

**Biotech Speakers' Visit to Zagreb Well Received** - Dr. Ralph Scorza, USDA/ARS plant breeding scientist and Victor Felix Nicolescu, member of Romania's National Sanitary, Veterinary and Food Safety Authority visited Croatia on Sept 26-28 to discuss potential regulatory frameworks and benefits of biotechnology. In a short period, the speakers learned about Croatia's biotechnology regulatory environment, explained some of the key scientific and legislative issues, to talked with Croatian scientists the pros and cons of genetically engineered products. The meeting with the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture provided an invaluable opportunity to build ties for potential, future cooperation in the specific fields of expertise explored. Croatia's national radio station 1 (Hrvatski radio 1) also aired a short interview with Dr. Scorza as part of their weekly agricultural show. In this interview, Dr. Scorza pointed out that new technologies are a tool for resolving agricultural issues of the past and addressing future problems.