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PRESS RELEASE

The leadership of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food at INAB|CERTH

On the occasion of the start of the collaboration between INAB|CERTH with the Ministry of Rural Development and Food and the Region of Central Macedonia for the control of sheep and goat pox, the Minister of Rural Development and Food, Mr. Kostas Tsiaras, the Deputy Minister, Mr. Christos Kellas, the Secretary General, Mr. Spyros Protopsaltis and the Deputy Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia for Agricultural Economy, Mr. Giorgos Kefalas, visited CERTH.

After the presentation of the overall research activity of CERTH by the President of the Board of Directors, Mr. Evangelos Bekiaris, in the presence of all the Directors of the Institutes of the Centre, a tour of the Institute of Applied Biosciences was followed by Ms. Maria Karypidou, Quality Manager of the Institute. The visitors had the opportunity to get to know the facilities and equipment of the Institute up close.

The high-level biosafety laboratory, as well as the modern equipment for molecular and genomic analysis, made a particular impression. At the same time, they were informed in detail about the accreditations of the Institute, both in the field of genetic testing and in matters of data security and business continuity.

In the discussion that followed, the Director of the Institute, Ms. Anastasia Chatzidimitriou, highlighted the role of INAB/CERTH as the only institute of applied life sciences in the country, with a mission to provide scientific solutions to contemporary social needs and challenges, such as climate change and health crises.

During the visit, significant potential was identified for further exploitation of the Institute's scientific expertise in health and biosafety issues. This action is expected to pave the way for the development of more joint initiatives and collaborations in the near future, as stated by Mr. Protopsaltis and Mr. Kefalas.

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