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Three Days of CASEE at UBT



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The second day of the CASEE 2026 International Conference at the Agricultural University of Tirana focused on the presentation of the UBT2030 strategic reform, one of the most ambitious higher education transformation processes in Albania. Professors and researchers from European universities also discussed precision agriculture, food safety, climate change, digital technologies, and innovation in the life sciences. The conference concluded with a scientific poster session, where participants from Albania and across Europe presented their research in agriculture, environment, and rural development. [Read more...](#)



From the characteristic landscapes of Berat to memorable moments together and the authentic taste of Albanian wine at a traditional winery, CASEE 2026 participants had the opportunity to experience Albanian culture, hospitality, and traditions firsthand through a journey that connected academia with authentic local experiences. With its rich history and unique natural beauty, Berat provided a special setting for networking and creating lasting memories. [Watch the video to learn more...](#)



UBT-BOKU: The 21st Mission in Tirana

The latest mission began with a Steering Committee meeting attended by UBT Rector Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, BOKU Rector Prof. Dr. Eva Schulev-Steindl, university academic leaders, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Sports, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, representatives of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), and the BOKU team led by Prof. Dr. Hubert Hasenauer.

An equally important meeting was held on the finalization of doctoral programmes, with the participation of Prof. Dr. Erinda Lika, Vice Rector for Science and Projects, Prof. Dr. Hubert Hasenauer, and Matthias Schreiner from BOKU.

The mission continued with an extended working session dedicated to supporting the implementation of the new study programmes, bringing together the coordinators of all restructured Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Discussions focused on programme implementation, the role of coordinators, timelines, and the support needed to ensure a successful start to the new academic year.

The session was opened by Prof. Dr. Hubert Hasenauer, Prof. Dr. Ilir Kapaj, Vice Rector for Teaching, and Prof. Assoc. Romina Koto, Vice Rector for Institutional Relations and Public Affairs, who emphasized the importance of moving from the programme design phase to their practical implementation in the classroom through a modern approach to teaching and academic management. **Read more...**





Two Years of the Strategic UBT- BOKU Partnership

Two years ago, the Agricultural University of Tirana embarked on a transformative journey following the signing of a strategic partnership agreement with BOKU University in Vienna. Today, we proudly reflect on the achievements made so far while continuing with determination toward new goals. This partnership, made possible through the dedication of UBT staff and colleagues from BOKU Vienna under the leadership of Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, has become a cornerstone of academic modernization and institutional renewal. Over this period, more than 21 structured missions, along with dozens of meetings, workshops, analyses, and consultations, have enabled the comprehensive redesign of UBT's academic portfolio.

This journey reflects UBT's commitment to embracing change, addressing contemporary challenges, and aligning with Albania's aspirations for European Union integration by 2030. We extend our gratitude to every colleague and partner who has contributed to this transformation, especially the BOKU Vienna team and Prof. Hubert Hasenauer for his outstanding leadership. We also thank the Governments of Albania and Austria for their strategic support of this pioneering higher education project. A particularly significant milestone has been the modernization of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in line with the Vetmeduni Vienna model and EAEVE standards, under the guidance of Prof. Petra Winter.

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UBT Signs Agreements with Italian and Hungarian Universities



The Agricultural University of Tirana and the University of Perugia in Italy have signed a cooperation agreement, further strengthening UBT's international academic network.

A delegation from the University of Perugia visited Tirana within the framework of the "TNE Health Connect" project, which focuses on education, networking, and international academic cooperation. The Italian representatives also took part in the activities of the CASEE 2026 International Conference hosted by UBT. **Read more...**



The Agricultural University of Tirana has expanded its network of international partnerships by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), one of Hungary's leading academic institutions in the fields of agriculture, life sciences, and scientific research. The agreement was signed in Tirana by UBT Rector Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku and MATE Rector Prof. Dr. Csaba Gyuricza, with the aim of strengthening academic, research, and institutional cooperation between the two universities. **Read more...**





Italian Student Pursuing Veterinary Medicine at UBT "UBT Talk Podcast"

In the latest episode of "UBT Talk", meet Giulia Greco, a student from Italy who chose to pursue her degree in Veterinary Medicine at the Agricultural University of Tirana.

In this conversation, Giulia shares what motivated her to come to Albania for her studies, the special connection she has developed with the country, and her experiences during the first months of student life in Tirana. She also talks about her impressions of Albania, its hospitality, UBT, and the challenges of embarking on a new academic journey abroad. **Watch the full video...**



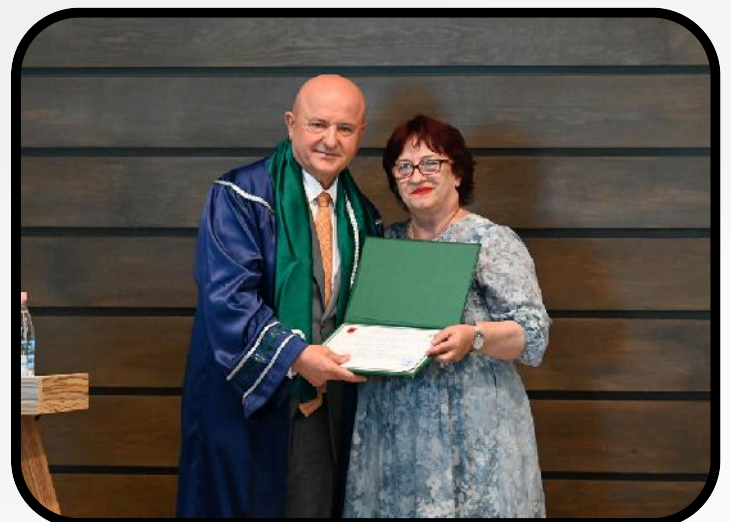


UBT Honors Journalist Edlira Birko and Prof. Dr. Flutura Kalemi

The Agricultural University of Tirana had the distinct pleasure of honoring two outstanding personalities whose work, dedication, and professionalism have made a significant contribution to the academic, media, and public life of the country. During a special ceremony attended by the Academic Senate, UBT awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to renowned journalist and researcher Edlira Birko, while Flutura Kalemi was bestowed with the prestigious title of "Professor Emeritus."

The ceremony was opened by Vice Rector for Science and Projects, Prof. Dr. Erinda Lika, who presented the career and achievements of Edlira Birko, highlighting her longstanding contribution to Albanian journalism and, in particular, her role in promoting education, science, and knowledge through public media. She emphasized that throughout her career, Birko has demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and a continuous commitment to high-quality public information and education.

In his remarks, UBT Rector Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku praised the contributions of both distinguished honorees. He noted that UBT has had the privilege of collaborating with Edlira Birko for many years and highlighted her role in promoting higher education, scientific research, and the achievements of Albanian universities through the RTSH program "Auditor Arsimi," which she has hosted for more than two decades. **Read more...**





National Symposium on Bees at UBT

The event was organized by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the Agricultural University of Tirana within the framework of the READ program. A significant number of beekeepers from Albania and Kosovo attended the symposium, actively participating in discussions and turning the event into a valuable platform for collaboration and the exchange of experiences within the sector.

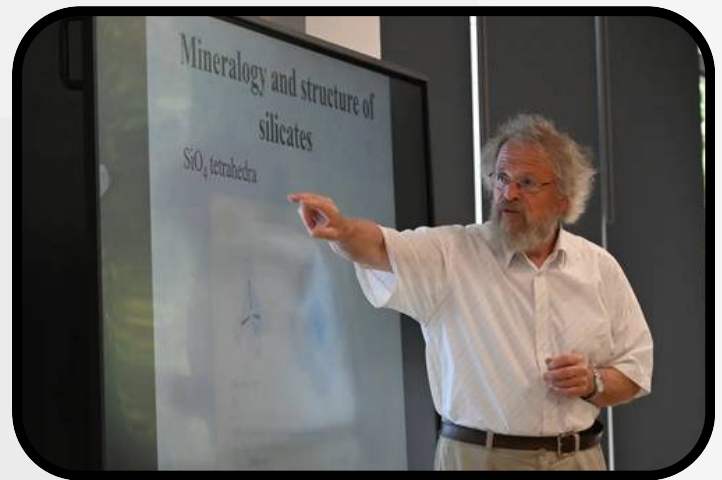
The program also featured student presentations and an applied workshop on safe beekeeping practices and reducing the risks associated with pesticide use. **Read more...**



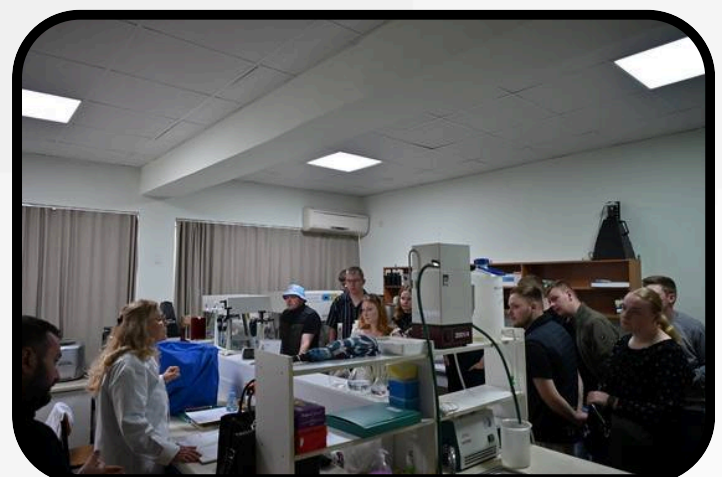
International Professors and Students at UBT

The Agricultural University of Tirana had the pleasure of welcoming Prof. Dr. Franz Ottner from BOKU University. The lectures focused on topics related to General Geology, Mineralogy, Soil Science, Land Rehabilitation, and Nature-Based Solutions.

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Meanwhile, a group of 30 Agriculture students from Bygholm Landbrugsskole in Denmark visited the Agricultural University of Tirana as part of a study tour. During their visit to the university campus, the students had the opportunity to explore UBT's facilities firsthand, including the plant and soil laboratories. **Read more...**



UBT at an "Open Day" at "Rakip Kryeziu" Vocational School in Fier



The Agricultural University of Tirana participated in the "Open Day" event organized by Rakip Kryeziu Vocational High School, a well-known vocational education institution specializing in agriculture and veterinary sciences.

UBT was represented at the event by Prof. Dr. Rezart Postoli, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, and Besmira Pelushaj, Director of Public Relations, who presented the innovations and developments being implemented through the UBT2030 reform initiative. During the event, the school's director, Alket Merdanaj, guided participants on a tour of the school's facilities and laboratories. **Read more...**



Graduating Students from Cërrik Visit UBT



A group of graduating students from Mihal Shahini Agricultural Vocational High School visited the Agricultural University of Tirana to learn more about its academic offerings and university life.

During the visit, the students were introduced to UBT's study programmes and received detailed information about the Bachelor's degrees available, as well as the professional opportunities they provide in the fields of agriculture, environment, and life sciences. They also had the opportunity to tour the university campus, including lecture halls, modern laboratories, and student dormitories, gaining a comprehensive overview of both academic and living conditions at UBT. **Read more...**

