



UNITAB

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Paris, 12th of September 2016

Dear Sir,

On behalf of all European tobacco growers, UNITAB is glad to invite you to its 35th Congress to be held from 17 to 19 October 2016 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

While EU agriculture, in the midst of a global crisis, looks forward to an early CAP new reform to restore stability, tobacco growing sector has to raise awareness about its social and economic reality. This crop had proved successfully regarding employment, rural development and countryside's diversity. It provides a real opportunity to maintain the most vulnerable small and medium-size farms.

Furthermore, EU tobacco growing sector will have to resist to increasingly hardline regulations (FCTC, TPD, taxes...). With no support, it will have to challenge itself to restore profitability, to retain the interest of manufacturers and to enter innovative markets within a promising but turbulent economic environment.

Debates planned during two days, in presence of 300 tobacco growers from all around Europe, will be the occasion for an in-depth discussion on those issues.

Knowing your interest on this matter, it would be a great honor for us to welcome you to this extremely important European tobacco growing's meeting in the country with the highest number of growers.

We look forward to receiving your response and send you our best regards.


President


Deputy Secretary


A.F: Program

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35th UNITAB CONGRESS

Sofia, October 16 - 19, 2016

AGENDA

Sunday, October 16th

Accommodation of delegates and participants: Hotel Marinela Sofia

18.00/20.00: UNITAB Executive Committee Meeting (Members only)

Monday, October 17th

8.30/9.30: Registration, Conference Room (Sofia Grand), Hotel Marinela

9.30/10.00: Opening Ceremony, speech by Desislava TANEVA, Minister of Agriculture and Food

10.00/12.30: Morning session

- 10.00/10.15: Presentation on the Bulgarian tobacco sector by [REDACTED], NAT-2010
- 10.15/10.30: Regulatory framework in Bulgaria in the field of tobacco growing by [REDACTED], Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 10.30/11.00: Coffee Break
- 11.00/11.15: Activity Report, by Oriano GIOGLIO (Pdt)
- 11.15/12.30: Country reports

12.30/14.00: Lunch

- 14.00/16.00: Looking for a new CAP for a sustainable agriculture and EU Stability
(Round table with MEPs, Bulgarian authorities and economists)
- 16.00/16.30: The impact of the common European market on the state of the tobacco sector after the accession of Bulgaria to the EU, by [REDACTED], Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 16.30/16.45: Coffee break
- 16.45/17.30: EU Tobacco Interbranch Organization
(C.SACCHETTO –Fetratab ; O.GIOGLIO-Unitab)
- 17.30/18.00: Q&A and conclusions of the day
- 18.00/19.00: General Assembly (Members only)

19.30/22.30: Official Dinner

Tuesday October 18th

- 9.00/09.30: Characteristics of the contemporary structure of the ecotypes and varieties of oriental tobacco in Bulgaria, by [REDACTED], Tobacco and Tobacco Products Institute

- 09.30/10.45: The raw tobacco market
(A.LUCARONI-ULT *Deltafina*)
- 10.45/11.00: Coffee break
- 11.00/12.00: Perspectives for the EU tobacco production
(N.DENIS-PMI)
- 12.00/12.30: Discussion

12.30/14.00: Lunch

- 14.00/16.00: COP 7: Possible consequences on EU tobacco growing sector
([REDACTED] - DG AGRI; [REDACTED] -ITGA)
- 16.00/16.15: Coffee break
- 16.15/16.45: Orientation Report
(F.VEDEL-Unitab)
- 16.45/17.00: Q&A and conclusions of the day

19.30/22.30: Official Dinner

Wednesday October 19th (optional)

9.00/18.00: Technical day and visits

- 09.15/12.00: Visit of SOCOTAB Factory in Plovdiv
- 12.00/13.00: Lunch
- 13.30/16.00: Sightseeing in the old town of Plovdiv
- 18.00: Return to Hotel Marinela in Sofia



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Registration the 35th UNITAB Congress in SOFIA

Mr/Ms

Participation to working day of October 17th
Lunch

YES
YES

NO
NO

Participation to working day of October 18th
Lunch
Gala Dinner

YES
YES
YES

NO
NO
NO

I would like a room booking
Single
Double

YES

NO

Night from..... at.....

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