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**Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies,
Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies
Latvia Academy of Agricultural and Forest Sciences,
Section of Engineering**

has the pleasure to invite you to attend
23ʳᵈ International Scientific Conference
Engineering for Rural Development
22.-24.05.2024 Jelgava, LATVIA

First announcement and call for papers

Aims of the Conference

The Conference will focus on the new technologies and scientific research in the areas of agriculture, energetics, engineering, engineering education, transport as well as on other topical engineering problems. This is a possibility to provide technology transfer from scientists to enterprises and exchange information with specialists in your area of research from different countries from around the world.

Conference language

The official conference language is English.

Topics

The topical areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural machinery
- Husbandry
- Renewable and conventional energy
- GHG emission, waste management
- Agroengineering technologies, mechanisms
- Control systems
- Material science

- Transport and logistics
- Fuels and technical liquids
- Modelling and simulation
- Applied ICT in engineering
- Engineering education
- Engineering economics
- All similar engineering and technology studies

Application for participation

Main information is available at the homepage of the conference (http://www.tf.lbtu.lv/conference). Note that registration is possible using **on-line** conference system form only (https://conferences.lbtu.lv/en). The registration is open till **January 15, 2024**. **The Organizing Committee will not consider the applications sent after this date.** Summary of the report should be between 1500 and 2000 printed signs and should contain description of problem, methods and main results of the research. The decision about compliance of the report with the topics of the conference and inclusion in the program will be reported to the authors **before January 31, 2024** with the requirements for the articles enclosed. There will be two options for participation: on-site and on-line. The sections rooms will have online conference equipment so that both report types will be possible.

Publishing of reports

The articles sent in due time will be cross-checked (Crossref.org) and reviewed by two reviewers. After acceptance and paying of the participation/publishing fee articles will be published in the proceedings of the conference that will be issued before the beginning of the conference. DOI (www.doi.org) will be assigned to each article. The articles should be prepared in English (UK) language according to publication formatting requirements and uploaded **before March 20, 2024** to conference submission system (https://conferences.lbtu.lv/en).

Registration fee

- Both on-site and on-line participation fee for one person is 350 EUR, which includes publication of one article in the conference proceedings. Participation fee for accompanying person on-site is 100 EUR.
- Publication of one article without presentation costs 350 EUR.
- The fee includes publication by up to 4 authors and up to 6 pages. Each additional page costs 50 EUR. Publications by larger author collectives cost additional 50 EUR per author.
- Registration fee should be transferred no later than 5 days after acceptance of publication, but no later than on May 15.

Venue

The conference will be held at the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, 5 J. Cakstes blvd., Jelgava.

Transport

Jelgava is located 40 km from Riga. You can travel to Jelgava (from Riga) easily by train or bus. For information about departure times and connections, see *Latvian Railway* (www.pv.lv) or *Riga International Coach Terminal* (www.autoosta.lv). City can also be reached also by car. Taxi and car rental services are available in Riga and Jelgava.

Hotel reservation

Conference participants are responsible for making their individual reservations. Accommodation can be booked in Jelgava at 3-star *Hotel Jelgava* (www.hoteljelgava.lv) a 5 minutes walking distance to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies or *Hotel Zemgale* (www.zemgale.info) a 15 minutes walking to the faculty. It is possible to book room also in student hostel *University* (Ph. +371 29174995). For reservations in Riga go to www.booking.com for further information.

Deadlines

- Submitting of the application form and the summary – **January 15, 2024**
- Decision of the Programme committee of the inclusion in the Conference programme and the 2nd announcement – **January 31, 2024**.
- Submitting of the articles – **March 20, 2024**.
- Decision of the Programme committee of the acceptance for publication of the articles – **April 30, 2024**.
- Early transfer of the participation fee – after positive reviews and acceptance for publication.

The 2nd announcement will include details for the preparation of articles, information on transfer of the participation fee and the sightseeing tour. All the information will also be available on the homepage of the conference (http://www.tf.lbtu.lv/conference).

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