

## **UNIVERSITY LJUBLJANA**

### **BIOTECHNICAL FACULTY, SLOVENIA**

The Biotechnical Faculty was founded in 1947. With 215 teaching and research staff belongs to the bigger Faculties within the University of Ljubljana. The fundamental mission of the Biotechnical Faculty is to provide university level, advanced professional, and postgraduate education, as well as to carry out scientific research and technical and consulting work concerning the sciences of living nature, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, and the related production technologies.

The Faculty's scientific and research work combines basic, applied and developmental research work, enabling the rapid transfer of research results into practice. A part thereof consists of technical and consultative work enabling the Faculty teaching staff to be up-to-date with and able to solve the everyday needs and problems of practice, resulting at the same time in new ideas for their research and educational activities. The circle: basic research - applied research - education - specialized work and development must be complete and unbroken. Such approach calls for a close connection with the production needs of individual professions and implementers of societal development.

Relation and partnership with UL started long ago, since Slovenia was part of ex-Yugoslavia. Since there is no language barrier, experts from UL were present in many aspects of work related to Montenegrin agriculture: supporting preparation of the laws and strategies along with European standards, experts work or partnership on the projects (FP7, bilateral, etc.). The solid background resulted also with mobility of 15 researchers from BTF Podgorica in different research areas through REGPOT project: wine, seed production, olive oil, genetic resources, plant protection, etc. Moreover, the experts from BTF LJ trained our staff and farmers in various topics, which should be expanded to the higher level through KATUN project.

Additional interest for cooperation with UL is their approach, caring to environmental and landscape protection, the protection of the natural heritage, environmentally friendly and sustainable use of natural resources, the production and processing of quality food, which together with modern biotechnology entail global challenges, by acquiring the latest knowledge and applying such in everyday use.