

# NEWSLETTER

Even the biggest results have a small start...

Within the frames of the ADA funded “Animal Health Management in Armenia and Georgia, Phase II” project, 11 participants from Armenia and Georgia were provided with a unique opportunity to visit Austria for the purpose of experience exchange and knowledge transfer. The delegation included representatives from Agroservice Center Ajaria, CARD Foundation, as well as farmers. The program was developed and coordinated by Genetic Austria GmbH, with the direct involvement of the director manager Mr. Peter Kreuzhuber and sales assistant Ms. Maria Streif.



Genetic Austria GmbH is the only one-stop-shop for the best Austrian Bovine Genetics. They offer semen, embryos and livestock. The company was established by farmers to make their work more efficient and introduce their livestock to the world. Collaboration with Genetic Austria is one of the main outcomes of the project we are proud of. Company was registered in the register of Eurasian Economic union by the support of the project. 500 doses of Flekvieh semen were imported and distributed to FVSCs and AI technicians for Artificial Insemination. During the visit to the company headquarters, Mr. Peter Kreuzhuber delivered a presentation on cattle breeds of Austria and daily work of the Association. The delegation from Turkey also joined the group during this visit. The team had also a chance to be present at the bull presentation and bull semen collection.



The group paid a visit to Pyhra Agricultural School and Fleckvieh farm. The School is situated in the centre of Lower Austria near the provincial capital city of St. Pölten. It was founded in 1913 by the Austrian industrialist Dr. Carl Kupelwieser, also owner of the estate “Kyrnberg” which was donated to the school as basis for the modern school farm.

The principal element is to teach young rural people the skills to work cooperatively in teams, to be open-minded to innovations and also follow the traditions. Students should be successful to run a farm or estate economically, to produce and sell based on the market demands.



The participants also had a very productive visit to the Fleckvieh farm. This is a farm with the total size of 160 ha, dedicated to the fields, grassland, seed plantation, Christmas trees orchards, forests, etc. The animal farm had a dairy and beef production with Austrian Simmental, 30 cows, 35 heifers & calves, 12 bulls, with a milk yields of about 10.200 kg per cow and year.

Later on the team members visited the NOE genetic breeding center, auction hall & export quarantine in Bergland. Each month auctions are organized for selling heifers, cows and bulls and each two weeks for selling young stock. It is the place where seller and buyer meet.



Among several other informative and practical stops were visits to a family-owned Farm Huemer, st. Georgen, as well as an Auction hall in Freistadt.



To say that the group members were impressed by the visit is nothing compared with their emotions and feelings, and they would never forget the hospitality of Mr. Peter Kreuzhuber. And as the motto of Genetic Austria says, “**Even the biggest results have a small start**”, we are sure, that this short visit is the start of new era of cooperation between Armenia, Georgia and Austria, and new achievements and successes in the field of agriculture are not far away.

