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CARISCIENCE
General Annual Meeting
and
National Symposium
On
Recent Advances in Soil and Disease Management in Crop Production -
"Issues and Challenges Towards Sustainable Production Practices"

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Guyana Agricultural Producers Association (GAPA)

Sponsored by:
Guyana Rice Development Board
Ministry of Agriculture
Guyana Sugar Corporation

Date:
August 28th - August 29th, 2014

Time:
To be announced

Location:
University of Guyana
Johns Science Campus
Abercrombie
University of Guyana, Berbice Campus

In Collaboration with

The Ministry of Agriculture

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Background

Agriculture in Guyana accounts for about 25% of the Gross Domestic product and is the source of livelihood or nearly 35% of the population. Rapid agricultural growth continues to be the key to poverty alleviation and overall economic development and has been successful in keeping pace with the rising food demand of the Country and the Region as a whole. However, the sector faces an enormous challenge in addressing the massive food importation bill and addressing food security for the poor, vulnerable, resource poor communities. Food Crops are of primary importance as the key source of essential components in an adequate and balanced human diet, they have supported largely the daily food requirement of mankind since ages and even before man learned to grow them systematically. Over the years, growing crops has been the mainstay of rural economy and has emerged as an indispensable part of agriculture in the world over, offering farmers a wide range of crops in varied topography and climate. However, the cultivation of these crops for optimum yield and quality produce is highly technical and needs improved technological support. In given favourable conditions, even a single pathogen or disease may cause catastrophe and complete failure of the crop. Soil conservation and management is also important in crop management. Against this background, it is necessary to raise awareness in the scientific community since scientific research inevitably gives rise to some unexpected findings and peer review provide opportunities for broader appreciation of issues. This symposium is expected to highlight recent advances in disease and soil management in crop production.
Thematic Areas:

(1) Rice  
(2) Sugar  
(3) Fruits  
(4) Vegetables  
(5) Root and Tuber  
(6) Post-Harvest and Storage  
(7) Research, Extension and Communication

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Authors are invited to submit papers that demonstrate research work in the area. To submit a paper, send your complete manuscript (not to exceed 5 double-spaced pages of text using 12 point size type on 8.5 x 11 inch pages) to the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be sent to gomsrekha@uog.edu.gy or radhieka.dukhie@uog.edu.gy. Electronic submissions must be in a readable form containing the following header information: title, author name(s), abstract, postal address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers. The header should be followed by the full version of the complete paper (including title, author's name, affiliation, and abstract).

Papers must be received by August 10th 2014. Submissions received after the due date or exceeding the length limit may not be considered. Notification of review decisions will be mailed by August 15th 2014. Proceedings will be available at the Workshop. Fax submissions will not be considered. Hard copy submissions are not permitted. Students and Research Scholars with background on the subject are encouraged to participate.

Registration

Presenter Participant – USD 25
Student Participant – USD 20
Other Participant – USD 10

Symposium Proceedings – USD 20 – Hard Copy

Registration include; Symposium Package, Lunch, Coffee Break and Reception.

Budget – Target 200 participants

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20 Presenters @ US $25 = US $ 500

20 Students @ US $20 = 400
200 Participants @ US $10 = US $2000

Total = USD2,900 @ 206 = GY $597,400,000

Seeking Sponsorship

Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)/
The Guyana Agricultural Producers’ Association (GAPA) $ 400,000.00
Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB) $300,000.00
Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc. (GUYSUCO) $300,000.00
University of Guyana $ 200,000.00
National Agriculture Extension and Research Institute (NAREI) $ 300,000.00

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Total $ 1,500,000.00
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