

The Georgikon Faculty

As a result of its research and development activities, the Georgikon Faculty has become an internationally recognised centre of agricultural research and education. It is one of the oldest agricultural institutions of higher education in Europe.

Founded by Count György Festetics in 1797, the faculty is located in Keszthely, one of the most picturesque towns on Lake Balaton.

The Georgikon Faculty offers 9 BSc courses, 9 MSc courses and 10 post-secondary courses, as well as 7 postgraduate programmes in the fields of

- agriculture,
- horticulture,
- plant protection,
- nature conservation,
- rural development,
- ecology, and
- catering and tourism.

These programmes are run as full-time and correspondence/distance learning courses.

Many students from abroad take their MSc courses in English in agriculture and plant protection at the faculty.

The Georgikon Faculty is also an active participant in the EU Lifelong Learning Programme, due mainly to its varied ties with the Erasmus programme.

Covering every field of agriculture, its research portfolio has been constantly adapted to meet contemporary requirements. Guidelines for research activities are determined by the scientific work carried out in the doctoral schools.

The faculty offers PhD programmes in Crop and Horticultural Sciences, Animal Sciences and Agro-Environmental Sciences, as well as in Management and Business Administration.

The research and development strategy of the faculty complies with the requirements needed in twenty-first century practices.

The main areas of research and innovation at present are represented by sustaining developing genetic bases for plants and animals, developing environmentally-friendly agricultural technologies, climate change and its impacts on agriculture, renewable energy sources, and nature conservation as it is applied to Lake Balaton.

The Georgikon faculty has always laid great emphasis on the extensive dissemination of its scientific output.

In addition to publication opportunities, many conferences and lectures held each year in Keszthely are attended by many academic, agricultural, and other visitors.