

## PREFACE

University of Food Technologies Plovdiv has established itself as a leading research centre in the field of food technology, biotechnology, tourism, and food-related technical sciences. This is evidenced by the number of research projects that are being developed at our university.

69<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference with International Participation "FOOD SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY - 2022" is an annual meeting organized by University of food technologies, Plovdiv, Bulgaria. This year's conference was held on 29-30 September 2022. The scientific symposium program consisted of plenary sessions and included the following topics: Food Science and Technology; Food Chemistry, Microbiology and Biotechnology; Food Process Engineering; Catering, Tourism, Economy of Food Industry, Linguistics.

This scientific conference was held with the support of the projects: Safe Food for the European Union (SafeFood4EU), ERASMUS+ KA220-HED; Education for Resource Efficiency in Manufacturing Industries (EREMII), ERASMUS+ KA220-HED; "Strengthening the research excellence and innovation capacity of the University of Food Technologies - Plovdiv through the sustainable development of tailor-made food systems with programmable properties", part of the National Program "European Research Networks"(Contract between Ministry of Education and Science and University of Food Technologies - Plovdiv № Д01-288 / 07.10.2020).

Invited speakers of the conference were Vittorino Novello, University of Turin, Italy, Professor of Viticulture, Vice-President of the OIV (International Organization of Vine and Wine), Viticulture Commission and Ralf Schweiggert, Geisenheim University, Germany, Professor of Analysis and Technology of Plant-based Foods, Head of Department of Beverage Research, President of the EMaVE (European Master of Viticulture and Enology) consortium.

Another important element is the national and international recognition of the conference. This year, scientists from Italy, Vietnam, Kazakhstan and Northern Macedonia took part in it with reports and posters. On Bulgarian part, the Conference is attended by professors and scientists from a number of universities and institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Agricultural Academy. 53 reports and posters were presented during the conference and all papers were subjected for at least 2 blind reviews by experts on the related topics. For this, only 38 papers were selected for publication.