

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### The main topics of the Scientific Conference:

#### Topic 1. Agro-innovations and Food Technologies

1. Quality of Food Raw Materials
2. Plant Growth Optimization for Sustainable Crop Production
3. Integration of Environmentally Friendly Products into Farming System

#### Topic 2. Biosystems Engineering and Environment Integrity

1. Agricultural Machinery and Technologies
2. Energy Processes in Biotechnologies
3. Power and Transport Machines
4. Reliability of Mechanical Systems
5. Renewable Energetics
6. Safety of Environment and Technologies
7. Durability of Engineering Structures and Sustainable Construction
8. Sustainable Animal Husbandry

#### Topic 3. Multifunctional Approach for Sustainable Use of Bio-Resources

1. Biodiversity and Sustainability of Ecosystems
2. Monitoring and Management of Environment Quality
3. Land Use Planning and Advanced Geomatics
4. Sustainable Management of Water Resources
5. Inventory, Management and Productivity of Forest Resources
6. Management and Conservation of Wildlife Resources
7. Forestry Servicing the Society
8. Recirculating Aquaculture System Technologies

#### Topic 4. Social Innovations for Rural Development

1. Multifunctional and Value-Added Agriculture
2. Resilience of Agricultural Business and its Infrastructure
3. Agricultural and Rural Development Policies and Institutional Frameworks
4. Social Capital Building in Rural Areas
5. Language and Cultural Education for Professional Development
6. Innovations in Accounting and Modelling of Financial Decisions

### Political Forum "European Union Rural Development Policy after 2020" will be held during the Conference

Keywords: Innovations, Integrity and Bio-resources

#### Important dates and deadlines:

From April 4<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – registration

Until September 30<sup>th</sup> – abstract submission

Until November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – article submission

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – publishing of the Conference proceedings

**Important note:** only one contribution as first author and maximum two contributions as co-author for one person will be accepted. Papers should be submitted on line <http://conf.rd.asu.lt>

The papers are the subject of two independent reviews. After the conference date all the peer-reviewed conference papers will have been published in open access Proceedings of the conference (online ISSN 2345-0916, print ISSN 1822-3230). Proceedings of International Scientific Conference "Rural Development" are published periodically every two years since 2003 and indexed by Thomson Reuters (Web of Science), EBSCO (Academic Search Complete).

#### Registration:

For registration please fill in the registration form provided in the Conference website: <http://www.ruraldevelopment.lt>

#### Registration fee:

The fee will amount to: before September 30<sup>th</sup> – 200 EUR, after September 30<sup>th</sup> – 250 EUR, for accompanying person – 150 EUR.

Registration fee covers the Conference proceedings, coffee breaks, lunches and gala dinner. The costs of accommodation, cultural (social) programme and transport should be covered by the participants of the Conference.

Payment of participant's fee is available in EUR and has to be sent to: Bank's name: AB SEB Bankas, SWIFT (BIC): CBVILT 2X IBAN: LT35 7044 0600 0290 0835, Bank's address: Gedimino pr.12, LT-01103, Vilnius, Lithuania, Please, define the purpose of payment: Rural development 2017.

Detailed information on paper preparation, the Conference, arrival to Kaunas, accommodation, cultural programme and all operative news are available in the Conference website <http://ruraldevelopment.lt>

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