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10:00 Welcome and opening of meeting by Romulus Gruia UTB - ROPAM

Mr. Prof. dr. Gruia Romulus, the Dean of Faculty of Food and Tourism from University Transilvania from Brasov, makes a brief introduction to open the meeting. After a short presentation of his impression about the SAFFIC meeting from Alcala de Henares he explained the necessity to establish a new collaboration between Faculty of Food and NUTRACEUTICAL to develop research activities to obtain new healthy food recipes that have to include saffron in their content. Also he suggested Prof. Marculescu Angela and Prof. Gaceu Liviu to inform their students about the possibility to make practice activities in the lab of NUTRACEUTICAL from Sacele.

10:20 Objectives of the meeting and a short presentation of the SAFFIC Project by Dumitru Lazurca (ROPAM)

Mr. Lazurca, president of Association ROPAM - Association of Producers, Processors and Users of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants from Romania exposes the main objectives of the meeting and suggests to all participants to ask about all saffron, medicinal plants and spices quality and market aspects. He made a short presentation of the consortium involved in SAFFIC project and about the hard work of researchers involved in the project to find sure and easy-to-use methods to identify adulterants and to determinate the Saffron purity and quality. Also he remarks the importance of the right information for the Romanian small companies which intend to start and develop their business on saffron market. ROPAM and NUTRACEUTICAL will give them all very useful information obtained through their participation in SAFFIC project. Mr. Lazurca explained some aspects regarding a new collaboration between Nutraceutical and University Transilvania from Brasov in research activities to develop new healthy food products for breakfast. Some of these products will include saffron in their composition to increase the quality and the safety of them.

10:40 Current ISO Norm 36232 and proposal for the improvement by Madalina Lazurca (NUTRACEUTICAL)

Miss Madalina Lazurca from Nutraceutical SRL made a short presentation of **ISO/TS 3632 (2003) Norm** that regulates the purity and quality of saffron. She insisted in her presentation about several critical lacks of this norm. After that she made a short presentation of the proposal for improvement the current ISO Norm with the Methodologies for determining quality and microbiological determination.

11:20 Future of saffron market in Romania and Europe by Dumitru Lazurca (ROPAM)

Mr. Dumitru Lazurca presented the evolution of saffron market in Romania. He insisted about the tendency of increase of the saffron consumption in Romania especially after 1990 starting with the appearance and developing of new restaurants with Asian and Mediterranean specific. Also some big hotels start to introduce in their very special menu some dishes including saffron. The internet has a big contribution in increasing the consumption of saffron by spreading of



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meals recipes including saffron. After a short presentation about saffron in European market he closed his exposition with some meals recipes including saffron from Mediterranean kitchen.

12:30 Closure

Without anything else in the agenda to present, Mr. Lazurca thanks the participants their attendance and closes the Seminar for Quality control Department's directors of certified laboratories organized by ROPAM in Brasov at the Food and Tourism Faculty.