

# IARTC newsletter

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## **Training Workshop on Farmer Based Organizations**

Workshop "Training Farmer Based Organizations" was held in IARTC between 12 - 15 January 2016 in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), and with the support of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and Turkish Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livein the framework of their partnership initiative on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Agricultural Development and Enhanced Food Security (SSTC-ADFS).

This training workshop is organized in response to the de-



mand expressed by participants of the "First Knowledge Exchange and Coordination Workshop" held in Izmir on July 2015 with the aim of transferring the successful model of producer organizations experienced in Turkey. Representatives of farmer based organizations, ministries of agriculture and centers of excellence from Algeria, Hungary, Morocco, Turkey and

Uzbekistan were gathered to exchange knowledge and views on successful homegrown solutions and models in the area of Farmer Based Organizations to combat poverty and to enhance food security.

On the second day of work-shop programme, a technical excursion was organized to TARİŞ Olive and Olive oil Agricultural Sales Cooperative Union, Sheep-Goat Breeders Association and Hıdırlık Agricultural Development Cooperative and practical knowledge transfer was carried out by visiting their facilities.

#### **Territorial Soil Database Project Meeting**

Project meeting of "Creating Territorial Soil Database" conducted by Research Institutes under the coordinatorship of TAGEM was held between 29-31 March 2016 in IARTC.

In this project, which aims to determine conditions regarding fertility of agricultural lands in Turkey, content of nutrients and potential toxic element, create soil database and prepare maps, in

total 21 projects from 18 Institutes were conducted.

This meeting provided information



exchange for participants concerning land works of working team, methodology of sampling, use of GPS, soil analysis and evaluation, creating and mapping soil database.

Project Coordinator Dr. Kadriye Kalınbacak, Project consultant Assoc. Prof. Dr. İlhami Ünver, project leaders and laboratory specialists from 17 institutes participated to the meeting.

## Farmer Training on "Consciously Water Use" within the scope of 10<sup>th</sup> Development Plan



Farmer Training on "Consciously Water Use" on the purpose of increasing training and extension activities for the farmers within the scope of 10<sup>th</sup> Development Plan was held in IARTC between 28<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

19 Members of the water users associations and agricultural irrigation cooperatives from Manisa and İzmir provinces participated to the training, agricultural engineers from department of Plant Nutrition and Soil Department and Agricultural Irrigation and Land Reclamation Department of IARTC gave lectures to the participants.

## Menemen District Dried Grape Producers Briefing Meeting

Briefing Meeting organized for Dried Grape Producers in Menemen District was held with the participation of 200 producers in IARTC on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Meeting within the participation of the experts from KFC Food Corp., Menemen Agriculture Co. Ltd., Viticulture Research Institute, Menemen District Directorate of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Ege University Faculty of Agriculture Department of Horticulture, Bornova Directorate of Plant Protection Research Institute and Menemen Chamber of Agriculture was ended after attendance of Gülihsan YİĞİT, Governor of Menemen District.





### **ABOUT US...**

IARTC works under the General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policy of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock. The Center aims to carry out national/international research projects for increasing the agricultural productivity, conservation and sustainable management of natural resources and to hold national/international courses, workshops seminars etc. according to the needs and demands of public sector, private sector, professional organizations and non-governmental organizations. Besides its scheduled programs and projects, IARTC is open to any kind of activities of training programs and research projects on demand from national/international organizations. IARTC adopts sharing the agricultural studies, experience and knowledge in international platform as principle and is one of the leading organizations in this regard.

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