



**60th Anniversary of the Institute of Agricultural Economics
Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade**



First Announcement

On the occasion of the celebration of 60th anniversary, the Institute of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade, organises a Symposium:

"Agribusiness, Food and Rural Areas - Perspectives and Challenges of Agenda 4.0."

The Symposium will be held on 21st and 22nd September 2023 at the Faculty of Agriculture in Belgrade.

We invite representatives of the scientific community in the field of rural sociology, rural development, agricultural policy, accounting, finance and management in agribusiness, to respond to the invitation and contribute to the success of the Symposium.

Symposium Goals

Agriculture is facing not only increasingly frequent and, considering the consequences, increasingly severe crises caused by climate change, but also increasingly demanding market challenges, standards and regulations.

The aim of the Symposium is to provide an opportunity for participants to exchange the latest theoretical and empirical experiences in overcoming problems in agriculture and food industry, as well as other branches of the economy within the agro-industrial complex, which directly or indirectly affect rural areas and food production in the midst of the fourth industrial revolution.

Agenda 4.0. includes all three key dimensions of sustainable development: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. Sustainable economic growth can be achieved by increasing productivity and supporting technological innovation and entrepreneurship. The inclusion of an increasing number of people in the economy and the encouragement of entrepreneurship requires access to quality infrastructure, information and communication technologies, which do not exist without the improvement of the scientific research system connected to the economy.

The Symposium is an opportunity to review the goals defined in the Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy for the period 2014 - 2024:

1. Production growth and stability of producers' income;
2. Competitiveness improvement through adaptation to the requirements of domestic and foreign markets and technical and technological improvement of the agricultural sector;
3. Sustainable resource management and environmental protection;
4. Improvement of quality of life in rural areas and poverty reduction;
5. Effective management of public policies and improvement of the institutional framework for the development of agriculture and rural areas.

We expect a comprehensive analysis of the work of financial institutions, assessment of the fulfilment of farmers' expectations and availability of banking, insurance and financial services.

One of the goals of the Symposium is to make proposals for improvement of resource use efficiency in production and consumption of food, with increasing efforts to separate the growth of agricultural production from environmental degradation, which can contribute to sustainable development.

Symposium Topics

In accordance with the goals of sustainable development, the following topics have been defined:

- Improvement of quality of life in rural areas and poverty reduction;
- Rural economy - effects and perspectives;
- Institutional framework and policy support for agriculture and rural development
- Financing and investments models in agribusiness;
- Marketing of agricultural products - adaptation to the requirements of domestic and foreign markets
- Competitiveness improvement of agricultural production;
- Sustainable resource management and environmental protection.

Instructions for Authors

In order to be considered for publication, papers should be submitted to the Symposium e-mail address: ae60@agrif.bg.ac.rs by 30th April 2023 at the latest.

All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review. The outcome of the review will be sent to the authors by 30th June, 2023. Papers, that will be accepted, will be published in the Book of Proceedings of the Symposium (print and digital edition).

Full paper guidelines:

Font - Times New Roman

Font size - 12

Papers must not exceed 10 pages or 20,000 characters in length

Maximum number of authors per paper - 3 (three)

Maximum number of submitted papers per author - 2 (two).

Important dates

- ❖ Deadline for full paper submission - 30th April, 2023
- ❖ Paper acceptance notification date - 31st May, 2023
- ❖ Deadline for revised paper submission - 30th June, 2023
- ❖ Deadline for participants registration - 10th September, 2023

Official Languages

The official languages of the Symposium are Serbian and English. The final version of the paper should be submitted in English (authors from Serbia must also submit the final version of the paper in Serbian).

Registration of participants and registration fee

Participants are required to register and pay a registration fee no later than 10th September, 2023.

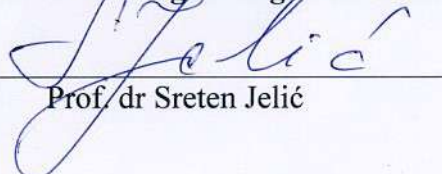
Registration fee includes: lunch, ceremonial dinner, coffee and refreshments during breaks, excursion and the Book of Proceedings.

Registration fee	12.000,00 RSD/100 €
Fee for doctoral and master's students and young researchers *	6.000,00 RSD/50 €
Fee for participants who will only attend the Symposium plenary sessions	6.000,00 RSD/50 €

* Participants under the age of 30; Proof of age is required.

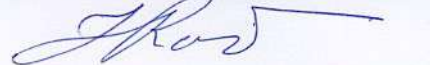
All information regarding the organisation of the Symposium can be found at: www.agrif.bg.ac.rs

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