

**WELCOME ADDRESS**

**of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Bochkov**

**Rector of New Bulgarian University**

**Dear colleagues,**

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to The Second National Food Conference. The first conference was held two years ago again in the New Bulgarian University.

Now we are pleased to see that this scientific event gather together over 250 participants who will give over 100 plenary lectures, oral talks and posters. Except bulgarian scientists the conference is attended by the researchers from Switzerland, Macedonia, Serbia and other European countries.

The main objective of this meeting is bringing together the most prominent experts in the field of Food quality, Food biotechnology, Food safety, Microbiological control of food and Probiotics and Prebiotics.

During the conference will be celebrated an important anniversary – the 110<sup>th</sup> year of the *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* by our compatriot D-r Stamen Grigorov. With his great discovery he made an immense benefit to the mankind.

The conference delegates will have a possibility to share their knowledge, experience, ideas and settle a fruitful future cooperations.

In respect to the quote "Our food is our health" I expect many fruitful discussions. Enjoy these minutes in our beautiful campus, in the comfortable cafeterias and restaurants and visit our Laboratories, Painting Gallery and the Museum.

I wish you good health and professional prosperity,

Sincerely yours,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Bochkov  
Rector of New Bulgarian University

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