

**International Scientific Conference on Indigenous Crops 2018 (ISCIC 2018)
16 – 17 October 2018, Hilton Hotel Kuching, Sarawak**

Conference Program

**Day 1
16 October 2018 (Tuesday), Venue: Grand Ballroom**

7.30 am	: Registration
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8.00 am	: Arrival of distinguished guests
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8.30 am	: Opening Ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming speech by Prof. Datin Paduka Dato Aini Ideris Vice Chancellor, Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Sarawak Campus• Officiating Speech by YB Dato Sri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong, Minister for Education, Science and Technological Research

9.30 am	: Plenary Lecture 'Value from the Wild: Unravelling the Mystery and Myth of Hemp'
	Mr. Charles B. Kovess Secretary, Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance

10.00 am	: Photo Session and Coffee Break (Ballroom Foyer)
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Track 1: Wild Indigenous Plant Sources Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Patricia King Jie Hung	
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10.30 am	: 'Man and Indigenous Plant'
	Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr. Abdul Latiff Mohamad Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

11.00 am	: 'Indigenous Plants of Sarawak: Utilization and Potential'
	Mrs. Runi Sylvester Forestry Department of Sarawak

11.30 am	: 'Utilization of Indigenous Aquatic Plant'
	Prof. Dr. Japar Sidik Bin Bujang Universiti Putra Malaysia

12.00 pm	: 'Ethnobotanical Studies in Sarawak'
	Dr. Qammil Muzammil Abdullah Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

12.30 pm	: 'Genetic Improvement of Indigenous Crop'
	Prof. Dr. Abd. Rahman Milan Universiti Malaysia Sabah Sandakan Campus

1.00 pm	: Poster Exhibition and Lunch Break (Waterfront Café)
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Track 2: Food from Indigenous Crop

Chairperson: Dr. John Keen Chubo

2.00 pm : 'Pharmaceutical and Nutraceutical Value of Hemp'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kylie O'Brien
Director of Education
Director Integrative Chinese Medicine
National Institute of Integrative Medicine, Australia

2.30 pm : 'The Future of Indigenous Crops'

Prof. Syed Azam-Ali
Crop For Future (CFF), University Nottingham Malaysia

3.00 pm : 'Bambangan (*Mangifera pajang*) of Borneo as a source of functional food and nutraceutical'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Fadzelly Abu Bakar
Universiti Tun Hussein Malaysia

3.30 pm : Poster Exhibition and Coffee Break (Ballroom Foyer)

4.00 pm : 'The Nutrient Properties of Dabai Fruit, Indigenous Fruit of Sarawak'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azrina Azlan
Universiti Putra Malaysia

4.30 pm : 'Product Development of Sarawak's Indigenous Crops'

Dr. Chua Hun Pin
Malaysian Agriculture Research Institute

5.00 pm : 'The Quality of Fermented Indigenous Fruit (Bambangan)'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chye Fook Yee
Universiti Malaysia Sabah

5.30 pm : End of Day 1

8.00 pm : Gala Dinner at Sarawak Cultural Village (SCV)

Day 2
17 October 2018 (Wednesday), Venue: Grand Ballroom

Track 3: Domestication of Indigenous Plants

Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ong Kian Huat

9.00 am : 'Indigenous Crop as Functional Food'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shahrul Razid Sarbini
Universiti Putra Malaysia Sarawak Bintulu Campus

9.30 am : 'Food Security and Its Implications to Developing Economies''

Prof. Datuk Dr. Mad Nasir Samsudin
Universiti Putra Malaysia

10.00 am : 'Conserving agrobiodiversity: The need for recognizing traditional institutions and mechanisms'

Assistant Prof. Dr. Merlin Francis Franco
Universiti Brunei Darussalam

10.30 am : Poster Exhibition and Coffee Break (Ballroom Foyer)

11.00 am : 'Postharvest technology of indigenous fruits'

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phebe Ding
Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Sarawak Campus

11.30 am : 'Orchids, The Malaysian Gems: Not just A Specialty Crop Anymore! '

Prof. Dr. Rusea Go
Universiti Putra Malaysia

12.00 pm : 'Production and Commercialization of Hemp: Downstream Applications'

Mr. Phil Warner
Managing Director EcoLife Science

12.30 pm : Poster Exhibition and Lunch Break (Waterfront Café)

Track 4: Production and Commercialization of Indigenous Crop

Chairperson: Dr. Wan Asrina Wan Yahaya

1.30 pm : 'The Role of MARDI in Commercialization of Potential Indigenous Crops'

Dr. Mohd. Shukri Mad Ali
Malaysian Agriculture Research Institute

2.00 pm : 'Commercialization of Useful Plant from Local Communities in Sarawak: The Litsara® Project '

Mr. Tu Chu Lee
Sarawak Biodiversity Centre

2.30 pm : 'The Achievement, Challenges and Opportunities in Promoting Indigenous Plants of Sarawak'

Dr. Maclin Anak Dayod
Department of Agriculture Sarawak

3.00 pm : "The Pilot Plant Facility at Curtin Malaysia: A State Resource in the Commercialization of Indigenous Crops"

Prof. Dr. Clem Kuek
Curtin University Sarawak

3.30 pm : Closing remark

4.00 pm Coffee Break (Ballroom Foyer)
