The International Conference of the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest

"Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture"

The International Conference "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture" is an international conference organized and hosted annually by the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest (USAMV), in Romania. The 7th edition took place between June 7th – 9th, 2018, in Bucharest, Romania.

The University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest has been organizing specialised conferences since its creation but, starting with 2012, USAMV decided that the promotion of the results of scientific research and technological development should be done by organizing a unique scientific event, common to all faculties of the university, respectively the International Conference "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture".

The best papers presented in the 2012-2014 editions followed the selection procedure and were selected for publication in one of the USAMV journals (6 of them indexed in WOS, ESCI):

For the 2015 and 2016 editions, proceedings of the conference were published in collaboration with Elsevier, and are indexed in ISI ESCI:


For the 2018 edition, a collaboration with De Gruyter was agreed upon, in order to publish the "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture" Conference Proceedings.

Manuscripts are received online (USAMV online proprietary conference’s submission systems) and the paper selection process involves several stages. All abstracts submitted are initially
evaluated by the sections responsibles to ascertain if they fit within the conference’s aim and scope, if there are the essential elements of a scientific abstract are present. After the preliminary evaluation „the university article management software” is used to help, streamline and monitor the process that requires: the reviewers to review, authors to answer/make corrections, and editors to oversee the process; During this stage, a double-blind-peer-review of the whole papers follows. At the end, the authors are informed on their papers’ acceptance or necessary revisions, (as a rule, papers can be accepted as they are, accepted with minor or major revisions, or rejected). The evaluation process takes into consideration both the scientific content and the topics addressed, which have to fit the Conference framework. Technical editors are employed to ensure that the accepted papers are accurate and easily readable and that they respect the editorial and publishing standards.

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The 7th edition of *The International Conference "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture"* organized by **The University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest** continued the tradition of the previous editions on life sciences and social sciences, offering researchers, business leaders, government and EU officials the opportunity to share their innovative ideas and research results to address global challenges on a scientific basis. The Conference welcomes the submission of original research papers and reviews that meet the general criteria of significance and scientific excellence. It aims at presenting the latest developments on subjects covering agronomy and life sciences fields as a whole: Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Science, Biotechnology, Veterinary Medicine, Environmental Science and Engineering, Management and Engineering in Rural Areas, encouraging the interdisciplinary and cross functional issues.

In the 2018 edition of the Conference a number of 630 papers were presented in the seven sections created around the proposed central topics of this year, by prim-authors from institutions of higher education and research from 36 countries and authors from 42 countries (Romania, Turkey, Moldova, Bulgaria, Poland, Germany, Serbia, Hungary, USA etc.). A number of 93 papers were accepted for publication in the "Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture" Conference Proceedings, after the completion of the evaluation process.

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- if more than 25% of the original submission is plagiarized - reject the article and notify the author.

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