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PREFACE

International Conference on Agriculture, Environment and Food Security (AEFS) is a leading international conference held by the Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Indonesia, for presenting novel and application experiences in agriculture and environment and food security. It also fosters communication worldwide among scientists, researchers, scholars, resource managers, practitioners, students, policymakers, and those interested in agricultural, environmental sciences, and food security.

AEFS Conference has been held annually since 2017. The AEFS Conference deliberations for the last four years were on the following themes of Agriculture, Plantation and Livestock for World Food Security (AEFS 2017); Prospects and Challenges of Sustainable Agriculture to Improve Food Security and Environment (AEFS 2018); Challenges on Food Security and Sovereignty in the Industrial Era 4.0 (AEFS 2019); Innovation and Technologies on Agricultural and Environmental Sustainability Systems (AEFS 2020); Precision Agriculture Technologies and Farming Systems Toward Food Security and Sustainability (AEFS 2021). Moreover, for the 6th AEFS 2022, the theme was focused on "Strengthening Sustainable Agriculture for A Better Future" with seven selected tracks, including Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Economics, Food Science and Technology, Animal Science, Marine and Fisheries Science, Environmental Science and Plant Science (Agronomy and Plantation, Plant Breeding, Biotechnology, Integrated Pest Management and Soil Science).

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The 6th AEFS was conducted hybrid in Medan at Arya Duta Hotel and virtually via Zoom because of the domestic and overseas travel restrictions in many countries due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Indonesia's government has closed its border and banned large-scale events/gatherings (including academic activities), especially in big cities, to prevent and stop the spread of COVID-19. Since March 2020, academic activities in Indonesia have been held virtually. Universities are closed, and academics and researchers have to work from home. However, this condition must continue for academics and researchers in agriculture, the environment, and food technology to create various innovations. A virtual conference is an answer to provide opportunities for academicians and researchers in those fields who cannot participate in the physical conference and to continue to make various contributions to science due to COVID-19. Agriculture, environment and food security are vital to support human activities; there is an urgent to always continue the various development and innovations, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, the IC-AEFS entered its 6th year. By holding the 6th AEFS in the 2022 hybrid, scientists and academicians can stay motivated to continue their research and publication despite all the limitations.

The 6th AEFS was held on Thursday, October 27th 2022, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Arya Duta Hotel, Medan, Indonesia. The conference used Zoom's virtual meeting platform to deliver the virtual conference, which worked like a non-virtual conference. This conference had plenary and parallel sessions. The

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plenary session was divided into two sessions with four keynote speakers. The keynote speakers for the first session were **Prof. Budiman Minasny** from The University of Sydney, Australia and **Prof. Henry M Manik** from IPB University, Indonesia. The keynote speakers for the second session were **Rulianda Purnomo Wibowo, SP., M.Ec., Ph.D** from Universitas Sumatera Utara and **Prof. Serafim Bakalis** from University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Each keynote speaker was given 30 minutes to deliver their speech. Moreover, the first plenary session was moderated by Lukman Adlin Harahap, STP., M.Si, Ph.D. and the second was moderated by Riswanti Sigalingging, STP., M.Si., Ph.D from Universitas Sumatera Utara. Furthermore, the discussions and Q&A sessions were held 30 minutes after the keynote speaker gave the speech. Participants were allowed to ask the keynote speaker/presenter using the chat room or ask directly by raising their hands (physical attendance) and pressing the raise hand button (Virtual attendance). When using the "raise hand" button, the moderator unmutes the participant and allows them to ask directly.

Moreover, for the parallel session, there were eight rooms (2 rooms for offline presenters and six rooms for hybrid) led by one moderator and 2 PICs in every room. They were the key people in maintaining the room and ensuring all the presenters received the Zoom meeting link to join and present their papers. Every author/presenter was given 10 minutes to present their paper (in detail: 7 minutes to present their paper and 3 minutes to answer other participant questions in the Q&A session). There were two presentation options for the presenter. They could present their paper directly in the Zoom meeting/in-room seminar or play their recorded presentation video. The committee made the second option to prevent technical issues because of the internet connection. The participants received the Zoom virtual meeting link to sign in and join the conference.

At this conference, 208 papers were summited, 156 papers were accepted to present, 150 papers were accepted to proceed to IOP Publisher and only 141 papers were accepted for publishing; 188 participants gathered from 53 universities, 14 government agencies and two companies within the country of Indonesia. Moreover, there are 31 universities and five government agencies, both domestic and overseas, namely:

- 1. Aceh Landscape Development Centre, Langsa, Indonesia
- 2. Agency for Plantation and Livestock, Kalimantan Barat

- 3. Andalas University, Padang
- 4. Armenian State Pedagogical University, Yerevan
- 5. Badan Perencanaan dan Pembangunan Daerah Kabupaten Buton Utara
- 6. Batumi State University, Georgia
- 7. Bina Nusantara University
- 8. Binus University, Indonesia.
- 9. Branch of Green Power Co., LTD, Ben Tre Province, Vietnam
- Coord. of Social Forestry of Konsu Mandiri, lamandau, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia
- 11. Corvinus University of Budapest
- 12. Directorate of Cereals Crop-Directorate General of Food Crops,
 Ministry of Agriculture Indonesia
- 13. Djuanda University
- 14. Engineering Research Center of Chestnut Industry Technology, China
- 15. Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)
- 16. Gadjah Mada University
- 17. GMichigan State University, United States of America
- 18. Gorontalo Assessment Institute for Agricultural Technology Ministry of Agriculture, Gorontalo
- 19. Gulistan State University, Syrdarya, Uzbekistan
- 20. Halu Oleo
- 21. Hasanuddin University
- 22. Health Polytechnic of the Ministry of Health of Medan, Indonesia
- 23. Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology, China
- 24. Indonesian Catholic University
- 25. Indonesian research Institute for Animal Production
- 26. Indonesian Spice and Medicinal Crops Research Institute (ISMCRI)
- 27. Indonesian Vegetable Research Institute (Balai Penelitian Tanaman Sayuran BALITSA)
- 28. Institut of Agrarian and Membran Technology of Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia
- 29. Institut Pertanian Stiper
- 30. Institute of Technology of Surabaya
- 31. IPB University

- 32. Jambi University
- 33. Janabadra University, Yogyakarta
- 34. Lamandau Central Kalimantan Indonesia
- 35. M.B.Ch.B, Scripps Research Institute, National University, USA
- 36. Manado Health Polytechnic Department of Medical Laboratory Technology
- 37. Ministry of Agriculture
- 38. Ministry of Industry, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 39. Moscow State University of Civil Engineering
- 40. National Chiayi University, Taiwan
- 41. National Research and Innovation Agency, Subang, Indonesia
- 42. National University of Life and Environmental Science, Kiev, Ukraine
- 43. Nguyen Tat Thanh University, Vietnam
- 44. Organization for Agriculture and Food National Research and Innovation Agency of the Republic of Indonesia
- 45. Pangkajene Kepulauan State Polytechnic of Agriculture
- 46. Pangkep State Polytechnic of Agriculture (Polipangkep)
- 47. People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University)
- 48. Perwira Purbalingga University
- 49. Plekhanov Russian University of Economics
- 50. Polytechnic of Agricultural Development Yogyakarta-Magelang
- 51. PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro
- 52. Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN)
- 53. Research Institute for the Development of Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 54. Riau University
- 55. Russian Academy of Sciences
- 56. Sakhalin State University
- 57. Samara State Agrarian University, Russia
- 58. Saratov State Vavilov Agrarian University, Russia
- 59. Scientific Center of Vegetable and Industrial Crops of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, Armenia
- 60. Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Tarbiyah Al-Hilal Sigli, Sigli, Indonesia
- 61. Slaughterhouse and Animal Health Center, Jambi Province, Indonesia
- 62. Syiah Kuala University

- 63. Tanjung Pura University
- 64. Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers, Uzbekistan
- 65. Tashkent University of Information Technologies, Uzbekistan
- 66. Tashkent University of Information TechnologiesUzbekistan
- 67. The University of Islam Lamongan
- 68. Ulyanovsk State Agrarian University, Russia
- 69. Universitas Alma Ata, Yogyakarta
- 70. Universitas Brawijaya
- 71. Universitas HKBP Nommensen
- 72. Universitas Islam Negeri Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau
- 73. Universitas Islam Riau
- 74. Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara
- 75. Universitas Katolik Santo Thomas
- 76. Universitas Labuhanbatu
- 77. Universitas Malikussaleh Aceh
- 78. Universitas Methodist Indonesia
- 79. Universitas Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara
- 80. Universitas Negeri Gorontalo
- 81. Universitas Proklamasi 45,
- 82. Universitas Sam Ratulangi Indonesia
- 83. Universitas Sari Mutiara Indonesia
- 84. Universitas Sebelas Maret
- 85. Universitas Simalungun
- 86. Universitas Sultan Ageng Tirtayasa
- 87. Universitas Sumatera Utara
- 88. Universitas Teuku Umar
- 89. Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
- 90. Universiti Putra Malaysia
- 91. Universiti Sains Malaysia
- 92. Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Negeri Sembilan
- 93. Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Shah Alam, Selangor
- 94. University of Al-Qasim Green, Iraq.
- 95. University of Darussalam Gontor,
- 96. University of Darussalam Gontor, Indonesia

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- 97. University of Jember
- 98. University of Lambung Mangkurat
- 99. University of Lampung
- 100. University of Panca Bhakti, Pontianak
- 101. University of the Philippines Los Baños
- 102. Universtas Medan Area
- 103. UPTD Peternakan Provinsi Sulawesi Tenggara
- 104. Uzbek Scientific Research Institute of Agricultural Mechanization,Uzbekistan
- 105. Volgograd State Agrarian University

The 6th AEFS was successfully conducted and there were no major technical difficulties during the conference. Some participants from outside Medan and ooverseas remarked that virtual conference feels more accessible than the non-virtual conference (physical conference). This shows how virtual conference can be a paradigm shift on how conferences in the future look especially during Covid-19 pandemic.

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