

International Scientific and Practical Conference on Agrarian Economy in the Era of Globalization and Integration (AGEGI 2018)

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The International Scientific and Practical Conference on Agrarian Economy in the Era of Globalization and Integration was held on October 24-25, 2018 in Moscow, Russia. The conference was organized by the Federal Research Center of Agrarian Economy and Social Development of Rural Areas – All-Russian Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, All-Russian Scientific Research Institute of the Organization of Production, Labor and Management in Agriculture (VNIPTUSKH), and the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Conference aimed to bring leading scholars, educators, and practitioners in the fields of agricultural economics, environmental studies, agricultural engineering, and sustainable development to share their research results, insights, and experiences and to discuss actual trends, challenges, and solutions. The focus of the Conference, its interdisciplinary approach, and international outreach allowed to create a truly engaging and intellectually challenging atmosphere.

The conference was held in the Headquarters of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, Russia and brought over 300 speakers and participants representing various universities, research institutions, as well as the leading agricultural and industrial enterprises from Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and a number of Central Asian nations. We were also very honored to have representatives of the emerging African countries. In particular, the conference was marked with participation of Mohamed Ali Kamil, the Emergency and Authorized Ambassador of the Republic of Dzhibuti in Russia, and Dr. Anisset G. Kochofa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Benin to the Russian Federation and Former High Commissioner of the Eurasian Economic Cooperation Organization for International Cooperation. A great number of policy experts and policy makers took part in the conference and presented their challenging views on the state of agricultural economy in the Eurasian Economic Union and its development prospects in the era of globalization and integration.

We are pleased to introduce the Conference Proceedings containing a selection of high-quality papers from contributed presentations in the conference. These papers present an integrated approach to agricultural systems, economic development, and the environment, which is highly necessary in order to respond to a number challenges in conditions of increasing globalization and integration. The intensification and diversification of agricultural systems is observed due to the rapid social development and economic growth in different parts of the world. Such tendencies cause increasing impact on natural resources and lead to unpredictable environmental consequences. Also, agricultural systems are under stress from climate change, environmental degradation, and population growth. The current institutions, policies, and agricultural technologies can hardly cope with such rapid changes. The featured papers present a wide variety of opinions and address these challenges in a comprehensive and innovative ways. Thus, the resulted collection of papers is of interest to a wide audience, including not only specialists and experts with a detailed knowledge of the topic, but also scholars, lecturers, and undergraduates of various fields of economics.

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