

In an additional index, all people are listed, who have contributed to CIEC conferences by lectures, communications, discussion remarks or any other active co-operation; they will find references as to when and in what conferences they have made such contributions.

This index will also offer the descendants of those contributors already deceased, the unique opportunity of discovering how their ancestors contributed to the improvement of human welfare by their activities in this world-wide operating society.

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The publishers appreciate very much that Prof. Welte has registered not only the proper programs, but also recalled to mind some valuable highlights or respected official speeches or other remarkable milestones reflecting the respective conference. Thus, the reader may get an idea about the qualified scientific background and highly esteemed meetings.

Due to its remarkable documentation value, the review should be at the disposal at least of all libraries dealing with agricultural and food sciences, in order to offer students, assistants and scientists as well as everybody interested in nutritional and fertilizing matters the chance to take knowledge of such historical book of collected experiences, documented throughout the mentioned period.

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