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## **AGROFILM** celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> birthday

National Agricultural and Food Centre in Lužianky (NPPC) has been organising the international film festival AGROFILM for 40 years. The jubilee year begins on Monday, September 30, 2024 and will last until Saturday, October 5, 2024. Through film screenings, it brings attention to topics from the field of agriculture, food production, forestry, science, research and sustainable land management.

The festival ambassador is <u>L'udo Vašš</u>, who is every inch a farmer. He is also an expert from practice, who is in daily contact with soil, and he has experience with film production.

This year, filmmakers submitted to the festival 82 films from 17 countries. Resonating themes are conservation of natural resources and sustainable approach towards land management, but also our own consumerism and responsibility. Our tastes and consumer habits have a notable impact on the lives of farmers on all continents, and the festival week will show how and why.

Audiences can watch the films for 6 days through online broadcasting. Documents will be also screened, as has become a tradition, at the academic soil of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, at the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, at the Technical University in Zvolen and the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice. To see a good documentary, viewers can also visit the TANAP Museum in Tatranská Lomnica, the manor house in Rišňovce or the cultural centre Malý Berlín in Trnava. In Štiavnické Bane, the festival films will be viewed also by students – falconers. The films will be shown also at the "homebase" silver screen at NPPC in Lužianky and in Bratislava, as well as at the cinema Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra. Altogether, there are 11 screening premises across Slovakia.

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 10,00 AM a discussion forum on the topic of The Land Which Feeds Us will begin at the premisses of National Agricultural and Food Centre in Lužianky. This festival event will be a discussion among scientists, experts, pedagogues and farmers from practice. It will be accompanied by the screening of thematic documentaries. The traditional artistic cherry on top of the expert topics will be an exhibition vernissage of Lucia Huňady Kubalová and Ján Huňady. The exhibit at the premisses of NPPC will continue until October 14, 2024.

The international jury of Agrofilm has already viewed and evaluated a total of 44 selected competition films. The jurors awarded altogether 14 of them. Which films will receive an award will be revealed on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10,00 AM at the premises of Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra, where the filmmakers will receive their awards and will experience the ceremonial culmination of the jubilee year of the Agrofilm film festival together with the audience.

We cordially invite you to the cinema and wish you many film experiences. Admission is free.

All information about the festival and the programmes of the screening premises are at www.agrofilm.sk.