



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS



1st Announcement

10th PATHOLOGY WORKSHOP

7-11 May 2012, Nanning, China

WORKSHOP THEME

UNDERSTANDING SUGAR CANE DISEASES FOR THEIR EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT

The 10th ISSCT Pathology Workshop will be held from 7 to 11 May 2012 in China and will be hosted by Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GXAAS). It is open to all technologists working in sugar cane production. Participants are encouraged to make a presentation on the theme of the workshop. If there is sufficient interest expressed, a programme will be prepared for accompanying persons, and the details will be given in the second announcement.

Language

The Workshop will be conducted in English.

Workshop Report

As is generally the case for ISSCT Workshops, no proceedings will be published. Only abstracts submitted by participants will be distributed at the Workshop. However, a communication highlighting the workshop presentations and deliberations will be presented at the XXVIII ISSCT Congress which will be held in 2013 in Brazil. The communication will also be posted on the ISSCT website.

Abstract and posters

Abstracts in English of not more than 300 words should be submitted by e-mail in MS Word before 10 January 2012 to the ISSCT Pathology Section Chairman - Dr. Salem Saumtally (salem.saumtally@msiri.mu). They should comprise a title, the authors' names, affiliations, e-mail addresses and 3-5 keywords not included in the title. Acceptance of the abstract for oral presentation or poster will be communicated by 31 January 2012.

Technical sessions will be held at Nanning Hotel, Nanning City, Guangxi which is located in the south of China. Nanning is the capital of Guangxi Province with the area of about 23,0000 square kilometres. It hosts many fashion and craft shops, hotels, restaurants and night-clubs, and is close to Guilin City which is one of the most popular tourist spots in China, famous for its beautiful scenery and ethnic minority characteristics.

The field visit will include observation of the main sugar cane diseases of China. Visit to labs of GXAAAS and GXU will be arranged. In addition, a sightseeing tour will be organized to the Confucian Temple in Nanning and Guangxi Museum of Nationalities.

Cost

Participants at the workshop must cover their own costs of travel, accommodation, meals and other incidentals. A conference accommodation package has been negotiated with the Nanning Hotel (www.gxnnfd.com.cn). Room rates will be USD 90 per night for a single room and USD 60 for a double room, per person on half board basis. Room charges include breakfast and dinner. A booking form for accommodation will be available in the second announcement.

A registration fee of USD 200 will be charged per participant to cover the lunches during the workshop, the welcome dinner, workshop venues with facilities, tea/coffee break, and local transport to and from the hotel. Participants arriving before 6 May and staying after 10 May will have to pay additional charges to the hotel for accommodation and meals.

All participants must have a current membership of ISSCT by the time of the workshop. Present membership costs USD 125. Details are available on the ISSCT website (www.issct.org). Membership fee may be paid directly to ISSCT Secretariat or at the Workshop.

Entry visas

Travelers from some countries may need a visa to enter China. To make your trip to China an easy and pleasant one, you are kindly advised to consult the local Chinese Embassy or Consulates-General first for travel information (<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zwjg/2490/>). They will readily help you go through the necessary procedures.

Weather

The weather in Nanning during this period is quite warm. The temperature ranges from 17 to 34 °C with an average temperature of 25 °C during the day. Occasional heavy showers can be expected.

Currency

Chinese Yuan (RMB) is the national currency of China. US dollars in cash are accepted at the Nanning Hotel, and international credit cards (Master and Visa) are accepted at the hotel. 1 USD = 7 RMB

Registration

To participate in the workshop, the registration form must be filled in and returned by e-mail before December 20, 2011 to the contact person specified in the registration form. Participants will receive notification of acceptance of their registration by 31 January 2012. Upon receipt of confirmation, participants must remit the registration fee of USD 200.

Tentative programme

Sunday May 6	Registration
Monday May 7	Opening ceremony Invited presentation Country report on main sugar cane diseases Technical presentations
Tuesday May 8	Technical presentations
Wednesday May 9	Field and lab visits
Thursday May 10	Technical presentations
Friday May 11	Visit Confucian Temple in Nanning and Guangxi Museum of Nationalities

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Registration form

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

I am interested in the Workshop, please send me further announcements

I will submit a discussion paper/poster entitled:

I will be accompanied

Signature:

Date:

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