



HUNGARY

Celebration of the IBD in 2012

On the occasion of the International Biodiversity Day the **Ministry of Rural Development** together with the [Research Centre for Agrobiodiversity](#) and the [Institute for Small Animal Research and Co-ordination Centre for Gene Conservation](#) will organize a conference focusing on agrobiodiversity conservation. The 2-day conference will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss scientific and technical questions, problems and possible solutions related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources.

The celebration will start with a **scientific day** titled **“Research for Gene Conservation”** on the 21st of May. It will provide a platform for researchers and scientists to show their research results and findings related to traditional plant varieties and animal breeds.

The next day of the conference **“Traditional plant varieties and animal breeds in the new millennium”** will welcome a broader audience including research and scientific institutions as well as decision-makers, universities, professionals, farmers, non-governmental organizations etc. Participants will hear about the threats and importance of biological diversity and ecosystem services as well as relevant issues and practical examples related to the protection and utilization of agrobiodiversity. Afterwards, the event will be closed by an exhibition of traditional Hungarian animal breeds and local products.

Venue: Institute for Small Animal Research and Co-ordination Centre for Gene Conservation (Gödöllő)

For more information: consult <http://www.biodiv.hu/> or contact Ms. Ditta Greguss (CBD NFP)