

Editorial Note

“Feeding the Planet” is at one with the issue of environmental protection, the one of adapting social environment and agriculture to climate change and to its effect to other natural conditions related to food production. The concept implies the need of an increasing production and consumption of energy that, to avoid a negative drawbacks, must be generated in more sustainable ways. In vast and important agricultural regions, firms can produce, with sub-products and other renewable sources, most of the energy they need. The portion of energy obtained from not renewable sources, which seems necessary at least in the medium term, must be balanced by the reduction of energy consumption from other uses.

The articles published in this number and the ones of the previous one had been proposed during the conference on “Food, geography and security policies”, held in Turin on 3-4 May 2016, within the context of the 1st Geoprogess Global Forum (see www.geoprogess.eu/events). Many of them deal with food production and natural environment interactions and others essentially to natural environment conditions. These papers consist in a link between the core issue of the Global Forum, whether and how is possible to produce and distribute a quantity of healthy food sufficient to meet current and future needs of human beings, and the wider issue of energy. On the latter, at the end of the conference, it had been decided to extend the discussion because since the global environmental issue largely depends on energy.

Whether and how is it possible to produce, distribute and consume energy in a sustainable way, in order to satisfy the future needs of humanity, including those of the current billion of people that have still no access to electric light, will be the core issue of the next International Conference that Geoprogess Journal is willing to organize on 7-8 September 2017 in Bruxelles. This location has been chosen to foster the direct participation of researchers, operators, public decision makers of many countries and international organs, due to its geographical position.

The sessions of the conference will be addressed to the needs and the modalities of providing energy for the production, the distribution and the consumption of food, for industries and transportation; and, especially to the necessities of energy of poor countries and their villages, that should be satisfied in the most sustainable way, under every aspect.

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