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FOREWORD

The four independent reviewers estimated each paper and recommended 77 articles for publishing at the proceedings consisted of 2 volumes, which started life as presentations at the Annual 22nd International Scientific Conference “Research for Rural Development 2016” held at the Latvia University of Agriculture, in Jelgava, on 18 to 20 May 2016.

In the retrospect of four months later, we can count the Conference as a great success. The theme – Research for Rural Development - attracted participation more than 160 researchers with very different backgrounds. There were 125 presentations from different universities of Poland, Turkey, Tajikistan, Lithuania, Croatia, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Mexico and Latvia.

Thank you for your participation! I’m sure that you have learned from the presentations and discussions during the conference and you can use the outcomes in the future.

The cross disciplinary proceedings of the Annual 22nd International Scientific Conference “Research for Rural Development 2016” (2 volume since 2010) are intended for academics, students and professionals. The subjects covered by those issues are crop production, animal breeding, agricultural engineering, agrarian and regional economics, food sciences, veterinary medicine, forestry, wood processing, water management, environmental engineering, landscape architecture, information and communication technologies. The papers are grouped according to the sessions in which they have been presented.

Finally, I wish to thank Organizing and Scientific Committee and the sponsors for their great support to the conference and proceedings.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee
of Annual 22nd International Scientific Conference
“Research for Rural Development 2016”

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