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**INVITATION TO A PRESENTATION AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
ON A NEW PLUM IMPROVED TO RESIST THE PLUM-POX VIRUS (SHARKA)**

We cordially invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion about a new plum developed by the U.S. Agricultural Research Service that may address a local problems with the plum-pox virus. This event will be held

**Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.  
Bosper, Bukinje bb, Tuzla  
(Greenhouse near Power Plant Tuzla)**

The University of Sarajevo/ Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and FARMA project, is seeking to begin a field trial for a Sharka - resistant plum (the "HoneySweet" plum) and thus seeks active engagement of the agricultural community to discuss local conditions. This research will help address the Sharka problem that is prevalent throughout the Region that reduces yields and fruit quality. Sharka can be devastating to rural communities whose orchards provide important revenue for farmers. We invite responsible government officials, academics and students, producers and traders, and representatives of international organizations involved in this sector to attend the presentation and take part in the discussion that will follow.

Draft Agenda:

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| 10:30 – 11:00 | Press statements and registration of participants                                                                                                     |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Welcome speech, Tuzla Canton Agricultural Ministry                                                                                                    |
| 11:15 – 11:25 | Introduction speech Christine Sloop, USDA                                                                                                             |
| 11:25 – 12:10 | Presentation on the EU Experience Conducting Field Trials for the HoneySweet, Dr. Ioan Zagrai, Fruit Research & Development Station Bistrita, Romania |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | Presentation on the Proposed Field Trial, Dr. Fuad Gaši, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences University of Sarajevo                              |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Discussion/ questions and answers                                                                                                                     |

Please confirm your participation with:

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