



**16<sup>th</sup> Conference  
International Section**

**9-10 October 2020, Athens, GR**

***Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change:  
Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy***

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**The Aim of the Conference**

The Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economics (ETAGRO) is pleased to invite contributors across the globe to attend the *International Section in Agricultural Economics* which is going to be part of the *16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association*, held in the historic and lively city of Athens during October 2020. The main theme of the *International Section* of the Conference is *Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security, and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy*.

Modern agriculture is both causing and being affected by radical transformations in agri-food systems as well as acute climate change-related risks. Various health issues caused by globalized diets, as well as the persisting problems of hunger and malnutrition, bring food and nutrition security to the forefront of scientific and political discourse. On the other hand, extreme and unpredictable adverse climatic events already affect agriculture, exacerbating the long-standing problems of resource depletion and environmental degradation. Therefore, profound economic, social, and environmental impacts are expected, thus rendering the quest for sustainability even more complicated and demanding.

In this context, Bio-economy can make a decisive contribution in tackling often contradicting issues such as climate change or terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem degradation on one hand and the growing demand for increased production of agricultural products and foodstuffs on the other.

Bio-economy is a vast and important sector in the European Union and includes agriculture, silviculture, fishery, foodstuffs, bioenergy and bio-based products. It has an annual turnover of about EUR 2 trillion and employs nearly 18 million. Moreover, it is a key factor for boosting the development in rural and coastal areas, and it can create 1 million new green jobs by 2030.

The *International Section in Agricultural Economics of the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association* expects leaders, policymakers, academics, scientists, producers and political bodies to attend and share their work experiences and thoughts in various subjects related to the bio-economy such as sustainable agri-food systems, sustainable food security, climate change mitigation, and new technologies, and others.

## **Target Audience**

All interested scholars or representatives among governmental entities, institutions, industries, NGOs, etc. are invited to contribute with up-to-date approaches on the meeting.

The specific objective of this meeting is to become the bridge in terms of communication and collaboration between science and research as well as the bodies and the stakeholders in agriculture, thereby facilitating the transfer of research data and expertise.

The participation in the Conference of young scholars and students with the presentation of relevant research papers is considered significant and strongly recommended and encouraged. A series of parallel sessions will be organized in the International Section of the conference and a well-recognized international scholar will address the participants on a topic related to the theme of the International Section of the Conference.

## **Conference Topics:**

The topics of the International Section of the Conference cover, but not restricted to, the following scientific areas:

- Agricultural Production and Competitiveness
- Price Analysis and Market Structure in the Agrifood Supply Chain
- Agricultural and Environmental Policy
- International Trade of Agricultural and Food Products
- Agricultural and Rural development, Sustainable Agriculture and Environment
- Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs Marketing - Consumption Trends
- Environmental and Natural Resources Economics
- Renewable and Non-renewable Natural Resources: Assessment and Practices
- Bio-economy - Renewable Energy Sources
- Agricultural Applications, Education and Information on Bio-economy
- Climate Change and Local/Hyper-Local Peculiarities
- Circularity in Agricultural Production and Opportunities for Regional Development
- Circular Agro-industry and Consumption
- Precision Agriculture, New Technologies, Digitization and Innovation
- Food Supply Chain Management in the Context of Bio-economy
- Safety and Quality of Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs
- Management of Rural Areas, Land-use, Agro-tourism
- New Relationships Between City and Countryside - Solidary Agri-food Networks
- Collective Actions in the Rural Space

ETAGRO welcomes submitted manuscripts on the above mentioned topics. However, submissions on other relevant agricultural and applied economics topics are encouraged as well.

## **Scientific Committee:**

Alessandro Banterle, Vera Bitsch, Herve Dakpo, Robert Finger, Jarkko Niemi, Fabio Santeramo, Ioannis Skevas, Justus Wesseler, Anthony Rezitis and Alfons Oude Lansink (chair)

## **Keynote Speakers:**

Alfons Oude Lansink and Fabio Santeramo

### **Conference Venue:**

[Agricultural University of Athens](#), 75 Iera Odos, 118 55, Athens, Attica, Greece

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### **Important dates:**

- **15/4/2020:** Submission of extended abstracts
- **15/6/2020:** Abstract evaluation
- **9-10/10/2020:** Conference
- **15/11/2020:** Full paper submission for possible publication in collaborating journals

**Submit extended abstracts or posters** by email: [submission.etagro@gmail.com](mailto:submission.etagro@gmail.com)

### **Publication Opportunities**

The best ETAGRO 2020 full research papers will be published after peer review in;

- a Special Issue of the [Agriculture and Food Security](#) (Springer Nature, CiteScore 1.52),
- a Special Issue of the [Bio-based and Applied Economics](#) (Firenze University Press, CiteScore 1.14),
- a Special Issue of the [International Journal of Sustainable Agricultural Management and Informatics](#) (Inderscience, CiteScore 0.30),
- a Special Issue of the [Agricultural Economics Review](#) (Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economists -ETAGRO, CiteScore 0.26).

In addition, selected high quality papers will be considered for publication after review in the [Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies](#) (Emerald, CiteScore 1.30). More Journals and Special Issues will be announced in due course.

**Scientific Committee Chairman**

**Prof.dr.ir. AGJM (Alfons) Oude Lansink**