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Dimensions"**



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**9:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**10:00 – 11:30 OPENING REMARKS AND ACADEMIC SESSION**

**Opening Remarks: Prof. Dr. Bozhidar Ivanov, Director of the Institute of Agricultural Economics**

**Greetings from official representatives, institutions, and organizations in the agricultural sector:**

- ❖ Ministry of Agriculture and Food – Yanislav Yanchev, Deputy Minister
- ❖ Chairman of the Agricultural Academy – Prof. Ds. Stefan Gandev
- ❖ Bulgarian Parliament – Dr. Rumen Hristov – Member of 51<sup>th</sup> Parliament
- ❖ Agriculture Advisor to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria - Yavor Gechev
- ❖ United Bulgarian Bank – Frank Jansen, BoD Member and Executive Director
- ❖ Association of Agricultural Producers in Bulgaria – Chairman Ventsislav Varbanov
- ❖ National Sheep and Goat Breeding Association – Simeon Karakolev, Co-Chairman
- ❖ National Association of Grain Producers – Iliya Prodanov, Chairman
- ❖ America for Bulgaria Foundation – Desislava Talyokova, Executive Director
- ❖ Bulgarian Academy of Science – Akad. Atanas Atanasov, Member of BAS
- ❖ Agricultural University – Plovdiv – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boryana Ivanova, Rector
- ❖ University of National and World Economy – Prof. Dr. Dimitar Dimitrov, Rector
- ❖ University of Economics – Varna – Prof. Dr. Evgeni Stanimirov, Rector
- ❖ European Rural Development Network – Prof. Dr. Pawel Chmielinski, President
- ❖ Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics Warsaw – Prof. Dr. Marek Wigier, Director

**Video Film: "Science as a Journey" – The Institute of Agricultural Economics: Nowadays and Back to Beginning"**



**Stories from the past:** Congratulations and memories reflecting the life of the Institute of Agricultural Economics through different periods

**Awards and honors:** Acknowledgement on emeritus scientists and staff for the contribution to IAE over the past

**11:30 – 12:00 Social Encounter and Media Brief**

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**

**13:00 – 14:30 PLENARY SESSION: TOOLS AND INSIGHTS FROM POLICY ANALYSIS**

**Moderator: Prof. Hrabrin Bachev**

**REFLECTIONS ON COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AFTER 2027**

Prof. Roel Jongeneel, Senior Scientist in Wageningen Economic Research

**ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVES UNDER A LIFE CYCLE THINKING APPROACH IN EUROPE**

Prof. Pawel Chmielinski, Director for Science at Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, Poland, President of the European Rural Development Network

**HETEROGENITY OF AGRARIAN TRANSITION: LESSONS FOR AN INCLUSIVE CHANGE**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Herzfeld, Director of Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) and Head of Department “External Environment for Agriculture and Policy Analysis”

**IF COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AFTER 2027 WILL BE STILL COMMON POLICY?**

Snezhana Blagoeva – representative in Permanent Representation of Bulgaria in EU and PhD candidate in IAE

**14:30 – 14:40 Discussion**

**14:40 – 15:00 Time Break**

**15:00 – 16:30 PANEL: PERSPECTIVES OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKAN REGION**

**Moderator: Prof. Pawel Chmielinski**



## **STAKEHOLDER NEED IN THE BIOECONOMY: INSIGHTS FROM THE QUADRUPLE HELIX ECOSYSTEM**

Ivana Stamenovska, Marina Nacka, Riste Elenov, Stojance Neckovski, Kiril Sotirovski, Dragi Dimitrievski – Ss Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Faculty of Agriculture

## **FARMER SATISFACTION WITH THE LAND CONSOLIDATION PROCESS - MACEDONIAN CASE**

Ana Simonovska, Aleksandra Martinovska-Stojcheska, Emili Tuna, Ana Kotevska, Dragan Gjoshevski, Zlatko Chanevski, Morten Kvistgaard – St. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Faculty of Agriculture

## **ADDING VALUE IN AGRIBUSINESS: DIVERSIFICATION PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nemanja Jalić- University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Agriculture, Banja Luka

## **AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND INTEGRATION PERSPECTIVES**

Vlade Zarić, Nikola Marašević, Aleksandra Rajkovic – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Agriculture

## **THE WESTERN BALKANS AND THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURE**

Ana Kotevska, E. Martinovska Stojcheska, E. Erjavec - St. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Faculty of Agriculture

## **ADAPTATION OF SERBIAN SMALL FRUIT PRODUCING FARMS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGES AND MARKET CHALLENGES**

Jasmina Milinković, Nikola Marašević, Vlade Zarić - – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Agriculture

**16:30 – 16:40 Discussion**

**16:40 – 16:45 Wrap up**

**19:00 OFFICIAL DINNER**

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**9:30 – 11:00 PANEL: RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FACE OF BIOECONOMY TRANSFORMATION**

**Moderator: Prof. Bozhidar Ivanov**

**RURAL CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT: A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH**

Prof. Shengquan Che, Changkun Xie, Yifeng Qin – Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of Design

**CLIMATIC AND ECONOMIC FARM'S VULNERABILITY IN MOUNTAIN REGIONS – CASE STUDY OF BULGARIA AND ROMANIA**

Felix Arion-University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Department of Economic Sciences, Romania, Dr. Bozhura Fidanska- Institute of Agricultural Economics - Sofia

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES AND AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES AMONG BULGARIAN WINEGROWERS - EVIDENCE FROM A CHOICE EXPERIMENT IN BULGARIA**

Krasimir Kostenarov, Ekatherina Tzvetanova, Dimitre Nikolov, Ivan Boevsky, Vanya Bankova, Plamen Dragnev - New Bulgarian University Bulgaria, Martin Banov- SSAPP "Nikola Poushkarov, Agricultural Academy, Kristina Todorova- University of National and World Economy

**DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES AFFECTING THE RURAL REGIONS OF POLAND**

Agnieszka Wrzochalska- The Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland

**RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS USED BY BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL HOLDERS: IMPLICATIONS AND CHALLENGES**

Svetlana Aleksandrova-Zlatanska- University of National and World Economy

**11:00 – 11:10 Discussion**



**11:10 – 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:00 PANEL: AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS UNDER MARKET AND OTHER RISKS**

**Moderator: Dr. Emilia Sokolova**

**RISKS FOR AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, WHAT DRIVES OUR OUTLOOK?**

Julian Binfield– University of Missouri, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute

**COMPETITIVENESS OF GRAIN AND OILSEED INDUSTRIES IN SELECTED COUNTRIES FROM BLACK SEA REGION**

Bozhidar Ivanov, Hrabrin Bachev, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Sofia, Daniela Dimitrova - Institute of Viticulture – Pleven

**MODEL-BASED ASSESSMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN CAP STRATEGIC PLAN AFTER 2027**

Szabo Zsolt, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest (AKI)

**SEARCHING A GOVERNANCE MODE: THE CASE OF FOOD WASTE**

Dimitar Terziev and Tony Mihova – University of National and World Economy

**EVOLUTION OF THE AGRI-FOOD SECTORS IN ROMANIA AND BULGARIA IN THE POST-ACCESSION PERIOD**

Camellia Gavrilescu, Ion Certan, Dan-Marius Voicilas – Romanian Institute of Agricultural Economics and Bucharest University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

**13:00 – 13:10 Discussion**

**13:10– 13:20 Poster Session**

**SUSTAINABILITY COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF BULGARIAN FARMS FROM VULNERABLE SECTORS IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Veselin Krastev



**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN TWO SIMILAR EUROPEAN CITIES. CASE STUDY: BUFTEA (ROMANIA) - BOTEVGRAD (BULGARIA) AUTHORS**

Andreea-Roxana Firăţoiu (Chirico), Mihaela Mihailova, Elena Soare, Aurelia Ioana Chereji, Irina-Adriana Chiurciu, Liviu Mărcuţă

**ORGANIC FARMING IN BULGARIAN AGRICULTURE**

Dilyana Mitova

**AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PHOTOVOLTAICS IN BULGARIA: A PILOT STUDY ON CHALLENGES IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION**

Minko Georgiev

**ADAPTATION OF BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GREEN DEAL: THE ROLE OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN ENHANCING ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY**

Daniel Petrov

**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS FOR ESTABLISHING ORCHARD FARMS: A CASE STUDY APPROACH**

Monika Kabadzhova, Anton Blagoev, Annie Dimitrova

**INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS**

Margarita Ivanova

**INFLUENCE OF TERRITORIAL FACTORS AND DEPENDENCIES ON THE DYNAMICS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND PRICES IN BULGARIA**

Stefan Asenov

**CONSUMER ATTITUDES TOWARD TRADITIONAL WINES PRODUCED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES - EVIDENCE FROM A CHOICE EXPERIMENT IN BULGARIA”**

Krasimir Kostenarov, Ekatherina Tzvetanova, Dimitre Nikolov, Ivan Boevsky, Martin Banov, Vanya Bankova, Plamen Dragnev

**MICROECONOMIC STUDY FOR COMPETITIVENESS OF VINE FARMS IN EUROPEAN UNION**

Desislava Toteva

**BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARBON FARMING IN THE CONTEXT OF DIGITALIZATION**

Plamen Dragnev

**13:20 – 13:30 CONCLUSIVE REMARKS**

**13:30 LUNCH**