

## Invitation to the 34<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival AGROFILM

Dear executive producers, filmmakers, specialists in the sphere of agriculture, research workers, pedagogues, representatives of mass media, and friends of the film festival Agrofilm!

I take pleasure in informing you that the **34<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival AGROFILM will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. The festival is traditionally held in Nitra and in recent years, Zvolen, Košice, Bratislava and Brezno have also become venues of the festival's film projections.

AGROFILM is a festival of films and video-programmes with focus on the themes of agriculture and rural development. The objective of the festival is to introduce to the public the newest knowledge from the spheres of agriculture, food production, nutrition, rural life and the people inhabiting rural areas, environmental protection, preservation of natural resources, and increasing the quality of life. The films shine spotlight on the issues and aim to put forward positive examples and innovative solutions.

The change in dramaturgy of the festival, which has been implemented over the past 4 years, has proven to be successful. Professional events, projections for high school and university students followed by lectures and discussions, as well as projections accompanied by promotion of high quality food products and lectures at the premises of a shopping mall were met with positive feedback from the public and media. Last year's 33<sup>rd</sup> International Film Festival AGROFILM was visited by more than 10,000 people. The accompanying professional events were attended by more than 200 representatives of companies from agro food sector. A large portion of the audience consists of members of the young generation – students of high schools with orientation towards agriculture, veterinary medicine, and food production, as well as students of universities of agriculture, natural sciences, agroecology, forestry, management and economy. This year's 34<sup>th</sup> festival will continue these activities. We will not omit the festival traditions of cultural events such as an art exhibit. To last year's 33<sup>rd</sup> International Film Festival AGROFILM, 113 films from 23 countries were submitted. An accompanying professional event of the festival in 2018 will be a Discussion Forum, dedicated to farm food, together with film projections and professional lectures. The traditional cultural concomitant festival event is an art exhibit within the cycle "Rendezvous of Science and Art."

Agrofilm is arranged by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic. The festival is organized by National Agricultural and Food Centre - Research Institute for Animal Production Nitra. Partners of the festival are the town of Nitra, the Nitra Self-governing Region, universities, the Centre of Scientific-Technical Information SK, the Food and Agriculture Organization and other international and Slovak institutions.

I sincerely hope that you will incorporate Agrofilm into your business calendar this year also. The festival offers you the opportunity to present your work to public. I welcome the work of professional as well as beginning filmmakers. For the latest information about the festival, statute of the festival including the festival electronic application form please go to [www.agrofilm.sk](http://www.agrofilm.sk). In order to bring this year's festival even nearer to the young it will be once again present also on social networks.

I look forward to cooperation with you and to seeing you at the 34<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival AGROFILM.

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