

First Announcement



International Conference on

Grain Legumes : Quality Improvement, Value Addition and Trade

Kanpur, India

February 14 - 16, 2009



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Background

Grain legumes play an important role in improving livelihood and nutritional security as well as sustainability of agriculture in dry areas. In naturally well endowed regions too, the importance of legumes in crop diversification, crop intensification and ecological sustainability is now far more recognized. The emergence of new challenges and opportunities in promoting grain legumes requires new vision and strategies. With increasing demographic pressure and dwindling natural resources, the production of food grains including grain legumes may face serious threat in future. In order to make grain legume production more profitable and competitive, emphasis needs to be placed on high quality food and value added products. Consumers' concern and requirement for a well balanced diet as well as safe and healthy food provide an encouragement for favourable market. There must be greater focus on understanding markets and diversity of end uses as market is becoming increasingly demanding. The uses of grain legumes in food industry are very diverse and relate to local food habits but these uses are limited. In future, focus on value-addition of grain legumes and new uses will be important in accessing both traditional and non-traditional markets. This will be influenced by income growth, particularly in Asia, and increasing health consciousness of consumers. The international research community will have to face the challenge of developing new varieties that meet higher quality standards and consumers acceptance. This can be achieved by improved communication between scientists working at molecular level at one end of the information chain to consumers.

Grain legumes have emerged as major commodity of world trade with upswing from 5% of the global production in nineties to 16% at present. Growing demand generates a number of opportunities for traders. Attention needs to be focused on the research sector in improving both the productivity and quality.

Keeping this in view, the **Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD)** and **Indian Institute of Pulses Research (ICAR)** are

delighted to announce **International Conference on Grain Legumes: Quality Improvement, Value Addition and Trade (ICGL 2009)** during February 14 - 16, 2009 at IIPR, Kanpur, India. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity to researchers, policy makers, development personnel, traders and other entrepreneurs to debate on research outcomes at global level in the disciplines combining from genomics to economics and prepare a road map for increasing productivity and profitability of grain legumes.

The Conference will be organized under well-structured technical sessions which will include keynote lectures by eminent speakers. The technical sessions will spread over a number of parallel sessions. Poster exhibition will also be arranged during Conference on major themes. Excursions and sight seeing tours to some of the world heritage sites in India will also be arranged during the conference. The Organizing Committee endeavours to make this event scientifically rewarding and socially enjoyable.

Major Themes

- Nutritional security and human health
 - Nutritional value of grain legumes
 - Grain legumes for human health
- Genetic resources and quality improvement
 - Biodiversity
 - Germplasm enhancement
 - Genetic enhancement
- Genomics enabled quality improvement
 - Comparative genomics
 - Structural and functional genomics
 - Transformation and gene silencing
 - Marker assisted selection and quality consideration
- Integrated crop management
 - Integrated input management
 - Integrated pest management
 - Management of abiotic stresses
 - Precision farming
- Post-harvest management and value addition
 - Alternative uses of grain legumes
 - Food processing and value addition
 - Standards of produce and products
 - Packaging and safe storage

- Climatic changes
 - Global warming and crop production
 - Crop adaptation under changed climate
 - Crop modeling and simulation
- Trade, marketing and policies
 - Trend in production and trade
 - Market intelligence and opportunities
 - Future trading and food prices
 - Policy support
 - IPR and WTO

Date and Venue

The Conference will be organized during February 14 - 16, 2009 at IIPR, Kanpur, an industrial city of India. The weather in Kanpur is pleasant and cool during the month of February.

Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee of the Conference invites scientists to contribute research papers for the proposed conference. The Conference will consist of concurrent, poster and plenary sessions. Abstracts containing maximum 250 words should be submitted on A4 size paper in MS word along with a soft copy on electronic mode. The abstract can also be submitted online at *abstract.icgl2009@rediffmail.com*. The title of the abstract should be in bold letters followed by author's name and affiliation. The Proceedings will be published pre-conference.

Schedule and Important Deadlines

Submission of Abstract	September 30, 2008
Notification of Acceptance	October 30, 2008
Remittance of Registration Fee	October 30, 2008
Submission of Full Paper	November 30, 2008

Registration Fee

	Member		Non-member		Student	
	Indian	Foreign	Indian	Foreign	Indian	Foreign
On or before November 30, 2008	Rs. 4000/-	US\$ 200	Rs. 5000/-	US\$ 250	Rs. 3000/-	US\$ 150
Until January 30, 2009	Rs. 4500/-	US\$ 225	Rs. 5500/-	US\$ 275	Rs. 3500/-	US\$ 175
Spot registration at the venue	Rs. 5000/-	US\$ 250	Rs. 6000/-	US\$ 300	Rs. 4000/-	US\$ 200



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I wish to attend the conference

I wish to submit an abstract :

Oral Poster

- Nutritional security and human health
- Genetic resources and quality improvement
- Genomics enabled quality improvement
- Integrated crop management
- Post-harvest management and value addition
- Climatic changes
- Trade, marketing and policies

Title of the Paper _____

I am sending registration fee of Rs./US\$ _____ through DD No. _____

dated _____ payable at Kanpur, India in favour of ICGL 2009, Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development.

Date:

Signature

NB: Participants are requested to return registration form to the Organizing Secretary before November 30, 2008. Registration form can also be downloaded from conference website: <http://www.iipr.res.in>.



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