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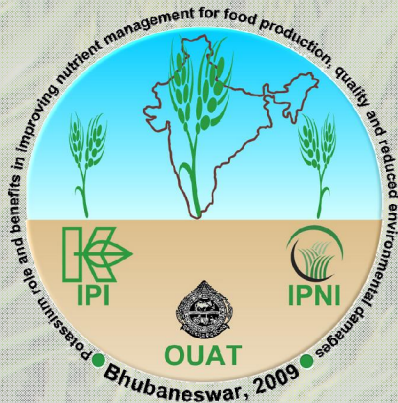
International Symposium

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



Organized by:

International Potash Institute, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology
and International Plant Nutrition Institute

Co-sponsored by:

Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA), Fertilizer Association of India
(FAI), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Pakistan Agricultural
Research Council (PARC)



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).



Main Themes

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

Venue

The symposium will be conducted at the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) campus (<http://www.ouat.ac.in>), Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India. The city of Bhubaneswar is well connected with other parts of the country through railways and airways. Airways facilities are available for Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Raipur and Chennai.

The climate in Bhubaneswar during November is pleasant, with temperatures

ranging from 32°C during the day to 18°C in the night.

A local travel agency will be present at the symposium venue to facilitate post-symposium trips and excursions.

Language

English is the official language of the symposium.

Important Dates

- Submission of papers to *Plant and Soil*: till **June 30, 2009**.
- Submission of papers to the IPI-OUAT-IPNI proceedings and poster summaries: till **August 15, 2009**.
- Issue of acceptance letter by the organizers: till **September 15, 2009**.
- Submission of registration fees: till **September 30, 2009**.
- Submission of accommodation fees: till **September 30, 2009**.
- Symposium: **November 5-7, 2009**.

Registration and Fees

- Rupees 1,500 for Indian and SAARC Countries participants until 30 September 2009.
- Rupees 2,500 for Indian and SAARC Countries participants after 30

September 2009.

- US\$ 100 (Rupees 4,500) for foreign participants until 30 September 2009.
- US\$ 150 ((Rupees 6,750) 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 Bhubaneswar or by Bank transfer to Saving Bank Account No. **30502245234**, State Bank of India, Branch – OUAT Campus, Bhubaneswar, Swift Code **SBININBB270**.

Registration form is available at the end of this document.

Guidelines for Submission of Invited Papers

Please follow these guidelines:

Plant and Soil will publish a special issue with papers from the symposium, subject to the regular peer review process. All invited papers are eligible to submit to the journal. Authors are invited to submit their paper through the



following website:
<http://plso.edmgr.com/>.

- In Step 1 of the online submission procedure, when asked to “choose the article type of your manuscript from the pull-down menu”, authors must choose: “Special Issue S35-Potassium”.
- In Step 7, when asked to “Enter Comments” the authors must type the following comments in the box:
This manuscript is intended for the special issue “S35-Potassium” guest edited by Ismail Cakmak.
- The publisher will not be responsible for the omission of manuscripts from the special issue if the above procedures were not followed.
- After the publication of the special issue of *Plant and Soil* (due summer 2010), all papers and poster



summaries will be published as IPI-OUAT-IPNI symposium proceedings.

Guidelines for manuscript structure (for both *Plant and Soil* and the proceedings):

Please follow all guidelines as appear on <http://www.springer.com/life+sci/plant+sciences/journal/11104>. Follow the detailed instruction under “For authors and editors”.

- Submission of papers to *Plant and Soil*: till June 30, 2009.
- Submission of papers to the IPI-OUAT-IPNI proceedings: till August 15, 2009. Send the paper to Dr. M.S. Brar, Editor (brarms@rediffmail.com) cc to the Organizing Secretary (dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com).

Submission of Posters

Two chaired poster sessions will be held during the symposium. Voluntary posters related to the main themes of the symposium are welcomed. Please prepare an extended summary of the poster, not exceeding total of four A4 size pages in MS Word. The delegates are required to bring international quality posters of size 0.8 m X 1.2 m.

- Submission of posters to the IPI-OUAT-IPNI proceedings: till August 15, 2009. Please send the

poster's extended summary to Dr. M.S. Brar, Editor (brarms@rediffmail.com) cc to the Organizing Secretary (dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com).

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.
- The tariff rate for Deluxe Hotels & Panthanivas (Double Bed with A.C.) Rs. 1500.00 per day.
- Other hotels available (tariff per day for star hotels, double bed with AC): Hotel Sismo - Rs. 4,500; Hotel Keshari - Rs. 3,000; Hotel Puspak - Rs. 2,500; Hotel Arya Palace - Rs. 2,000; Hotel Swasti Plaza - Rs. 4,500; Hotel Ginger - Rs. 3,000.
- The delegates are strongly advised to send a one day room rent advance payment in shape of Bank Draft in favour of 'IPI-OUAT-IPNI International Symposium' payable at Bhubaneswar or by Bank transfer to Saving Bank Account No. **30502245234**, State Bank of India, Branch – OUAT Campus, Bhubaneswar, Swift Code **SBININBB270** before 15th September, 2009 for reservation of

accommodation.

- On the spot registered delegates are advised to make their own arrangement for their stay at Bhubaneswar.

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Registration Form

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(Invited speakers do not need to fill this form)

1. Family Name First name
2. Designation
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4. Contact data: Tel..... E-mail.....
5. Registration Category: Institute / Organization / Student
6. I wish to present a poster Yes / No
7. Registration Fee: Rs. DD No. Date to be issued in favour of “IPI-OUAT-IPNI International Symposium”, payable at Bhubaneswar.
8. Accommodation Fee: Rs. DD No. Dateto be issued in favour of “IPI-OUAT-IPNI International Symposium”, payable at Bhubaneswar.

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Place: Date:..... Signature:.....

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