



**Vice President of the UEAA
Professor Guram Aleksidze**

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Dear Members of UEAA,

I, Academician Guram Aleksidze, wish to address to you on behalf of the Steering Committee of UEAA the sad announcement that we have just learned with deepest sorrow of the decease of our dear colleague and friend Professor Antonio Michele Stanca, a renowned scientist in the field of agricultural genetics, and President of UEAA. He, regrettably became a victim of the horrible Corona Virus which has now spread in the whole world and is taking thousands of lives.

Professor Stanca committed all his knowledge, experience, and energy to make certain the high reputation of the European Union of the Academies of Agriculture in the world and support its value and significance.

He was actively involved in organizing the General Assembly of the Union of European Academies for Science applied to Agriculture, Food and Nature and back to back to this G A, of the International Scientific Conference on: *“Agricultural Mechanization in Europe and Perspectives”* which will be held in September 2020, in Tbilisi, in close cooperation with the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Professor Stanca was full of accomplishments, appreciated by all who knew him. The name of Professor Michele Stanca, a distinguished scholar, President of UEAA will be always remembered by us.

We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Ms. Stanca and to his family.

Academician Guram Aleksidze,
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