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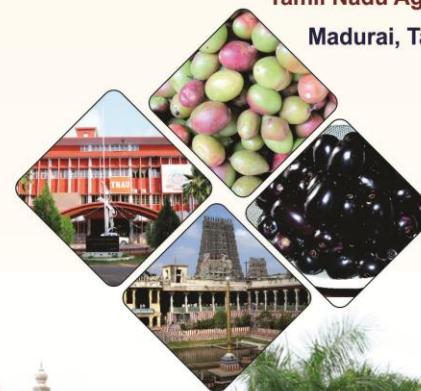
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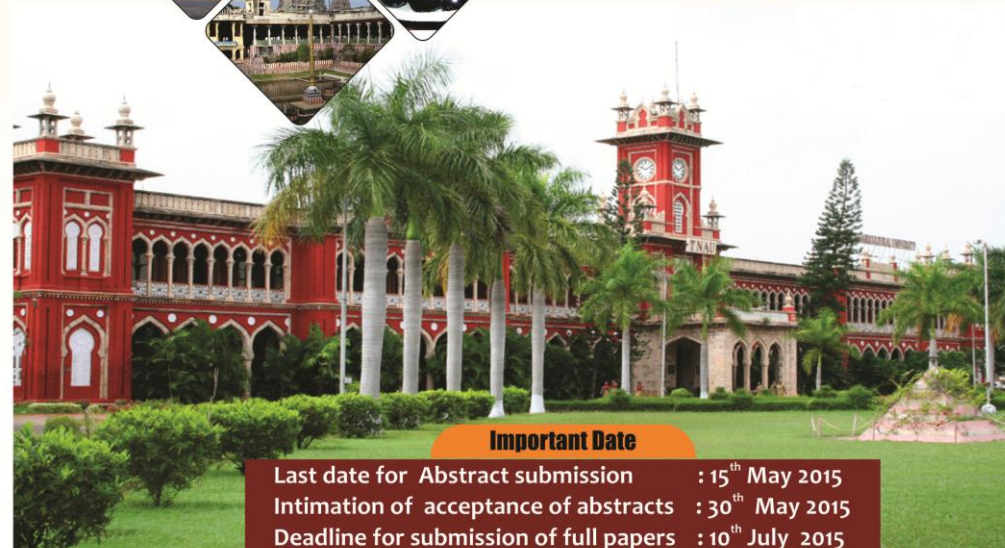
3rd International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species

Exploration and Conservation for Future Generation

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Agricultural College and Research Institute,
 Tamil Nadu Agricultural University,
 Madurai, Tamil Nadu, INDIA



5th - 8th August, 2015



Important Date

Last date for Abstract submission : 15th May 2015
 Intimation of acceptance of abstracts : 30th May 2015
 Deadline for submission of full papers : 10th July 2015

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Purpose and Objectives

The focus on a few widely used species has helped to sustain the explosion in human population over the last twenty five decades. But it has narrowed down dramatically the number of species upon which global food security and general economic agricultural pursuits depend. With over half of humanity's calorific and protein needs being met by three crops viz., maize, wheat and rice, humankind faces a highly vulnerable situation and an urgent action to promote crop diversification is needed. In this context, the 3rd ISUPS is scheduled to be held from 5th - 8th August, 2015 at AC & RI, Madurai as a mark of its Golden Jubilee celebrations under the auspices of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) in collaboration with International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), Belgium, to explore and conserve the underutilized plant species.

There is an increasing endorsement at national and international level on the important role played by sustainable farming systems and human well-being of less-used crops and species. Such attention stems out from the developments over the last decade that have contributed to change the perception of people regarding the importance of such species and raised the issue on how best to pursue the promotion of underutilized species.

Besides, it is recognized that most underutilized crops are of local or regional importance and therefore it is most appropriate to foster partnerships at this level. Several mechanisms exist to ensure that lessons learned in one region can also benefit others. Strengthening of the links among international stakeholders with researchers, extension specialists and farmers involved in the promotion of underutilized species, is indeed strategic to allow the best use of existing capacities and promote synergism across regions.

The organizing committee extends a warm welcome to Madurai, which is situated in the Southern Western Ghats region of India which has better connectivity from all parts of India and the world and known for its hospitality. The participants will have an opportunity to see indigenous and underutilized plant species in India during the one-day technical visit to Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam. Optional post symposium technical visits will also be arranged to Rameshwaram, Kanyakumari and Kodaikanal.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The organizing committee invites submission of abstracts on the following themes on underutilized plant species:

- Scenario of underutilized plant species and Market Potential
- Bio-diversity, genetic resources and germplasm conservation
- Crop Improvement, physiology, biochemistry and biotechnology including nano technology
- Production and Management Techniques (Propagation, Intercultivation, Moisture conservation, Wasteland development, Mineral Nutrition and Organic Production)
- Crop Protection
- Nutritional security, Postharvest, processing, value addition and utilization of end products.
- Social economic and upliftment of nomadic tribes.

Abstracts should follow the format provided by ISHS at <http://www.ishs.org/authors>, and for ISHS Membership <http://www.ishs.org/members>

Please indicate whether you intend to make your contribution as oral or poster session. The Scientific Committee will make final decision on acceptance and mode of presentation of the submitted abstracts. Poster specifications will be provided in the second circular.

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ISHS-members Other countries	USD 500
Indian	INR 5000
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Indian	INR 7000*
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Indian	INR 2500
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CALL FOR EXHIBITS

An exhibition will be held in conjunction with 3rd ISUPS covering wide range of research on production, post harvest, processing and value added products pertaining to underutilized plant species. All related and institutions are invited to participate.

Exhibitor Tariff	Advertisement Charges in Symposium Souvenir
One booth with space of 3m x 3m one power outlet, one table and two chairs INR 10,000	Full paper cover (outer back) colour INR 50,000 Full paper cover (inner front) colour INR 30,000 Full paper cover (inner back) colour INR 30,000 Full page inner page colour INR 20,000 Full page Monochromatic INR 10,000 Half Page inner page colour INR 10,000 Half page Monochromatic INR 5,000
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