

Dear Partners,

We hereby inform you that, as part of the reform of its institute network, the General Assembly of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences voted on 5 December 2011 to establish a Centre for Agricultural Research (HAS CAR), which came into existence on 1 January 2012. In the course of the re-organisation, the Veterinary Medical Research Institute, the Plant Protection Institute and the Research Institute for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences merged with the Agricultural Research Institute and no longer exist as independent publicly financed institutions.

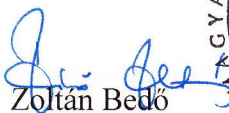
The new Centre for Agricultural Research (www.agrar.mta.hu) has its headquarters in Martonvásár (2462 Martonvásár, Brunszvik u. 2.), where the Agricultural Institute is located. The other institutes making up the Centre for Agricultural Research are the Institute for Veterinary Medical Research (1143 Budapest, Hungária krt. 21.), the Plant Protection Institute (1022 Budapest, Herman Ottó út 15. and 2094 Nagykovácsi, Nagykovácsi út 26–30.) and the Institute for Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry (1022 Budapest, Herman Ottó út 15.). The latter institute continues to maintain its experimental stations in Órbottyán (2162 Órbottyán, Kvassay telep) and Sárhatvan (7019 Sárhatvan, Ötvenkilencpuszta). These institute addresses also serve as invoice addresses.

The acting Director-General of the Centre for Agricultural Research is Zoltán Bedő (+36-22-569570, bedo.zoltan@agr.ar.mta.hu), who is also the director of the Agricultural Institute. The Financial Management of the Research Centre is also located in the Martonvásár headquarters. The acting Financial Director is Dr Ágnes Gaál (+36-22-569570, gaal.agnes@agr.ar.mta.hu).

Tibor Magyar (+36-1-467-4060, magyar.tibor@agr.ar.mta.hu) has been appointed as the director of the Institute for Veterinary Medical Research, and Levente Kiss (+36-1-4877521, kiss.levente@agr.ar.mta.hu) as the director of the Plant Protection Institute. He also acts as deputy to the director-general. The director of the Institute for Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry is Attila Anton (+36-1-2122265, anton.attila@agr.ar.mta.hu).

As the legal successor of the above research institutes, the Centre for Agricultural Sciences carries out basic and applied research and innovation activities, participates in the dissemination of professional and scientific knowledge in the field of both education and agriculture, and works in cooperation with all social organisations whose activities contribute to the sustainable development of agriculture, the food industry, rural development and environment protection.

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Zoltán Bedő

Director-General

Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

