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Dear colleagues, dear guests,

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 68th Scientific Conference with international participation 'Food Science, Engineering and Technology 2021'!

Science and innovations are undoubtedly a key factor for successful economic development. By holding annual scientific events at the University of Food Technologies we contribute to the strengthening of the prominent position of science and education in our country's modern economic, business and cultural life.

The scientific research activities at the University of Food Technologies are closely related to the problems of the technology, engineering and economics of the food industry, biotechnology and tourism. The University of Food Technologies is a leading partner in a large number of scientific projects funded under European programmes where it collaborates with international partners.

Currently, the university is involved in 17 scientific projects within the Scientific Research Fund of the Ministry of Education and Science and 18 scientific research projects within the Science Fund. The results of the research conducted in these projects are published in Bulgarian and foreign journals and presented at scientific conferences in our country and abroad.

UFT is a member of consortia of higher education institutions and research institutes under two national scientific programmes, Healthy Foods for a Strong Bio-Economy and Quality of Life and Reproductive Biotechnology in Animal Husbandry in Bulgaria.

Our university is one of the 16 educational and scientific institutions approved for participation in the Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Students National Scientific Programme.

The food industry, biotechnology and tourism are among the top industries driving Bulgaria's economy. Therefore, ensuring the conditions for their sustainable development is of vital importance for our country's future. Our international conference integrates the achievements of the specialists working in these areas with a view to guaranteeing the high quality and safety of food, and acts as a bridge between science and business.

Dear guests and colleagues,

Please accept my very best wishes for a successful Food Science, Engineering and Technologies 2021 Conference, for health, creativity and audacity of imagination so that you can turn your ideas into reality.

Prof. Plamen Mollov, PhD  
(Rector of the University of Food Technologies, Plovdiv)