

First Announcement

IPI-OUAT-IPNI
International Symposium
on
Potassium Role and Benefits in
Improving Nutrient Management for
Food Production, Quality and
Reduced Environmental Damages

5-7 November 2009
OUAT, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India



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Background

- Stagnant crop productivity and declining farm incomes in the Indian sub-continent have made the issue of crop sustainability more and more relevant. Unbalanced crop nutrition often results in decline of crop productivity, under-realization of genetic potential under high yielding cropping system and negative environmental phenomena.
- Low productivity coupled with endemic floods and drought cycles in the state of Orissa is a major reason of malnutrition, poverty and endangered food security. Poor soil fertility due to constant soil erosion, imbalanced and highly inadequate fertilizer applications, developing soil acidity in large areas is a great challenge to the scientists, planners, extension workers and farmers of the region.
- This symposium is the third in the series of two large similar symposia in India in 2001 (New Delhi) and in 2006 (Ludhiana).

Objectives

- To address some of these important issues of food security management in the region.
- To enable participants to discuss and share the latest scientific findings in these fields.

Venue

- OUAT (Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology) campus (www.ouat.ac.in), Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India.



Dates

- Symposium: November 5-7, 2009
- Pre and post symposium tours on 4th November and 8th November 2009 respectively (depending upon the demand).

Registration and Fees

- Rupees 1500 for Indian and SAARC Countries participants until 30 September 2009.
- Rupees 2500 for Indian and SAARC Countries participants after 30 September 2009.
- US\$ 100 for Foreign participants until 30 September 2009.
- US\$ 150 for Foreign participants after 30 September 2009.
- Registration fee can be paid by a Bank Draft in favour of 'IPI-OUAT-IPNI International Symposium' payable at Bhubaneshwar or by Bank transfer to Saving Bank Account No. 30502245234, State Bank of India, Branch – OUAT Campus, Bhubaneshwar, Swift Code – SBININBB270.
- *Registration forms will be soon made available on the websites of the organizers (www.ipipotash.org and www.ipni.net).*

Main Themes

Invited papers will be presented by the eminent scientists from various parts of the world in the following technical sessions:

- Nutrient management to meet challenges of food security.
- Potassium and nutrient use efficiency.
- Role of potassium and mineral nutrition in alleviation of stress.
- The effect of quality and nutritional value of agricultural products on human health: the role of potassium.
- Spatial variability of soil properties and Site Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM).
- The role of extension in increasing agricultural productivity.
- Potassium and the environment.
- Nutrient mining and input output balances.

Posters

- Two chaired poster sessions will be organized. All voluntary papers are welcome as posters related to the main themes of the symposium. An extended summary of the poster presentation (not exceeding 3 A-4 size pages in MS Word) has to be submitted through e-mail to Dr. M.S. Brar, Editor (brarms@rediffmail.com) or Organizing Secretary (dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com). Deadline for submission of poster summaries is 31 August 2009.

Instructions for preparation of the extended summaries are available on the websites of IPI and IPNI.

Organizing Committee

- **Chairman:** Dr. D.P. Ray, Vice-Chancellor, OUAT.
- **Members:** Representatives of IPI, IPNI, ICAR, FAI, BFA, PARC and OUAT.
- **Organizing Secretary:** Dr. D. Jena, Head, Department of Soil Science & Agril. Chemistry, OUAT.

Scientific Committee

Chairman:

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Accommodation

- Accommodation for participants will be organized in hotels and guest houses on payment basis.
- The Crown, Bhubaneswar (<http://www.nivalink.com/crown/index.html>) will be the main hotel.



Proceedings

- Plant and Soil will publish a special issue with papers from the symposium, subject to the regular peer review process.
- After the publication of the Special Issue of the Plant and Soil, all papers and poster summaries will be published as Proceedings.



Language

- English will be the Official Language of the Symposium.

About Bhubaneswar

- Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa is popularly known as Temple City of India, with some 500 temples. Airport and Railway stations are located at a distance of 4 kms and 6 kms, respectively from Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology. The climate of Bhubaneswar during November is pleasant with minimum temperature of 20°C and maximum temperature of 35°C with rare occurrence of mild rainfall. It is one of the clean cities of India with lots of tourist attractions.

Places of Interest around Bhubaneswar

- **Lingaraj Temple:** The great Lingaraj temple (11th century), which soars above the city of Bhubaneswar (55 m. height), represents Orissa temple architecture at its most mature and fully developed stage. There are 150 subsidiary shrines within the immense Lingaraj complex.
- **Dhuli:** 8 km. south of Bhubaneswar, lies Dhuli, the site of Great Kalinga War in 261 B.C. It was here that, the great transformation in King Ashoka took place and Buddhism was revitalized. Dhuli has gained prominence in recent times due to the establishment of a Buddhist Peace Pagoda in 1972.



- **Puri:** Sixty km from Bhubaneswar, this small coastal city is considered to be one of the four most sacred places for Hindus, because of the shrine of Lord Jaganath. The magnificent 192 ft high, 12th century A.D. temple of Lord Jaganath is one of the finest specimens of Orissa architecture.
- **Konark:** 70 kms from Bhubaneswar, the Sun Temple of Konark, a poetry on stone and a World Heritage Monument, is often described as the grandest achievement of Eastern school of architecture.



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