MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT RELATIONS IN GLOBAL AGRICULTURE

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SUMMARY

Globalization offers special opportunities to agriculture, liked both to production marketing, finding new markets, accessing new technologies, and to reduction of production costs. From the agriculture perspective, globalization enforces a new relationship between men and nature, the environment, the new ethical dimension of the management of human relations to the environment and the orientation towards an ecological agriculture. Another dimension of globalization in agriculture is the complex issue of ensuring food security, representing a priority also established by the rural development program of the European Union. The close relation between agriculture and environment is reflected even more nowadays, at the threshold of the third millennium, a millennium that brought more liberty and more options for mankind, but also the danger that human activity would deteriorate the environment and the whole planet. Beginning with the great challenges that face the humankind nowadays, in the threshold of the third millennium, the necessity of forming a new ethics for the management of human-environment relations, the relations of humans with the nature, determined by three basic principles, are imposed:

- the complexity of nature as a system forces us that in unforeseen situations to act, as much as possible, in the sense of minimal perturbation;
- in nature “business”, nature which does not offer anything in large quantities without sacrificing something in exchange, we must recognize the price that must be paid before deciding whether it is worth or not;
- nature does not allow the re-establishing of complex systems to a previous state, a fact that makes it necessary for human actions to minimally disturb it.

If we take into consideration the complex relation between agriculture and the environment, we think that for the solving of this difficult problem with the respecting of ethical principles presented above, the only solution may be given by ecological agriculture. Agriculture practices promoted within ecological agriculture are those that allow the sustenance and protection of a healthy planet.

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