2\textsuperscript{nd} International and 14\textsuperscript{th} National Iranian Crop Science Congress
Aug. 30 – Sep. 1, 2016
University of Guilan, Rasht, Iran

“Knowledge-Based Crop Production and Water Productivity”

Call for Papers

Crop Science Society of Iran (CSSI) is honored to announce that the “2\textsuperscript{nd} International and 14\textsuperscript{th} National Iranian Crop Science Congress” will be held from August 30 to September 1, 2016 at the University of Guilan, Rasht, Iran. This is the most important gathering of crop plants specialists in Iran which is expected more than 2000 scientists, researchers, policy makers, academia, university professors and students attend in this meeting.

This congress which is jointly hosted by the Crop Science Society of Iran and Guilan University provides a platform for researchers and decision makers in all aspects of crop sciences to present their latest findings and learn about important developments in these areas of science and technology. The congress will cover different fields of crop plant production including:

- Agronomy,
- Field crops ecology and physiology,
- Field crops improvement,
- Field crops biotechnology,
- Cropping systems (organic farming, sustainable agriculture …),
- Environmental stress in field crops,
- Water productivity and water use efficiency,
- New techniques in field crops production,
- Weeds and weed management,
- Conservation of genetic resources and biodiversity,
- Climate change and crop modeling,
- Agronomy and breeding of medicinal plants,
- New and neglected crops,
- Technology and management of seed production in field crops.
Congress organizers are cordially invited all scholars, professors, researchers, experts, and students in crop science and related fields to participate in this event. All participants are requested to register through online registration form on the congress website at www.agrobreedcongress.ir and submit their original research articles or review papers through abstract submission form online. The deadline for registration and submitting extended abstracts in above mentioned areas is July 31st, 2016.

**Tentative program**

The organizing committee has constituted a scientific steering committee to make an extensive program, review the papers and make preparations for the final program. Detailed program as it develops will be posted on the conference website at www.agrobreedcongress.ir.

**Registration fee**

Registration fee for regular international participants (non-students) is USD 350$ which will be collected at the time of formal registration on August 30, 2016. Registration fee covers local transportation, congress materials, breakfasts and lunches as well as refreshments between sessions. Full time students and participants from ECO member states can avail 40% discount in the registration fee. Students need to submit proven documents showing that they are current full time student during the congress. One author registration can cover only one paper. For every additional paper up to 5 a 40% registration fee will be charged.

**Journal Publication**

All accepted papers will be screened by the scientific committee for publication in the peer reviewed scientific journal of the Crop Science Society of Iran immediately after the congress.
About the Congress Venue

Rasht is the capital city of Guilan province and is the largest city on Iran's Caspian Sea coast. This city is one of the most popular tourist spots in Iran with the resort of Masouleh in the adjacent mountains and the beaches of Caspian as some of the major attractions. It is a major trade center between Caucasia, Russia and Iran using the port of Bandar-e Anzali. Historically, Rasht was a major transport and business center which connected Iran to Russia and Europe, and because of this was known as the "Gate of Europe". The city has a history that goes back to the 13th century but its modern history dates back to the Safavid era during which Rasht was a major silk trade center with numerous textile workshops.

Guilan province due to its unique climatic conditions, vicinity to Caspian Sea and high humidity is a best place for rice production. This province is very famous for its high quality aromatic rice and very delicious traditional cuisines.
Rasht is also a major tourist center

Accommodation and local transportation

The city of Rasht has accommodation facilities to varying budgets that can be arranged on priority basis. Organizing committee has arranged for several accommodation options at discounted rates including student dormitories (free of charge). Please send your requests for hotel booking to Miss Akram Valiaei (agrobreedcongress@gmail.com).
Shuttle bus from the airport and local transportation from the hotel will be available during the congress. All international participants will be picked up from the International Imam Khomeini Airport (IKA) in Tehran to the conference venue in Rasht free of charge.

Additional Information

For any additional information please contact congress secretariat at: agrobreedcongress@gmail.com or

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