

🝂 Autumn 2025 Newsletter 🍂

True to its mission of cooperation and development, CIHEAM continues to advance its commitment to sustainable and inclusive agri-food systems across the Mediterranean.

Its General Secretariat and Institutes remain at the forefront of partnerships supporting agricultural and food system transitions in the region. Here's a look back at some key achievements and upcoming events.

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Empowering Woment Entrepreneurs in the MENA Agro-Food Sector Through Social and Technological Innovation

On 21 and 22 October 2025, the UfM, in partnership with CIHEAM, FAO, AECID and the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (AUC Egypt), organized in Cairo a multi-stakeholder workshop and dialogue.

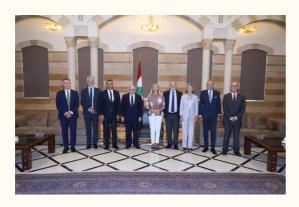
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Working meeting with UNU-FLORES

On 17 September 2025, a delegation from the General Secretariat visited the United Nations University—FLORES in Dresden to develop collaborations around the Soil—Water—Food Nexus, thus laying the foundations for a promising academic and international partnership...

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Ministerial Meetings in Lebanon

A CIHEAM delegation visited Beirut to meet with the Prime Minister and the Lebanese Minister of Agriculture, aiming to strengthen cooperation in agricultural innovation, rural development, and training.

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CIHEAM Alumni international seminar in Lebanon

On 24 September 2025, under the patronage of the Lebanese Minister of Agriculture, CIHEAM organized the first International Seminar of Lebanese Alumni. The event highlighted youth, innovation, and alumni expertise to promote sustainable agri-food systems, particularly by bridging education and employment. **Learn more...**

CIHEAM Bari















The Mediterranean Innovation **Agrifood Week**

From 25 to 28 November 2025, CIHEAM Bari will host the Mediterranean Innovation Agrifood Week, an annual event bringing together public and private actors, startups, and experts to strengthen innovation ecosystems and build sustainable agri-food systems in the Mediterranean and Africa.

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International Workshop

On 29-30 September, CIHEAM Bari hosted an international workshop on the role of the Mediterranean diet as a driver of sustainable tourism, food innovation, and local development in EUSAIR communities, in partnership with the North Macedonian EUSAIR Presidency, DG REGIO, and IFOAM.

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International Conference on Water-related Risks Reduction

On 4 November 2025, CIHEAM Bari organises the international ONE WATER - ICWRRR 2025 conference in Florence to strengthen MENA-Balkans cooperation on sustainable water management, in preparation for the first Euro-Mediterranean Water Forum scheduled in Rome in October 2026.



High-level Conference in Support of the Plant Health Strategy in the Near East and **North Africa Region**

On 12-13 May 2025, CIHEAM Bari organized in close collaboration with the FAO and NEPPO (Near East Plant Protection Organization) a high-level conference on the Plant Health Strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa, bringing together ministers, experts, and international institutions to strengthen efforts against transboundary pests and diseases affecting agriculture.

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CIHEAM Chania













Festum π : Where Mathematics **Meets Music in the Heart of** Crete

From 14 to 28 July, the Institute hosted the 4th Festum π , a unique festival where mathematics and musicology meet.

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Cedric Villani - © Come SITTLER/REA for l'Humanité

As part of Festum π , a roundtable on artificial intelligence and climate change in the Mediterranean was organized, bringing together the renowned mathematician Cédric Villani, Remi Lam, co-founder of the Google DeepMind weather team, and other experts.





Biodiversity on your plate!

As part of the **BioValue** project and the Chania Film Festival, the workshop 'From Plate to Field' invited participants to rediscover food biodiversity by cooking alongside chef Ioannis Apostolakis with forgotten, nutritious, and sustainable plants, illustrating the connection between diversity on the plate, health, heritage, and biodiversity.

Cooking up creative policies for sustainable and rich agri-food systems and agro-biodiversity

On 15 September at the Chania Institute, the BioValue project chefs showcased forgotten plant species such as fava beans and xinóchontros, demonstrating that

inventive and flavorful cuisine can promote agricultural biodiversity, health, and gastronomic innovation.

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IFSA 2026 World Congress

The Institute is organizing the 16th IFSA World Congress 2026 (29 June - 3 July), focused on sustainable transitions in agricultural and agri-food systems, with a call for papers open until **15 October** 2025 for abstracts and special sessions.

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EURO-AFRICA Biennial

On 6–7 October 2025, the Institute participated in the Euro-Africa Congress at the Corum in Montpellier, a major event for Euro-African cooperation (climate, agriculture, water, health), notably hosting a roundtable on food security and agroecology as part of the **NATAE project.**

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AACC-Med Conferences

On 5–6 November, the Institute will host the Multi-Stakeholder Conferences of the AACC-Med project, led by the FARM Foundation, of which it is a partner. **Learn more...**

CIHEAM Zaragoza















International Symposium

On 11–12 November 2025, the Institute, in partnership with AECID, is organizing an international symposium on new agri-food cooperation models in the face of geopolitical crises, aimed at rethinking the future of development and food security.

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Inaugural Ceremony 2025/2026 **Academic Year**

On 28 October 2025, the Institute's auditorium inaugurated the 2025-2026 academic year with an official ceremony featuring the launch of international Master's programs, a lecture by Fernando Miranda on agri-food geopolitics in the Mediterranean, a tribute to two former directors, and the presentation of the Ramón Esteruelas-CIHEAM Zaragoza Award.

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Agriculture 5.0: leading the future of agricultural productivity and sustainability in the Mediterranean

From 24 to 29 November, CIHEAM Zaragoza and the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) will organize an advanced course on Agriculture 5.0, focusing on its tools, techniques, case studies, and operational applications.

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Transitioning to more sustainable aquatic food value chains

From 3 to 7 November, CIHEAM Zaragoza will host this course in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through its Fisheries and Aquaculture Division.

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