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Celebrating the golden jubilee of *Ratarstvo i povrtarstvo* and the diamond jubilee of the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops

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The newly founded International Legume Society early this year is making its first steps towards the first Legume Society Conference, an event which aim is to connect legume researchers worldwide and establish well-linked legume community. Its host this year, the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops (IFVCNS) is on its well-trodden path and celebrating its diamond jubilee, 75th years since its foundation in 1938. Another less known, but worth remembering anniversary is the golden jubilee of a journal *Ratarstvo i povrtarstvo* (Field and Vegetable Crops) published by the IFVCNS. Starting as *Zbornik radova* (Review of Research Work) in 1963, in the course of 50 years, the journal published 1651 papers in total, 402 of which are devoted to legume crops. The frequency of the research papers on legumes has steadily increased from 11.7% in the first decade, up to 27.3% till today. The most numerous papers were devoted to lucerne (10.4%), soybean (9%), vetches (7.5%), clovers (6.1%) and pea (5.8%). In total 144 legume species have been investigated in the journal. Out of 55 papers with at least one author out of Serbia and other ex-Yugoslavian countries, 45 papers were published in the last decade. The editorial board comprises 56 editors, a half of them are from Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Turkey, UK and USA. The electronic issues of the journal are available at:

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In the rich world of global agriculture, diverse legumes can play key roles to develop environment-friendly production, supplying humans and animals with the products of high nutritional value.

The Legume Society was initiated in 2011 with two primary missions. One of them was to treasure the rich legume research tradition of the European Association for Grain Legume Research (AEP), with emphasis on carrying out its the triennial legume-devoted conferences. Another one is to fulfill a long-term strategy of linking together the research on all legumes worldwide, from grain and forage legumes pharmaceutical and ornamental ones and from the Old World to the Americas.

We do anticipate that the First Legume Society Conference will be a unique and genuine contribution to our common goals: to promote the legume research and all its benefits into all spheres of the society, linking science with stakeholders and decision-makers, and to demonstrate how an efficient, useful and firm network of the legume researchers of the world is possible and sustainable.

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