

First Announcement

**International Workshop
on
Balanced Fertilization for
Increasing and Sustaining Crop
Productivity**

30 March – 01 April 2008



**Hotel Rajmoni Isha Kha
International, Dhaka,
Bangladesh**



**International Potash Institute
(IPI)**



**Bangladesh Rice Research Institute
(BRRI)**



**Bangladesh Fertilizer Association
(BFA)**

Objectives

A major new challenge in future food production is to meet the demand of the growing Asian population. Malnutrition remains endemic in Bangladesh, an overwhelmingly agrarian country, and without adequate measures the level of vulnerability is likely to increase as a result of severe land degradation, soil erosion and the lack of appropriate technologies in agriculture. Successful diversification in crop production, which is helpful in providing ability to withstand market variability, requires wide dissemination of modern technologies for the cultivation of high value crops like fruits and vegetables. Research-based balanced application of mineral fertilizers will increase agricultural productivity for self-sufficient crop production and for maintaining soil fertility for future generations.

This Workshop will provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss actual soil fertility issues and concerns resulting from current status of fertilizer application and to share experiences gained from advanced nutrient management practices.

Organizing Committee

1. Dr. Nur-E-Elahi, Director General, BRRI
2. Dr. B.A.A. Mustafi, Director Research, BRRI
3. Dr. M.A. Mazid Miah, CSO & Head, Soil Science Division, BRRI
4. Mr. Kafil Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, BFA
5. Dr. M.S. Islam, Technical Advisor, BFA (Ex-Director General, BARI)
6. Mr. A.T.M. Nur Alam Khan, Soil Fertility Specialist, BFA
7. Dr. V. Nosov, Coordinator East India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, IPI

Lectures

The Workshop will consist of invited lectures from Bangladesh and foreign countries. Prominent scientists will make presentation on key topics related to soil nutrient status and nutrient management in major crops.

Audience

The target audience for this Workshop includes scientists from agricultural research institutions, experts from extension agencies, specialists from fertilizer industry and other invited delegates.

Language

The official Workshop language is English.

Venue

The Workshop will be held at the Hotel Rajmoni Isha Kha International, Dhaka.
Address: 89/3, VIP Road, Kakrail, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Proceedings

Papers of the invited lectures will be published in a special issue of Bangladesh Journal of Agriculture and Environment. Copies of the Journal will be distributed to the participants during the Workshop. Each contributed paper will be included in the proceedings after peer review and screening by the editorial board.

Instructions for papers

The manuscript should be written in English in MS Word (Times New Roman Font, 12 points, single spacing). The total length with tables and figures should not exceed 12 pages. The manuscript should be prepared as abstract, main text, list of references, tables and figures (separately after the main text). The title page should include the name (s) of the authors(s), their affiliations, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. Papers should be submitted to the executive editor through e-mail or sent by mail on a CD.

E-mail address of the executive editor: vladimir.nosov@ipipotash.org

Deadline for the submission of papers: October 31, 2007

Registration

Registration of invited delegates is done returning by e-mail the filled Registration Form to the organizers (no registration fee is required).

Deadline for the registration: January 31, 2008

Draft Programme

1st day, March 30, 2008 (Sunday)

- Inaugural ceremony
- Session 1: Integrated nutrient management in rice-based cropping systems
- Session 2: Integrated nutrient management in horticultural crops

2nd day, March 31, 2008 (Monday)

- Field visit to BRRRI Research Farm, Gazipur

3rd day, April 1, 2008 (Tuesday)

- Session 3: Balanced fertilization and environmental issues
- Session 4: Agricultural policies and their impact on fertilizer consumption
- Conclusions and recommendations

REGISTRATION FORM

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Participation in field program	Yes	No
Field tour to BRRI Research Farm, Gazipur, March 31, 2008 (Monday)		

Please return the Registration Form by October 31, 2007 to:

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