

First GwB Project Congress Programme

“Global Water Balance Project Implementation and Technical Coordination”

Congress Title: National approaches to water and food security

Date: 15 October 2026

Venue: Expo Centre FLORA, Sea Garden, Burgas, Bulgaria

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 10:00 – 10:10** Official opening
- 10:10–10:30** “The Global Water Balance Project: Objectives, Activities and Expected Contributions to Water and Food Security” — Assist. Prof. Dr. Duygu DOĞAN (Türkiye)
- 10:30–11:10** Keynote speech, “Balancing Water for Food Security: Challenges, Interconnections and Future Pathways” — Prof. Dr. Fatih KONUKCU (Türkiye)
- 11:10 – 11:30** “Water Balance for Food Security. Global Water Balance for a Future with Guaranteed Water and Food Security” – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yavor Ivanov (Bulgaria)
- 11:30 – 12:00** Presentation of CCIX, “Relevant Areas of Expertise, and Our Role and Responsibilities within the GwB Project” – Mr. Anastasios Arampatzis (Greece)
- 12:00 – 12:30** “Agriculture and Irrigation in Burgas Province: Development and Prospects for Water Resource Utilization within the Context of Food Security” – Expert in Irrigation Systems and Agriculture, Mr. Nikolay Stoilov (Bulgaria),
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00 – 14:30** “Modern Approaches to Water Resource Monitoring and Management” – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hyusein Yemendzhiev (Bulgaria)
- 14:30–15:00** “Producing More Food with Less Water: Agricultural Water Productivity and Food Security in Türkiye” — Prof. Dr. Mehmet ŞENER (Türkiye)
- 15:00 – 15:30** “Building Agricultural Resilience: Navigating Land Data and Irrigation Challenges in Georgia: - Mr. Nika Jashiashvili (Georgia)
- 15:30 – 16:00** National approaches to water and food security in Greece - "Improving water productivity for food security: Experiences from Greek agriculture" – Mr. Dionysis Latinopoulos (Greece)
- 16:00 – 16:30** Discussion and closing of the congress