

This Conference starts a cycle of events dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy.

Both participation ways – in person and online - are appreciated and supported by organisers

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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. Durability of Engineering Structures and Sustainable Construction
3. Energy Processes in Biotechnologies
4. Land Use Planning and Advanced Geomatics
5. Power and Transport Machines
6. Reliability of Mechanical Systems
7. Renewable Energetics
8. Safety of Environment and Technologies
9. Sustainable Animal Husbandry
10. Sustainable Management of Water Resources

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

1. Biodiversity and Sustainability of Ecosystems
2. Monitoring and Management of Environment Quality
3. Inventory, Management and Productivity of Forest Resources
4. Management and Conservation of Wildlife Resources
5. Forest Ecosystem Services
6. Aqua Farming – Techniques and Methods

Topic 4. Social Research for Sustainable Bioeconomy and Climate Change

1. Rethinking Agricultural and Rural Development Policies and Institutional Frameworks
2. Social Innovations for Greening the Economy
3. Smart Villages: Alternative Models for Development of Rural Areas
4. Trends of Market Development and Challenges for Bio-Based Products in Sustainable Value Chains
5. Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems Development

Business and Science Forum “Connecting the Dots: A Roadmap for Lithuanian Bioeconomy Development” will be held during the Conference

Keywords: Innovations, Integrity, Bio-resources, Well-being

Important dates and deadlines:

From January 30st to August 20th, 2023 – registration
Until September 17th, 2023 – article submission
Until September 10th, 2023 – payment of participation fee
January, 2024 – publishing of the Conference proceedings

Important note: only one contribution as first author and maximum one contribution as co-author for one person will be accepted. Papers should be submitted on-line at <https://ejournals.vdu.lt/index.php/rd>.

The papers are the subject of two independent reviews. After the conference date all the peer-reviewed conference papers will be 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 Clarivate Analytics Web of Science (CA WoS), EBSCO (Academic Search Complete).

For registration please fill in the registration form provided in the Conference website here **Online Registration on the conference website.**

Participation fee	In person (EUR)	Online (EUR)
Authors until August 27 th	250	170
Authors after August 27 th	300	220
PhD students	125	100
Non-authors	150	Free of charge

Participation fee in person covers not only the Conference proceedings, but also 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 2023**, Reference: **Your name & surname as it appears on the registration form.**

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