

WORD OF THE PUBLISHER

Dear Readers!

The first issue of 69th volume of *ACS* prepared according of new, re-defined editorial policy with new editorial board and editor-in-chief is a good opportunity and pleasure for a short message on behalf of editor of *ACS* - Faculty of Agriculture University of Zagreb. As you may well be aware, 2004 marks the 85th anniversary of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb. Although, 85 years of heritage is certainly enough to be proud of we need to look for the moment in the past of our research and publicity of its results so that we can determine what role we as editor of *ACS* will play into the current and future facets of agriculture.

During last couple of years researches in agriculture and related sciences have been confronted with deep changes in human and technological sense especially in the food production sector and in rural development. If these researches do not reach the one they supposed to, they have no value. It is important to publish in foreign scientific journals and this is a brilliant why to present our country and our work to others, but it is very important to stand on rampart of knowledge in the homeland. Scientific knowledge without being applied does not mean so much and in our country they are crucial!

Agricultural and related sciences has, thru *ACS*, showed it's transformation adding many new contents such as land use, technologies, food production, food safety, consumption, marketing and thru all of that has stimulated changes in biology and other disciplines. All of this has been done with goals to fulfil human needs, to protect the environment, to contribute to rural development and to get products of high quality with well known origin and of course with great respect of ethnic rules and wellbeing of animals. Nowadays, in editorial policy of *ACS* our intention is to respect the growing attention given to the non-food functions of agriculture and the multifunctional character of agriculture and land within the framework of sustainable agriculture and rural development.

A lot of things we have showed thru *ACS* and we have still lot to overcome in the following years. I would like to express my gratitude to all editors in chiefs, technical editors and editorial board, especially to Prof. Nikola Stipić, PhD – former editor-in-chief and his co-operators who have done a great job in promoting *ACS*. On behalf of Faculty council my best wishes to new editorial board which will be from next issue joined by eminent international scientists. From all of them, including of new editor-in-chief we are expecting to put *ACS* at the place it deserves.



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