Welcome!

Better communication and sharing of the ideas among scientists and stakeholders are critical to achieve the goal of global food security. This conference will provide a platform for scientists to interact with each other, present their work and discuss different aspects of modern genomics and breeding for crop improvement.

The conference will be organized under well-structured technical sessions that will include invited lectures by eminent speakers in the fields of genetics, genomics, breeding and allied sciences. A poster session will also be arranged to encourage participation of young researchers in the conference.

You, your colleagues and collaborators are invited to contribute to the scientifically rich meeting and explore the historical city of India in a pleasant weather!!

Registration*

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*The conference will accept only 150 registered participants. Industry participants need to contact Organizers.

Accommodation

Special negotiations are being made with a range of budget hotels in the vicinity of ICRISAT. Details about booking accommodation will be available on the website starting from November 1, 2014 (www.vnggibci.icrisat.org).

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Doug Cook, University of California-Davis, USA
Jose Crossa, CIMMYT, Mexico
Swapan K Datta, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, India
Hannes Dempewolf, Global Crop Diversity Trust, Germany
Dave Edwards, University of Queensland, Australia
Jeffrey Ehlers, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
Andreas Graner, IPK-Gatersleben, Germany
'Hari S Gupta, Borlaug Institute for South Asia, India
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Emma Huang, CSIRO, Australia
John Hickey, University of Edinburgh, UK
Scott Jackson, University of Georgia, USA
Suk-Ha Lee, Seol National University, Korea
'Hei Leung, IRRI, The Philippines
David Marshall, The James Hutton Institute, UK
'Greg May, DuPont Pioneer, USA
'Kenneth McNally, IRRI, The Philippines
Trilochan Mohapatra, Central Rice Research Institute, India
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'Ashok K Singh, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, India
'Nagendra K Singh, NRCPB, India
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Nils Stein, IPK-Gatersleben, Germany
Tim Sutton, ACPFG, University of Adelaide, Australia
Peter Wenzl, CIMMYT, Mexico
Gengyun Zhang, BGI, China

*yet to be confirmed

more speakers to be joined soon

Conference Themes

- Next generation genomics
- Novel mapping approaches and QTLs
- Advances in phenotyping and trait mapping
- Marker-assisted selection / backcrossing
- Genomic selection
- Decision support tools for breeding
- New horizons for crop improvement