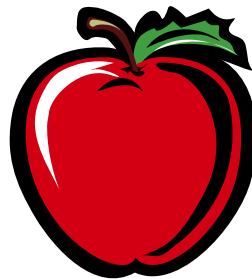


# 12<sup>th</sup> International Training Course



## „Harmonisation of Fruit and Vegetables Quality Assessment“



**REPORT**

The 12<sup>th</sup> International Training Course OECD “Harmonisation of fruit and vegetables quality assessment” was held from 18 to 20 June 2007 in Mojmirovce (Slovak Republic).

Programme of the ITC was focused on quality standards interpretation and their application in practice. They were presented following OECD / UNECE quality standards: mushrooms (Fred Jacobs, The Netherlands), pineapples (Milos Hlista, Slovakia), sweet pepper (Balázs Herzog, Hungary), melons (George Kyrris, Cyprus), peaches and nectarines (Rafael Tapiola, Spain) and leeks (Guenter Jessl, Austria).

OECD (Csaba Gáspár) and UNECE (Claudio Meza) secretariats informed about latest development in their organisations.

Three participating countries introduced their national inspection services for fresh fruit and vegetables quality control: Slovenia (Ana Trempus, Aleksander Jevnikar), Romania (Octavian Sivu) and Mauritius (Shalini Neeliah).

Following presentations on quality standards application were introduced:

1. Sampling methods used by inspection procedures – Fred Jacobs, The Netherlands,
2. Quality standards tolerances application – Sam Grey, UK
3. Private sector quality assurance in FV sector – Barbel Jacobs, Germany

Motty Hillel shared with experience in standardisation and quality control of herbs in Israel.

Secretary of the COLEACP Denis Felicité Zulma presented situation of the pineapple market EU and world.

During the technical visit delegates visited LSI company in Velke Saliby, biggest potatoes and melons grower in Slovak Republic.

ITC was attended by 83 delegates from 19 countries (Slovenia, Hungaria, Czech Republik, Austria, The Netherlands, Cyprus, United Kingdom / Scotland, Israel, Latvia, Germany, Estonia, Spain, Sweeden, Malta, Croatia, Mauritius, Romania, Turkey and Slovak Republic). Representatives of OECD and UNECE were presented on the ITC.

All participants succesfully passed final test on quality assessment of covered produces and took over Certificate of attendance during the reception given by Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic.

ITC was sponsored with fresh fruit and vegetables by Chiquita company.

13th ITC will be held in September 2008. The programe of the next ITC will take into consideration comments and recommendations of all participants as well as request from OECD Scheme member countries and UNECE - Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) participating countries.