



Trends of Agricultural Engineers Educational Basis According to the Conclusions from the IV World Congress of Agronomist

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The 4th World Congress of Agronomists and Professionals in Agronomy was held in Madrid between 28th and 31st October 2008 with the motto: "The Agronomist as technical and scientific nexus for conserving the Environment on the basis of rural development and food demand". The Congress was organised by the Spanish Association of Agronomists, the General Council of Spanish Agronomist Associations and the World Association of Agronomists, in collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, and with the support of numerous institutions and national and international companies. The objective was to analyse and discuss the achievement of food security in a context of environmental sustainability, rural development and a shortage of water and energy, as well as the role played by agronomists and other agronomy professionals, both now and in the future all over the world. The papers dealt with numerous aspects of the Agronomy profession related to food security, sustainability and rural development, with specific analyses relating to education and the professional role in the different fields in the actual changing context. As was to be expected in a field of activity as broad as that in which Agronomists and other Agronomy professionals work, the papers and presentations covered a very wide range of topics. The main conclusion was that Agricultural Engineers and other Agronomy professionals have played a very important role in the development of agriculture and agroindustry, after analysed all the successful achievements, for that reason the main recommendation was that Professional Associations and the educational Institutions must ensure the continuous capacity, professionalism and commitment of their members as a guarantee for the society.