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### Preface

The International Scientific Symposium "Farm Machinery and Processes Management in Sustainable Agriculture"—FMPMSA 2024 was held for the twelfth time. Thirty years have passed since the first meeting of researchers and experts attracted to development in technical processes in agriculture. The idea was born in 1994, when the International Seminar "Rational Mechanization of Family Farms" was organized at the Agricultural University of Lublin. It was attended by 30 local scientists and only one from abroad-Switzerland.

The current thematic formula was developed gradually. In 2006, the main organizer—the Department of Machine Operation and Production Processes Management from Faculty of Production Engineering, University of Life Sciences in Lublin, started cooperation with Walloon Agricultural Research Center CRA-W from Gembloux in Belgium. This enhanced the international reach of the symposium and also identified new areas of interest. The title of the symposium was changed to include the issues of sustainable agriculture. The following years have allowed to establish new and expand already existing international contacts. Symposia were held not only in Lublin, but also in other centers—in 2008 and 2015 at CRA-W in Gembloux in Belgium and in 2022 at the University of Bari Aldo Moro in Italy.

Over the last thirty years, the understanding of the concept of "sustainable development" has changed significantly. That change, in the context of agriculture and its processes, has been reflected in papers presented at subsequent symposia.

Main activities related to sustainable agriculture have been traditionally reduced to the negative impact on the environment. However, social and economic aspects are also very important. The development of sustainable agriculture should have a positive impact on the development of local societies and the level of income. That involves not only a direct impact on farmers and their families, but also on the environment and rural areas infrastructure.

Additional topics included in the themes of the symposia have been Agriculture 4.0 (or Farming 4.0) with Precision Agriculture (PA). Integrating digital technology into agriculture has become the most influential trend in the sector. With the possibility of farmers applying water, fertilizers, and pesticides only in the required quantities and in very specific target areas, plus technologies such as robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and GPS technology should allow the farms to be more profitable, efficient, safe, and environmentally friendly.

This year's twelfth symposium was held in Lublin, at the University of Life Sciences. Over 80 people from 16 countries registered for the symposium. The topics of the presented papers included issues related to the sustainability of processes and technology in the agri-food economy. Traditionally, an away session was also organized-this time in one of the most modern beverage-can factories in Europe-Ball Packaging Europe Lublin Sp. z o. o.

This publication is a compilation of selected articles presented at the Symposium and then subjected to a verification and review process. After approval and correction, they were qualified for publication. Published articles are arranged alphabetically by the first author.

Detailed information about the presented papers and publications from the period of 1994–2024 can be found at www.up.lublin.pl/fmpmsa.

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