

Call for Posters

Papers of relevant topics within the conference theme are invited for poster presentation. Authors must register and submit abstract of softcopy by or before 16 September 2018 through conference website.

Abstracts received later than that will not be accepted in the scientific program of the conference. The manuscripts should not be published nor are being considered for publication elsewhere.

Instruction for authors

Soft copy of manuscripts (English language) in Microsoft Word format typed on 1.5 line spacing on A4 sized with 2.54 cm margin on all sides, checked carefully for errors. Abstract should contain following elements:

Title : Contain only the title, authors' names, address and e-mail indicating the corresponding author*.

Abstract : The abstract should be concise, should briefly indicate the experiments, describe the main results and state the important points. It should not exceed 300 words.

Keywords : Up to five keywords. Keywords should be separated by semi colon and end with a period. Do not use acronyms in the keywords.

Registration Fee

The conference fees is **RM200** for the two days event, which include; access to all talks and exhibitions, conference kit, and food and beverages of the day.

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ISCIC
2018

**International
Scientific Conference
on Indigenous Crops**

**"Potential Indigenous Plants
for Commercialization"**

16-17 October 2018
Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, MALAYSIA

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Background

Indigenous plants have been exploited traditionally by various ethnics and indigenous groups. It was believed that the hunter-gatherers were the first to recognize the plants from their surrounding during the search for edible plants by trial and error. The knowledge on indigenous plants has been passed over generations by the elders from mouth to mouth, thus local people gain benefits tremendously from its use.

Indigenous plant can be defined as native plant species which originate from a region, or were introduced from other place from a long time through natural processes or human selection. Native people especially those living in the rural area depends heavily on the forest and endowed with deep knowledge on natural product. Local people includes indigenous crops not only in their daily consumption as source of nutrients, flavor, therapeutic but also source of income.

Nowadays, the indigenous crops remain underutilized for general population. It was commonly overlooked by developed population and noticed as low prestige and nutritionally inferior. Continued understanding of the native plant species, with the primary aim of managing them responsibly, will guarantee theirs ever indisputable usefulness and services to mankind as foods, medicinal, oils and fibers.

As natural resources, indigenous plants are also prone to mismanagement. Thus, multidisciplinary research in indigenous plants related fields is essential for advocating their increased utilization as commercial crops. Recognising the potential of indigenous plants as cultivated crop, proper and sustainable management is the way forward.

These comprises of management and operations that are legal, economically viable, environmentally appropriate, and socially beneficial. Dissemination of knowledge and constant research is crucial to ensure sustainable development of indigenous crop that may benefits mankind, and the environment.

Realising the importance, Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus supported by Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research Sarawak have taken the initiative to organise the first ever **International Scientific Conference on Indigenous Crops (ISCIC2018)**.

The conference is generally intended to provide a platform for all stakeholders i.e. academics, scientists, industrial players, regulators and the public, to communicate with each other via knowledge sharing and critical discussion regarding all aspect of indigenous plants.

Objectives

- To highlight indigenous plants that can be grown and harvested for profit and subsistence.
- To provide a platform for all stakeholders to share their knowledge concerning indigenous crops.
- To promote linkages among stakeholders thus encouraging the development of indigenous crops.

Theme & Tracks

The first International Scientific Conference on Indigenous Crops (ISCIC2018) will highlight the theme, "Potential Indigenous Plants for Commercialization" with four main tracks:

- i) Wild Indigenous Plant Sources
- ii) Food from Indigenous Crop
- iii) Domestication of Indigenous Plants
- iv) Production and Commercialization of Indigenous Crops

Who should attend

The conference will consist of two main elements i.e. lectures delivered by 24 prominent invited speakers, and poster exhibition sessions. These sessions are open to all participants.

Researchers, academicians, students, plantation and forest managers, natural resources stakeholders, extension officers, national advisory agency officers, sociologists, economists, funding agency officers, managers involved in agro-industry, environment, science and engineering sectors, and policy makers.



"Potential Indigenous Plants for Commercialization"

