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Scientific programme**Friday 19 June 2026**

- 08:45 Registration & Networking (VI pavilion; Great Hall)
- 09:15 Opening of Symposium
- Welcome speech (Prof. Aleksandar Mešić, dean of University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture)
 - Welcome speech (Prof. András Gáspárdy, president of the DAGENE association)

ORAL PRESENTATION**Section 1. Chair: Jelena Ramljak**

- 09:30 Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources in Croatia: Status, Trends and Challenges
**Ivanković A., Čačić M., Korabi N.*
- 09:45 The Gidran Horse as a Bridge between Genetic Value and Cultural Heritage
**Ramljak J., Kovačić B., Horvath I., Trogrlić J., Jakrlin S., Ivanković A.*
- 10:00 Genetic Analysis of Selected Body Measurements of Hungarian Hucul Horse Mares
*Barsi B., *Posta J.*
- 10:15 *In Vivo Ex Situ* and *In Situ* Gene Conservation of Indigenous Sheep and Cattle Breeds
**Hudák P., Mátyás E., Pócz D., Balázs R., Edviné Meleg E., Pálinkás-Bodzsár N.*
- 10:30 Meat Quality of Istrian Cattle — Physicochemical Characterization
*Šubara G., *Pečina M., Kelava Ugarković N., Šuran E., Ivanković A.*
- 10:45 From Tradition to Productivity: Breeding and Performance of the Native Tsigai Sheep
**Becskei Z., Gáspárdy A., Dimitrijević V., Tarić E., Kovačević S., Dominiković N., Paskaš S., Rašeta M., Bjedov S., Cekić B.*

11:00 Coffee Break**Section 2. Chair: Janos Posta**

- 11:30 New Aspects of The History and Current Status of the Dairy Tsigai Sheep Breed in Hungary
**Vásárhelyi A.M., Lévai A., Becskei Z., Gáspárdy A.*
- 11:45 Lambing Distribution and Lambing Intervals in Romanov Ewes Under a Continuous Mating System
**Vlahek I., Maurić Majković M., Piplic A., Popović N.*
- 12:00 Growth potential of whether lambs under extensive grazing regime
*Teysieres J., Vásárhelyi A.M., Lévai A., *Gáspárdy A.*
- 12:15 Production and functional traits of the Pag sheep: An indigenous Croatian dairy breed
**Prpić Z., Kelava Ugarković N., Konjačić M., Jurković D.*
- 12:30 Reaffirmation of the Istrian Goat: From Historical Symbolism to Pastures
**Šubara G., Kapurlain J., Kostelić A., Ivanković A., Šuran E.*
- 12:45 Molecular Tools for Strengthening Breeding Programs in the Istrian Goat
**Kasap A., Ramljak J., Držaić V., Špehar M., Šubara G., Šuran E.*

13:00 Lunch time – Faculty lobby, pavilion VI**Section 3. Chair: Peter Chrenek**

- 14:00 Effect of Two Factors on Goat Sperm Cryopreservation
*Bercik J., Vozaf J., Balazi A. Vasicek J., *Chrenek P.*
- 14:15 The Banija Spotted Pig: Current Population Status, Genetic Diversity and Prospects for Sustainable Conservation
**Škorput D., Kaić A., Karolyi D. *, Salajpal K., Luković Z., Djurkin Kušec I., Mercat M.-J., Poklukar K., Škrlep M., Čandek-Potokar M.*
- 14:30 Native Poultry Breeds in Croatia
**Janječić Z., Bedeković, D.*
- 14:45 Conservation and Management of the Carniolan Honeybee (*Apis mellifera carnica*) in Slovenia
**Žan M., Bojkovski D., Flisar T.*
- 15:00 Traditional Meat Products as a Tool for Valorisation and Conservation of Indigenous Livestock Breeds
**Kos I., Vnučec I.*

POSTERS Section 4. Chair: Mateja Pećina – (3 minute pitch, single slide presentation)

15:15 – 15:45

Comparative Growth Performance of Four Indigenous Bulgarian Chicken Breeds

Pavlova I., Lukanov H.

In Vivo Gene Conservation of the Hungarian Giant Rabbit

Liptófi K., Váradi É., Drobnyák Á., Pálinkás-Bodzsár N., Molnár T., Benedek I., Csobán M., Eiben Cs., Végi B.

Frequency and Characteristics of Keel Bone Damage in Laying Hens of the Red Rhode Island and White Jilling Breeds

**Lazarov L., Gadzhakov D., Hristova H., Nikolov P.*

Genetic Variability of Canine Nr3c1 Gene and its Role in Glucocorticoid Signaling

Piplica A., Sušić V., Menčik S., Popović N., Ostović M., Šperanda M., Klišmanić M., Ekert Kabalin A.

Cross-Border Collaboration Research on the Migratory Behavior of Russian Sturgeon (*Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*)

Atanasoff A., Gül B., Galaçchi M., Nikolov G., Zapryanova D., Ürkü Ç.

Edible Dormouse - 'The Food of the Gods' (*Deorum Cibus*)

Kelava Ugarković N., Konjačić M., Prpić Z.

Donkey Welfare (*Equus Asinus*) in Contemporary Husbandry Systems

Kučinac M., Baban M., Mijić P., Prlić P., Ristić T.

15:45 – 16:00 DAGENE Board Meeting (for DAGENE presidial members)

City tour 18:00 – 20:00, guided by hosts; meeting point – Ban Jelačić Square, at the equestrian statue

Social dinner 20:00 – 22:00, Restaurant Pivnica Medvedgrad, Ilica 49, Zagreb

Field trip programme

Saturday 20 June 2026

1) Visit to the Terezijana Exhibition in Bjelovar – Visit to the Croatian Hussar Regiment

- 8:15** Departure from Zagreb by private cars (travel time: 1 hour 40 minutes; 86 km)
Address: City centre - Bjelovar, 43 270 Bjelovar
 (45.746698235032994, 17.071795117387996)
- 9:45** Arrival in Bjelovar (gathering at the agreed location)
- 10:00** Tour of the Croatian Hussar Regiment fair with Gidran breed horses
- 12:00** End of the Croatian Hussar Regiment tour with Gidran breed horses

2) Visit to Buša and Croatian Posavac Breeder

- 12:00** Departure by car to visit Buša and Croatian Posavac horse breeder (travel time: 50 minutes; 47 km)
Farm address: Končanica 404, 43 505 Končanica
 (45.64933567083007, 17.15087005490756)
- 13:00** Arrival at the farm, breed presentation and conversation with the breeder
- 13:40** End of farm visit

3) Visit to the Mato Lovrak Museum – Lunch

- 13:40** Departure by car to visit the Mato Lovrak Museum (travel time: 20 minutes; 22 km)
Address: Lovrak Centre, 43 270 Veliki Grđevac
 (45.746698235032994, 17.071795117387996)
- 14:00** Museum tour with a professional guide
- 15:00** Lunch at the restaurant
- 16:30** End of programme and DAGENE Meeting, return to Zagreb, to Terezijana in Bjelovar, or home

