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The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops Society is now history, but our gratitude to all sponsors, participants, and presenters will be continuous. Without their contributions in various forms, we would not have had such an engaging conference. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those on whom I have been calling and who have always responded positively to my call. To the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Lottery, the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, the Association of 1890 Research Directors, and to all other supporters, I extend special kudos for always being available and supportive of our programs and endeavors. We also thank those individuals who attended or conveyed welcoming remarks such as Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr., and UVI President, Dr. David Hall.

From the very beginning of the conference, we were guided by our theme: “Enhancing Family Farms through Sustainable Energy, Research and Technology,” which is very evident in the papers presented and our entire focus. Those who attended will always remember the passion with which our presenters delivered on their topics. That is so very important because our theme highlights an essential component that requires our attention if we are going to survive as a people. The present economic and other global issues seem to have a greater impact on us in the Caribbean because of our geographic location and our great dependence on the elements for our existence. We, therefore, need to tap into the available resources that we can identify through research and technology.

The included articles in this volume will remind us all of the various facets at our disposal that can be applied for our sustainability. For those who could not have attended, we hope that you will benefit from the many points presented through application and research. The following are some of the topics presented at the conference: “Technology Transfer in Smallholder Rice Farms in Guyana: The Success Story of the Six Improved Practice”, “Commercial Status of Breadfruit and Breadnut Production in Trinidad and Tobago”, “Nitrous Oxide Production in Tropical Soils under Different Moisture Regimes and N-Application”, “Effect of Temperature and Relative Humidity on *Nephapis bicolor*, A Predator of *Aleurodicis spp*”, “Food Security in the French Caribbean Islands and Public Action: What is at Stake?” and “Influence of Storage on Sweetpotato Sugar Content.” These are only a small number of the papers presented throughout the conference, but they should be enough to whet your appetite for more.

We could not have had such a productive and successful conference without our sponsors, presenters, and all those who participated in planning and executing the conference. I thank everyone, and encourage our readers to read the complete presentations and implement as much as you possibly can.



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