Dear Sir/ Madam,

Szent István University Faculty of Agricultural and Economic Studies, Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development (SZIU FAES), Hungary, Banat’s University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine "King Michael I of Romania" from Timisoara Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Management and Rural Tourism, and Hungarian Academy of Sciences Regional Committee in Szeged, Logistics Working Committee in cooperation with the Government Office for Békés County, Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture Békés County Directorate and Hungarian Chamber of Hunters Branch of Békés County
cordially invites You to

3rd International Scientific Conference on Rural Development entitled
”Digitization in Rural Spaces – Challenge and/or Opportunity?”
Date: Thursday, 14 November, 2019
Venue: Szent István University Faculty of Agricultural and Economic Studies
Address: 5540 Szarvas, Szabadság str. 1-3. HUNGARY.

Infocommunication, digitization, automatization – these are standard calling words and phenomena in today’s global economy. The Fourth Industrial Revolution creates new business model and jobs in all industries. But what do these dimensions mean for the european countryside? What will their impact be on the retention of rural population, employment, agricultural production, food economy and sustainable development?

The aim of the conference is to provide practitioners, creators of rural development and representatives of scientific community with scientific tools and methods to practise common thinking and outline effective problem-solving methods.

The Conference Call is open for all being interested. Moreover, the conference can also be counted as part of a national event accredited by the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture as part of the annual training of advisers.

Participants of the Conference take part in professional, scientific and poster sessions.

The official language of the Conference is English.

Preliminary programme:
08.30 - 09.30  Registration
09.30 - 10.00  Opening ceremony, welcome speeches
10.00 - 12.10  Plenary lectures, presentations
12.30 - 14.00  Lunch
14.00 - 15.30  Session – Lectures, presentations I
15.30 - 15.45  Coffee break
15.45 - 17.30  Session – Lectures, presentations II
18.30 -  Meeting for Professionals

Planned Sessions:
- Agricultural digitization
- Infocommunication, digitization, automatization in rural spaces
- ‘Local resources – Local development’ (cooperation with Leader Local Action Groups)
- ‘Session in Agricultural Management, Agricultural Support and Employment’
- Game management as tool of rural development and nature preservation
- Opportunities for multifunctional agriculture and diversitification
- The role of preserving industry in rural economy
- Networking in agrarian fields
• Social assets and cooperation in rural areas
• Agricultural technologies
• Precision agriculture
• Short supply chains
• Social and economic processes in national and European spaces
• Poster Session

**Deadline for Application:** 30 September, 2019 – the latest.

**Registration:**

**Contact Persons:**
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**Conference Fees and Costs:**
The fee of the Conference is 7,000 HUF/person (lunch included) for every participant.
Extended Conference Fee including Meeting for Professionals: 10,000 HUF/person.

**Conference Presentations, Publications:**
Conference Presentations in the requested form of a scientific publication and Posters exhibited will appear in a peer reviewed Conference Publication Volume (with ISBN) in English language.
Requirement of publication in the volume to be published is: the payment of the registration fee and the delivery of the article to the editors by the indicated deadline below.

When transferring the registration fee, please, note the following text in the slot for notices: AGK 3rd Rural Conference + Participant’s name. Bank account number of Szent István University: HU68-10032000-00282826-00000000. SWIFT (BIC) Code: HUSTHUHB.
The article format of the scientific presentation and the proof of the payment of the registration fee must be sent by email to the following email addresses by 15th October, 2019 at the latest: aranyferenc10@gmail.com
Due to organizational and technical reasons it is not possible to publish publications after the expiry of the requested deadline.
The Presentations in the Sections with the planned discussions are for 15 minutes. The space available for exhibiting posters is 90 cm X 100 cm.

• Formal requirements for summary of presentations and posters (Abstract): the Abstract may range up to 1200 characters maximum.
• Formal requirements for publications: the Article of Presentation (together with the Summary, Tables and Graphs) and the Posters should be edited up to 6 pages of material according to a downloadable sample format published on our Website:
An author can register for the Conference with 2 Presentations or with 1 Presentation and 1 Poster maximum.

**Accommodation:** based on individual inquiries, for a fee. Please, call +36-66-313-311 and/or +36-30-4829319 for Hotel Inquiry.

**Important Deadlines:**
- Registration deadline (on-line registration): 30th September, 2019
- Deadline for submitting Abstract: 30th September, 2019
- Deadline for transferring Registration fee: 15th October, 2019
- Send final material for the Volume to be published: 15th October, 2019
- Feedback on the final material by proofreader’s comments: 22nd October, 2019

**The Organizational Committee of the Conference:**

Chairperson of Organizational Committee:
- Dr. Zoltán FUTÓ PhD, Dean (SZIU FAES)

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- Dr. Zoltán EGRI PhD, College Associate Professor (SZIU FAES)

We look forward to welcoming You at the Conference.

We reserve the right to make changes.

Yours Faithfully,
- Dr. Zoltán FUTÓ PhD
- Dean, Head of Institute