

THE RECTORS' COUNCIL OF LEADING AGRARIAN UNIVERSITIES OF THE CIS COUNTRIES



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Higher Agrarian Education in the CIS in figures

- ❑ 119 Public and 14 Private Agrarian Universities, including 59 in Russia
- ❑ About 800,000 students (55 % in Russia)
- ❑ More than 43,000 staff members (24,000 in Russia)
- ❑ Over 50 agriculture related subject areas
- ❑ Low proportion of graduates employed in agriculture (less than 25 % in Russia)

Key figures

- ❑ Established in Moscow in April 2003 for the purpose of promoting the integration of agrarian education and research in the CIS
- ❑ RSAU-MTAA acts as a head organization
- ❑ 9 member universities represent 9 CIS countries - Armenia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tadzhikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- ❑ 2 universities – membership candidates from Azerbaydzhan and Turkmenistan
- ❑ 2 meetings annually
- ❑ 13 meetings on actual issues and actions have been held

Present members

- ❑ Belarussian State Agricultural Academy
- ❑ Kazakh National Agrarian University
- ❑ Kyrgyz Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin
- ❑ National University of Life and Environmental Science of Ukraine
- ❑ Russian State Agrarian University – MTAA
- ❑ State Agrarian University of Armenia
- ❑ State Agrarian University of Moldova
- ❑ Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshoh Shotemur
- ❑ Tashkent State Agrarian University

Specific objectives

- ❑ Coordinating the HEIs in the field of agricultural education and science
- ❑ Improving the system of continuous education
- ❑ Disseminating the significant practical results
- ❑ Promoting the CIS common educational area in agriculture
- ❑ Identifying the common approaches and policies in higher agricultural education
- ❑ Contributing to development of educational and methodical materials
- ❑ Participating in the inter-state research programs
- ❑ Establishing the thematic networks on priority areas of science and education

Highlights

- ❑ February 18, 2004: Rectors' Council accepted as an observer to the CIS Council on Educational Cooperation
- ❑ November 20, 2009: RSAU-MTAA granted a status of the Base Organization of the CIS states on training, advanced training and retraining of staff in the field of agrarian education
- ❑ March 29 – April 01, 2010: Seminar for the CIS Agrarian Universities Libraries' Directors "Electronic information recourses for higher professional education
- ❑ April 06, 2010: FAO concept on a common information area in agricultural science in Russian adopted by the Rectors' Council
- ❑ June 02-03, 2010: FAO Conference for the CIS counties "Information exchange in agriculture in Russian language"
- ❑ June 21 - July 4, 2010: International Summer Agroecology School (working languages: English and Russian)
- ❑ November 23-25, 2010: Regional Consultation Meeting for the CIS counties "FAO Voluntary Guidelines on responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources"

Outlooks and initiatives

- ❑ Open Agrarian University of the CIS countries
- ❑ TCP project on advanced training programs for the faculty staff of the CIS agrarian universities
- ❑ April 2011: FAO Regional Conference for the CIS on issues related to food standards and quality
- ❑ May 2011: FAO Sub-Regional Conference for Central and Eastern Europe, and the CIS countries on fighting hunger and poverty
- ❑ June 20 – July 03, 2011: International Summer Schools on Economics, Ecology and Genetics, Selection and Biotechnology
- ❑ June 27-29, 2011: 7th World Conference of GCHERA

Thank you for your attention!

