and Vegetable Oils," a significant investment in the university's research and laboratory infrastructure, supported by funding from the National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation (NASRI).

The event was attended by UBT Rector, Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, together with university leaders, academic staff, researchers, and students from the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food. During the presentation, the project's achievements were highlighted. The project was implemented over the 2024–2026 period under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Kapllan Sulaj.

The new laboratory is designed to strengthen UBT's research and teaching capacities in the field of food technology by providing advanced physico-chemical analyses of olive oil and other vegetable oils. It will serve as a modern platform for scientific research, support master's and doctoral studies, and provide laboratory services to the agri-food industry.

The event also featured presentations of the laboratory's newly installed analytical equipment, the project's implementation process, and the expected impact of this infrastructure on enhancing the quality of scientific research, student training, and collaboration with institutions and industry partners.

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New Academic Programs at UBT for the Agriculture of the Future

The future of agriculture and UBT's new academic programs, aimed at educating the next generation of agricultural experts, were the focus of a television interview on Ora News. Guests included Prof. Dr. Seit Shallari, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, together with Assistant Lecturers Fatos Huqi and Xhulio Sema, who shared the university's vision for modernizing agricultural education, advancing scientific research, and strengthening the competitiveness of Albanian agriculture within the framework of European Union integration.

Assistant Lecturer Xhulio Sema highlighted the importance of sustainable water resource management and the role of scientific research in the European integration process. He emphasized UBT's active involvement in doctoral research conducted in collaboration with universities in Germany and BOKU University in Vienna, focusing on water resource management and environmental protection.

According to Sema, this collaboration includes the implementation of a technological model already used in Germany, Austria, and Luxembourg, which is planned to be introduced in Albania for monitoring water quality and managing river basins. These projects are directly linked to meeting European Union standards, particularly the requirements of Chapter 27 on the Environment.

Assistant Lecturer Fatos Huqi, meanwhile, focused on the potential of Albanian agriculture to become more competitive in the European market. He noted that Albania should concentrate on products where it enjoys natural advantages and can generate greater added value by capitalizing on its favorable climate, strategic geographic location, and rich biodiversity.

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UBT – World Vets: Collaboration for Veterinary Services

The event brought together students and academic staff from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, who had the opportunity to become closely acquainted with the experience and contribution of this international organization in providing veterinary services worldwide.

During the lecture, representatives of World Vets presented their work across dozens of countries, sharing knowledge and best practices in field veterinary services, anesthesia safety, animal sterilization campaigns, and the practical techniques used in their international missions.

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Volunteer Veterinary Campaign in Tropojë

UBT participated in the volunteer veterinary campaign “Strays of Albania – Safe Paws,” an initiative that brings together experts, students, and partner organizations to carry out the sterilization, neutering, and vaccination of dogs and cats in the city of Tropojë.



The campaign aims to contribute to the management of the stray animal population, improve animal welfare, and enhance public health safety within the community. The activities began at the premises of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at UBT.

On June 13, participants departed for Tropojë, where training sessions were conducted on animal capture procedures, registration, surgical interventions, and post-operative care. **[Read more...](#)**



UBT Achieves Success in International Doctoral Program



This doctoral thesis was carried out within the framework of a Cotutelle model between the Agricultural University of Tirana and Justus Liebig University Giessen, representing one of the first successful outcomes of this international doctoral cooperation model by a member of UBT's new generation of academic staff. The Rector of the Agricultural University of Tirana, Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, participated as a member of the evaluation committee in the doctoral defense of Aleksandër Peqini at Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) in Germany.

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UBT-BOKU 2030 Project UBT Team Visits Vienna



The visit was carried out within the framework of the joint project that the Agricultural University of Tirana and BOKU University have been implementing for the past two years, focusing on strengthening academic and scientific cooperation between the two institutions.

One of the main objectives of the visit was to further define opportunities for the involvement of BOKU University professors and experts in the teaching process at the Agricultural University of Tirana, through guest lectures, specialized modules, and other forms of collaboration in teaching and scientific research. **[Read more...](#)**





European Forestry Experts Deliver Lecture at UBT

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, the Faculty of Forestry Sciences at the Agricultural University of Tirana organized an academic event dedicated to the exchange of international knowledge and experience.

Prof. Dr. Ing. Tomáš Kušta from the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague delivered a lecture on wildlife and hunting management in the Czech Republic, presenting the main policies, practices, and challenges of this sector. [**Read more...**](#)



Master's Students from ULCO, France Visit UBT

The Agricultural University of Tirana welcomed Master's-level students from ULCO (Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale), France.



The Vice-Rector for Institutional Relations and Public Affairs, Prof. Asoc. Romina Koto, presented the faculties, study programs, and strategic directions of the university. This was followed by a presentation by Prof. Dr. Alketa Grepcka from the Projects and Development Office on international mobility programs.

One of the stops included the Smart Agriculture Laboratory of Horticulture, where the students were welcomed by Prof. Dr. Endrit Kullaj.

The visit continued in the olive oil analysis laboratory and the soil analysis laboratories. [**Read more...**](#)



Forestry Engineering Students Complete Field Training in Tropojë and the Valbona Valley



From the Classroom to the Heart of the Albanian Alps. First- and second-year Forestry Engineering students at UBT took part in a field study visit to the Tropojë area and the Valbona Valley as part of the Forest Botany and Erosion Control course modules. During the two-day field exercise, students had the opportunity to explore firsthand the natural resources and forest ecosystems of one of Albania's most important regions for biodiversity and environmental value. The practical training was designed to reinforce the theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom through direct field observations and analysis. [Read more...](#)



"Grandma's Recipe Is Modern": Students Promote Local Products



Students enrolled in the Professional Master's Program in Rural Tourism Management and the Two-Year Professional Program in Agritourism and Hospitality at UBT organized a special event dedicated to promoting traditional products and Albania's cultural identity as part of the "Products of the Territory" course. The event aimed to raise students' awareness of the vital role that local products play in the economic development of rural communities, the promotion of tourism, and, in particular, agritourism. Through this project, students were encouraged to explore and showcase authentic traditional products. [Read more...](#)

