

**IANI CHIHAIA ELECTED HONORARY MEMBER  
AT THE 71<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN  
BUCAREST**

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At the occasion of the 71<sup>st</sup> FEFAC Public General Assembly in Bucharest, Romania, Mr Iani Chihaia, ANFNC President, was awarded the Honorary Membership in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the European compound feed and premix industry.

Chihaia was praised for his pioneering role in establishing the “New” Romanian feed industry association in 2014, obtaining official recognition by the Romanian authorities in 2014 and unanimous acceptance as full member by the FEFAC Council in the same year.

Chihaia organised the first groundbreaking FEFAC workshop on Biosecurity in Bucharest in 2019 with a specific focus on Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever. The workshop was attended by High-level experts from the European Commission and EFSA. This laid the groundwork for the revision of the EFSA General risk assessment on the risk profile of feed ingredients and the development of the first FEFAC Biosecurity guide for risk management practices at feed mill level.

Chihaia has shown proficient communication skills promoting the feed industry contribution to safe, resilient and competitive livestock and aquaculture production systems, acting as a highly effective and respected FEFAC ambassador in South-Eastern Europe.

Since FEFAC’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, the honorary membership has been awarded to Mr Reinder Sijtsma, Ms Angela Booth, Mr Peter Radewahn, Mr Yvan Dejaegher, Mr Joel Newman, Mr Alberto Allodi, Mr Geert Kleinhout, Mr Jaime Piçarra, Mr Alain Guillaume, Mr Franz-Josef Juchem, Mr Marek Kumprecht, Ms Helen Raine and Mr Giordano Veronesi.

**Notes to the editor:**

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 27 national associations in the 26 European countries.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 24% (153 million tonnes) are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €63 billion.
4. For more information, see our website ([www.fefac.eu](http://www.fefac.eu)) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: [fefac@fefac.eu](mailto:fefac@fefac.eu).