

## Foreword

Every year the Faculty of Economics and Social Development, Latvia University of Agriculture holds the international scientific conference "Economic Science for Rural Development" and publishes internationally reviewed papers of scientific researches, which are presented at the conference. This year researchers from various European countries representing not only the science of economics in the diversity of its sub-branches have contributed to the conference; they have expanded their studies engaging colleagues from social and other sciences, thus, confirming inter-disciplinary and multi-dimensional development of the contemporary science. The conference is dedicated to topical themes of rural development; hence, the research results are published in 4 successive volumes. The first volume of scientific conference proceedings was published in 2000.

### **The following topical themes have been chosen for the conference:**

- Production and Co-operation in Agriculture
- Integrated and Sustainable Regional Development
- Finance and Taxes
- Marketing and Sustainable Consumption
- Rural Development and Entrepreneurship
- Home Economics
- New Dimensions in the Development of Society

Professors, doctors of science, associate professors, assistant professors, PhD students, and other researchers from the following higher education, research institutions, and professional organisations participate at the International Scientific Conference present their results of scientific research:

- Professor Baiba Rivža: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Andra Zvirbule – Bērziņa: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Irina Pilvere: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Barbara Freytag - Leyer: Fulda University of Applied Sciences, **Germany**
- Professor Bo Öhlmer: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, **Sweden**
- Professor Wim J.M. Heijman: Wageningen University, **the Netherlands**
- Professor Bartosz Mickiewicz: West Pomeranian University of Technology, **Poland**

- Professor Maria Parlinska: Warsaw University of Life Sciences, **Poland**
- Professor Alina Danilowska: Warsaw University of Life Sciences, **Poland**
- Professor Janina Sawicka: Warsaw University of Life Sciences, **Poland**
- Professor Joanna Szwacka-Mokrzycka: Warsaw University of Life Sciences, **Poland**
- Professor Jacques Viaene: University of Gent, **Belgium**
- Professor Arild Sæther: University of Agder, **Norway**
- Professor Vilija Aleknevičienė: Aleksandras Stulginskis University, **Lithuania**
- Professor Rogier Schulte: Teagasc-The Agriculture and Food Development Authority of Ireland, **Ireland**
- Professor Csaba Forgacs: Budapest Corvinus University, **Hungary**
- Professor Elena Horska: Slovak University of Agriculture, **Slovakia**
- Senior researcher Magnar Forbord: Centre for Rural Research, **Norway**
- Professor Ingrīda Jakušonoka: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Inguna Leibus: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Aina Dobele: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Professor Modrīte Pelše: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Associate professor Gunita Mazūre: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
- Associate professor Jānis Ūsis: Latvia University of Agriculture, **Latvia**
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