

Prehistory of GCHERA

In 1998 at National Agricultural University on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of NAU, a scientific conference "Globalizing Agricultural Higher Education and Science: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century" was held. Participants included representatives from 40 countries of the world. As a result of this conference the Global consortium of agricultural universities was created.

Prof. Martin Jischke, President of Iowa University, USA, was elected as a first President, Rector of National Agricultural University of Ukraine, Prof. Dmytro Melnychuk was elected as President-Elect.

In 1999 the first conference of the Consortium was held in Amsterdam. Representatives from about 400 universities and research establishments from 136 countries of the world took part in the conference. During the conference was decided to change name into Global Consortium of Higher Education and Research for Agriculture (GCHERA). Was decided that main activity of the Association will be organization the conferences every two years, during which was planed to decide problems of higher agricultural education, development of the international standards on this matter and organize internship for post-graduate students and young scientists at the leading educational establishments and laboratories all over the world.

Currently, 7 global GCHERA conferences were held:

- 1999 – Amsterdam, Netherlands;
- 2001 – San Francisco, United States;
- 2003 – Kyiv, Ukraine;
- 2005 – Hangzhou, China;
- 2007 – San Jose, Costa Rica;
- 2009 – Nairobi, Kenya;
- 2011 – Beauvais (Paris), France.

On each of these new President-elect for the next conference is elected and part (1 / 3) of the Executive Committee is elected.

During 2001-2003 Prof. D.Melnychuk was a President of Consortium, during a conference in Kyiv (2003) Prof. D. Melnychuk received a title of Honorary President as a main founder of Consortium (for term of life).

On 6th Global conference GCHERA in Nairobi (Kenya) Prof. Philippe Choquet, General Director of [Institute Polytechnic LaSalle Beauvais](http://www.institutpolytechnic.com), France, was elected as a President, and Prof. Vladimir M. Bautin, Rector of Russian State Agriculture Timiryazew University was elected as a President-elect. Now Prof. Vladimir M. Bautin was elected as a President of GCHERA.