

Foreword

The modern society and economy has and is experiencing a reconfiguration of the basically systems and components where the resource economics and management started to become central pillars in stimulating and encouraging new value-added creation. Understanding the intimate mechanisms and growth springs represent a major challenge for researchers, which still requires concerted efforts to highlight the growth potentials. In this context of diverse challenges, the agro-food economy has become, during the recent years, a determinant factor in promoting and assuring a sustainable economic development, in the larger context of current economic paradigm evolution.

The research topic approached within this reference book is topical, with a high visibility and uniqueness of the scientific approach, being in line with the current research trends in the field of economics and resource management, with predilection on agro food and rural issues economics.

This book constitutes an authentic scientific approach, which brings together an important collection of chapters, containing a series of specialty studies in the field, which are constituted in distinct and correlated topics, presenting the character of an original scientific work of high scientific importance by choosing the contributors of chapters, which through the methodology used in collecting, analyzing, reviewing and promoting chapters contributes to the understanding and deepening of the specificities of this research.

The complexity of the topic—*Agrifood Economics and Sustainable Development in Contemporary Society*—required the use and capitalization of a wide range of methodologies and research methods specific to the main topic, which form a unique and unitary research.

Through the scale of the scientific approach undertaken in this reference book, the book editor manages to mobilize a large number of contributors and, at the same time, to capitalize scientifically on the complexity of the subject, which gives this book a profound interdisciplinary character. By its subject, agro-food economics and sustainable development in contemporary society represent a milestone in researching the complex influence of agro-food economics in valuing the rural and agricultural potential.

The opinions expressed in the chapters by the contributors, the own interpretations of the available data, the highlighting of the multiple arguments and the theme specific to each chapter, make this book an authentic scientific contribution in the field, completing the space of research conducted in the field.

This book provides valuable insights on agrifood economics and sustainable development topics in contemporary society transformations and developments and it covers the major and necessary components in providing an interesting perspective on the topics analyzed. The challenges in agrifood and resource economics are not only just difficult and interesting, but also require a deep attention.

In this new global and interconnected economy, understanding the agrifood economics and resource management, doubled by the interconnectivity and interdependence between researches problematic, imposes new thematic approaches and new methods in research. The *Agrifood Economics and Sustainable Development in Contemporary Society* could be considered as a new and solid step in this direction, which I warmly recommend.

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