EDITOR’S NOTE

Dear Readers,

The Editorial staff at the IFAMR is very excited about this latest issue. Not only are there a nice set of research manuscripts and a compelling commentary by Dr. Daniel Conforte of Massey University in New Zealand, but this issue contains an important supplement. The Agribusiness, Economics, and Management (AEM) section is one of the largest sections within the Agriculture and Applied Economics Association. Each year it produces an agribusiness track of several sessions and a dinner at the annual meeting. Last year the AEM section and the IFAMR decided to produce a special supplement resulting from last year’s annual conference in Denver. Ta Da! We did it. This issue of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review contains the articles from session 3003 entitled, “The Nascent Bioeconomy for Industrial Markets: Green Goes from Plant Material to Spandex.” To prepare the articles for this issue the IFAMR added its own review process plus a guest Managing Editor to supplement the conference’s submission procedures.

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So enjoy this issue.

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