

The background of the cover is a photograph of a forested mountain. In the foreground, a tall, metal lattice tower for a power line stands prominently, with several power lines extending from it. The forest is dense with various types of trees, some showing autumn colors. The valleys between the ridges are filled with mist or low clouds, creating a soft, atmospheric effect. The sky is bright and clear.

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Preface

Dear colleagues, experts and friends of the WoodEMA association, the 15th edition of the international scientific conference WoodEMA 2022 took place in Trnava, a city also called Little Rome. Trnava had the honor of organizing such an important conference for the second time. The name of the conference „Crisis management and safety foresight in forest-based sector and SMEs operating in the global environment“ was not determined by chance, but reflects the situation and problems of today.

In the last two years, humanity had to deal with a pandemic crisis that turned into an economic crisis. As usual, the crisis affects all areas, including the forestry and timber industry. That is why the traditional topics of the international scientific conference include, for example: economics and management, product management, renewable energy from wooden biomass, innovations, crisis management, circular economy, etc. in the context of a pandemic situation. Traditionally, a large number of experts and research teams from more than 10 countries have registered for the conference. All topics correspond to each other and create a holistic picture of the post-pandemic situation in individual countries, especially the economic impact on the forestry and wood industry.

We are pleased that many contributions include not only analyzes of the current state, but also suggestions for improvements, suggestions and updates within the framework of new quality standards and the use of alternative products. The proceedings of the WoodEMA 2022 conference present a summary of starting points for new ideas and innovative approaches in the subject area. It can serve the scientific, professional and lay public as a set of information and views on the situation in several EU countries.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the creation, editing and distribution of this exceptional scientific work.

Assoc. Prof. Renata Nováková, PhD.
The WoodEMA 2022 conference organiser

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