

Important Dates - NCTTC-2016

Registration and submission of abstract	: 31 August 2016
Communication of acceptance of paper	: 05 September 2016
Full paper submission	: 25 September 2016
Closing of early bird registration	: 30 September 2016
Intimation letter to participants	: 03 October 2016
Conference	: 20-22 October 2016

If no acknowledgement is received within one week after the above dead line dates specified, please contact the Organising Secretary by e-mail.

Note: All communications regarding the conference will be through e-mail or conference website.

Post Conference Tour

If sufficient number of participants are available, a local sightseeing will be arranged on 23, October 2016 against payment.

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National Conference on
**Tropical Tuber Crops for the Sustenance
and Welfare of Tribal Communities**

20 - 22 October 2016

Organized by



Indian Society for Root Crops
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

&



ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Venue
ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute
Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram- 695 017, Kerala

About the Conference

Indian subcontinent which represents one of the greatest emporia of natural wealth and biodiversity is inhabited by over 104 million scheduled tribes, which according to the 2011 census, constitutes 8.6% of the nation's total population. In Kerala there are 37 scheduled tribes out of 48 tribal communities; their number is only 1.26% of the state's population. Root and tuber crops, which are the cheap and rich sources of energy, have been integrated with the food habits of the tribal population in India since time immemorial. Although there are wide geographical diversities in tuber crops, their occurrence and spread are mostly dependant on the localized climate and growth environment. Historically, tribal and rural people have adapted themselves to identify and collect wild tubers from forests for their dietary needs. Some of the wild species have been domesticated by certain progressive tribes however others still depend on the collection and consumption of tubers from wild habitats.

India holds rich genetic diversity in tropical root and tuber crops, particularly aroids and yams. Most of the tuber crops are the sources of high energy food, and also the storehouse of an array of other nutritional supplements. Malnutrition is a growing curse among the tribal population of India. The high rate of infant mortality and the stunted growth of tribal children are at alarming situation in India. In this context, popularisation of tropical tuber crops is imperative to ensure food security among the tribal people. Tuber crops, the climate resilient crops, are the fittest crop to cultivate even in low fertile land. Information on the indigenous knowledge on the utilization pattern of tuber crops by the tribal people has been documented, but still it remain scattered. A wealth of information on the tuber crops has been generated over the years on the improved varieties, management practices and value addition. This National Conference is intended to take stock of the research efforts on tuber crops and identify the befitting technologies for the welfare of tribal communities in India. The conference is also visualised as an eye-opener for the policy makers to introduce feasible technologies in the tribal belts and to popularise nutritious processed foods from tuber crops in the noon meal programme of tribal children, which could ensure larger participation in schools. A tribal upliftment strategic plan involving root and tuber crops for India is expected to be the major outcome of this conference.

About the Venue

The ICAR - Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, a premier institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi is the only institution in the world dedicated exclusively for research on tropical root and tuber crops. It is located at a panoramic location about 12 km north of the Thiruvananthapuram city. Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of 'God's own Country' Kerala, is well connected by road, rail and air. The weather during october is pleasant with temperatures ranging from 22 to 29°C. The picturesque locales of Kanyakumari, Kovalam, Veli backwaters, and Varkala cliffs are at approachable distance from the Institute.

Who can participate?

The conference is open to all individuals interested in the theme areas of the conference.

Theme Areas

- ◆ Tuber crops: the lifeline of tribal communities
- ◆ Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) and transfer of technology
- ◆ Genetic resources of tuber crops
- ◆ Sustainable management of tuber crops for livelihood security
- ◆ Plant protection: concerns and care
- ◆ Processing and product diversification

Registration

Participants are requested to submit the attached registration form duly filled by them along with the prescribed registration fee in the form of a crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of NCTTC-2016 payable at State Bank of Travancore, Sreekariyam or through online transaction (Account number: 67364536472, IFSC code: SBTR0000288, Account name: NCTTC-2016). The following are the fee structure for various categories of the participants.

Registration fee

Delegates : Rs 5000/-
Student delegates : Rs 2000/- (Attach proof)
Accompanying person : Rs 2000/-

The early bird registration will cease by 30 September, 2016 after which the registration fee will be enhanced by Rs.1000/- for all the categories.

Registration fee includes participation in the conference, lunch, refreshments, conference bag, abstract book, conference proceedings, welcome and closing ceremony.

Few slots will only be available for spot registration. However, conference materials cannot be guaranteed to the spot registration delegates.

Call for abstract and full paper

There will be oral as well as poster presentations which will be decided by the expert review team. Oral presentations include keynote addresses and invited lectures by eminent speakers from R & D, academic institutions and industries, and also contributory papers by researchers. Authors who wish to present the paper should upload the abstract (not more than 300 words) to the conference website (www.isrc.in/ncttc2016) before August 31, 2016 or it can also be mailed to the Organizing Secretary (e-mail: ncttc2016@gmail.com). Acceptance of the paper will be intimated to the authors on or before September 5, 2016. The full text, not

more than 1500 words of the accepted paper should be submitted before September 25, 2016 to bring out a special issue of the Journal of Root Crops. The peer review team evaluates the papers and place them in appropriate theme areas.

Best Paper and Young Scientist Award

The best oral and poster presentation will be awarded with a certificate of merit and plaque. Participants below 40 years can compete for Young Scientist award. Contestants for the Young Scientist award should submit their nomination form duly forwarded by the Head of the Department or Institution (for more details, please visit www.isrc.in/ncttc2016). An attested copy of the documentary evidence of age is to be submitted along with the registration form, and its original needs to be produced for verification at the conference venue.

Accommodation

Accommodation for the delegates, if required can be arranged near ICAR-CTCRI or Thiruvananthapuram city. Detailed tariff rates for various categories of hotel near the venue can be obtained from the conference web site. Advance payment (100%) is required for hotel booking. Limited student accommodations in hostel/dormitory are available on first cum first serve basis at concessional rates. Charges should be sent by DD in favour of NCTTC-2016 payable at SBT, Sreekariyam or through online transaction (Account number: 67364536472, IFSC code: SBTR0000288, Account name: NCTTC-2016) for room booking.

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1. Title (Mr/Ms/Dr) :
2. Name :
3. Designation :
4. Organisation :
5. Level of participation : Paper presentation/Delegate/
Student delegate
6. Type of presentation : Oral/Poster
7. Title of paper :
8. Corresponding author :
9. Correspondence address :
10. E mail :
11. Telephone number with STD code :
12. Mobile phone number :
13. Fax :

Payment Details

14. Mode of payment : DD/Online
15. DD No /Transaction ID :
16. Bank Details :
17. Date of Issue/Transaction :
18. Amount :

The registration number assigned to the participants should be quoted for all future correspondence.