



10th GCHERA Conference 2019

to be held at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary
Medicine of Bucharest (USAMV), Romania

from the 24 to 26 April 2019

Conference Session Themes Flyer

Leadership of Agricultural and Life Science Universities for a Sustainable World

A Conference Focus

The Conference will support the leaders of agricultural and life science universities to develop their university's strategic engagement in education, research, innovation and outreach to address the global challenges for sustainable development. The Conference will take the opportunity of a global meeting of university leaders to compare and contrast our understanding of the challenges, and evaluate approaches and developments from across the globe.

B Session Themes

Session 1 Meeting the challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals by society as a whole and in the bioeconomy sectors in particular

The keynotes in this plenary session will provide a frame for the discussion in sessions 2, 3 and 4

- The Sustainable Development Goals and learning for transformation
- Climate change: instigating positive change in response to adaptation and mitigation strategies
- Climate change, agriculture and food security – research for impact
- Sustainable solutions in the agriculture and forestry Industries
- The impact of gender in education and research in the bioeconomy sector

Session 2 Attracting and engaging youth and life long learners in the education programmes meeting the needs for a workforce that can provide sustainable solutions for the future

- Innovative ways of attracting students, e.g. engagement with schools, fairs, scholarships, communication through social media, compelling narratives
- Provision of life long learning opportunities to address change in the workplace
- New knowledge and understanding for new challenges – future skills and competences required by agricultural and life science students demand curricular changes
- Rethinking delivery of programs – new approaches to teaching and learning, e.g. distance elearning, MOOCs, open educational resources (OERs)
- Mobility of students and staff for a wider understanding of the global challenges

- Student activities outside academia – community projects, developmental experiential learning projects, internships and other work experiences in the bioeconomy sector

Session 3 Contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals – impact through outreach/extension, innovation and incubation, public-private partnerships and engagement with policy makers

- Opportunities and modalities for and expectations on the engagement of universities in outreach/extension for sustainable development
- Strategies for positive engagement with policy makers and government for sustainable development
- University-led incubators in support of sustainable development
- Interaction and partnership with the private sector for innovative sustainable developments

Session 4 Providing leadership for a sustainable world through partnership (SDG 17)

The aim will be to valorise the benefit of international collaboration between agricultural and life science universities across the world in the enhancement of their individual missions.

Short Case Studies demonstrating the outcomes of successful partnerships on a regional or global basis between universities, or between universities and stakeholders, that enhance the mission of those universities to embed evaluated good practice in the university or in the locality.

C Expected outcomes

The Conference will provide outcomes for action oriented leadership for change management in the leadership of agricultural and life science universities to address the challenges encompassed by the Sustainable Development Goals. The delegates will be challenged to review the aims of existing international partnerships and to develop new partnerships in support of meeting the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

D Target Audience

The Conference seeks to attract those who are responsible for strategic decision making in Universities /Faculties of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The GCHERA Conference Executive Committee invites Rectors, Vice Rectors and Deans, and persons of equivalent status in their university, college, school or faculty being responsible for education, research and innovation to participate in the 10th GCHERA Conference 2018.

The discussion at the Conference will be advanced through engagement with the agricultural and life science university's stakeholders; current students through the international student associations (IAAS and IFSA), early career graduates through alumni associations and YPARD, industry, government, NGOs and donors.

E Call for invited contributions

You are invited to submit an Abstract for a presentation under one of the themes 2, 3 and 4. Under each theme in paragraph B above a number of suggestions are made of topics which could be addressed under that theme. However, the topics listed are not prescriptive and

other approaches to addressing the theme are invited. You should submit your abstract to gchera2019@usamv.ro by 10 February 2019.

F Conference Format

The 4 sessions taking place over two days, one session per each half day. The Conference will run from lunchtime on Wednesday 24 April 2019 to lunchtime Friday 26 April.

Structure of each session

In session 1 four or five keynotes will address the challenges facing society and the bioeconomy in particular.

Then in sessions 2 to 4, two keynotes in each session and contributed presentations, followed by round table discussions.