Message from the Guest Editor

Rural areas and agriculture play a significant role in the economy around the world. They are the settings for the life and work of a large part of society, and such areas produce food, as well as the non-food raw materials used in many branches of industry and in the energy sectors. The contemporary picture of agriculture and rural areas will undergo subsequent changes. The evolutionary nature of their development is a natural process, caused by the need to adapt to the changing reality, as well as the economic and social environment. It is important, therefore, due to the close connection between agriculture and natural resources, for this Special Issue to become a collection of scientific papers and valuable recommendations that will help to design and propose a model for the sustainable development of rural areas and agriculture that will guarantee economic development in equilibrium and harmony with social expectations and the requirements of the natural environment.
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