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I wish to participate in the National Symposium on

System of Rice Intensification (SRI) – Present status and Future Prospects

to be held at ANGRAU, Hyderabad, AP
from November 17-18, 2006.

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I wish to participate as speaker/ member for
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Area of Interest: _____
Title of the Paper : _____

Accommodation required: Yes/No
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National Symposium on

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November 17 - 18, 2006



Venue

Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU)

Rajendranagar, Hyderabad –500 030. A.P

Organised by

Directorate of Rice Research (DRR)

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Background

RICE is LIFE for millions of people across the globe. It is the main staple food for majority population in India. The demand for rice is growing with the ever increasing population. More than 70 per cent of the ground and river water is used for agriculture and out of it 70 per cent goes to rice. In spite of providing assured irrigation, usage of pest resistant high yielders, high doses of fertilizers and pesticides, rice yields are plateauing. With inevitable demands for human needs water availability for agriculture in future, would be scarce. Hence, any efforts to produce more rice with limited water will go a long way towards sustainable water and food security.

The system of Rice Intensification, popularly known as SRI is slowly receiving attention of the agricultural workers and planners alike and gaining acceptance and popularity in the farming community in view of the associated benefits viz., saving water, increased soil health and grain yields. SRI is not a mere package of practices, but a paradigm shift in rice production devised basing on the biological potential of the soils. In states like Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Chattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam and Tripura etc. Of late, many research institutes across the country have also started conducting trials on various aspects of SRI method with varying results. There seems to be a wide range of experiences ranging from bad to good among farmers and scientists

At this juncture, there is a need to document, share and synthesise the successful experiences, farmer's innovations, constraints, deficiencies, future prospects and policy issues related to SRI method at national level. With this background, the Directorate of Rice Research (DRR) and Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad are jointly organizing a national symposium on SRI method of rice cultivation during 17-18 November 2006 at University Auditorium-Seminar Hall-1, ANGRAU, Rajendranagar, Andhra Pradesh. This symposium is being sponsored by the WWF, ICRISAT project, ICRISAT, Hyderabad - 500324

Program

It is proposed to have invited and contributed papers, poster presentations, farmers' experiences, and panel discussions in the Symposium. The presentations shall address the present status of adoption of SRI method in India in enhancing water saving, input use efficiency, and production and productivity of rice. Panel discussions will be on topics for up scaling the adoption of SRI method in India for various ecosystems. Poster presentation will be limited to the session themes. Likely topics in different sessions are:

Introductory Session

- Historical development, principles and practices of SRI method, and its importance in present scenario.

Research activities on SRI in India

- Varietal responses to SRI method
- Water, land, nutrient and weed
- Possibilities and selective mechanization
- Quality (grain & straw) as influenced by SRI method
- Role of soil biology/ microbiology
- Pest and disease problems vis-à-vis SRI

Experiences of SRI adoption/ promotion in India

- Approaches and extension methodologies – strengths and weaknesses
- Difficulties, constraints and deficiencies in promotion and scaling-up
- Institutional and policy mechanisms

Farmers experiences with SRI method of cultivation

- New or improved implements (markers and weeders)
- Innovations in crop establishment and crop management
- Constraints of SRI adoption – how to overcome.

Panel Discussion on Policy and Extension support to SRI

Registration

Last date for conveying the intent of participation is 10 th October 2006

Other Schedules

Submission of abstracts: 15th October 2006

Intimation of acceptance: 20th October 2006

Submission of full papers: 31st October 2006

The abstracts / papers / posters may be sent to the address given overleaf

Registration Fee

Participants: Rs. 300. per person (Farmers are exempted)

Registration Fee may be paid at registration counter

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged in various hostels, guesthouses situated in and around Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

For foreign delegates, hotel accommodation will be arranged as per their request.

Other information

- This information may be shared with persons interested / working on SRI method of Rice cultivation.

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