

International Conference on Agriculture and Forestry 2015 (ICOAF 2015)

Second Annual International Conference on Agriculture and Forestry 2015 was successfully completed with over 70 participants from more than 13 countries which are India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Jordan, Ecuador, Bhutan, Turkey, Bangladesh, Nigeria, South Africa etc.

There were 43 oral presentations, 02 poster presentations and 15 virtual presentations. In the conference we have allotted a separate session on 'Food security' and also scheduled a discussion with the industry specialists, practitioners and policy makers to create a platform to share ideas. To make the event more success and to promote the sustainable agriculture and global food security, we have invited deans, professors, lecturers and students from local universities. Directors of organizations such as Occupational health and food security and ministry of agriculture also have been invited to share the emerging findings of researches in the relevant field and to discuss new implications of agriculture field.

Participation of Prof. Swaminathan was a great achievement of ICOAF 2015 and it is a huge attainment for our future agriculture conferences as well and Prof. Swaminathan has accepted to be a life time adviser in agriculture conferences which will be organized by TIIM and he was excessively delighted and willing to offer an award from his name called "Prof. Swaminathan's Award" to overall best presenter starting from the ICOAF 2016 Manila, Philippines.

The objective of this conference was to create a premier forum for the local and international researchers, scholars and academicians to share their research results in the fields of Agriculture and Forestry. We believed that we successfully achieved that objective during the conference.

As per the schedule, conference was chaired by Prof. D.K.N.G.Pushpakumara and 03 key note speeches were delivered by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Prof. D. K. Weerakoon, and Prof. Buddhi Marambe.

Conference schedule divided in to a poster session and 08 main themes namely,

- Social Motivation, Assessment and Management of Farming Systems
- Floral Biology, Germplasm, Genetics and Plant Breeding
- Food and Animal Science
- Forest Trees and Forest Management
- Climate Change, Climate and Price Forecasting
- Agronomy, Weed and Crop Management
- Pest and Disease Management

- Nutrient Management
- Poster Session

In the awarding ceremony organizing committee awarded 02 awards to Best Student presenter and Best presenter as follows.

Best Student Award

Ms. Chathuri Lankani Karunaratne (Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

Best Presentation Award

Dr. Aye Aye Khin (Faculty of Business Management & Professional Studies (FBMP), Management and Science University (MSU), Malaysia)

In the awarding ceremony organizing committee awarded 08 awards to best presenters in each session as follows.

Session Best Presentation Award Winners

1. SOCIAL MOTIVATION, ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF FARMING SYSTEMS
Dr. Ferdouse Islam (Olericulture Division, Horticulture Research Centre, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Gazipur)
2. FLORAL BIOLOGY, GERMPLASM, GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING
Ms. Dinesha Udayangani Pushpakumari (Board of Study in Agriculture, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka)
3. FOOD AND ANIMAL SCIENCE
Ms. Sujirtha Nadarajah (Department of Agricultural Chemistry, Faculty of Agriculture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka)
4. FOREST TREES AND FOREST MANAGEMENT
Ms. Omali Menike Karunaratne (Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka)
5. CLIMATE CHANGE, CLIMATE AND PRICE FORECASTING
Dr. Aye Aye Khin (Faculty of Business Management & Professional Studies (FBMP), Management and Science University (MSU), Malaysia)

6. AGRONOMY, WEED AND CROP MANAGEMENT

Prof. Samih Mohammad Abubaker (Department of Plant Production and Protection, Al-Balqa Applied University, Jordan)

7. PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Parthasarathi Rengasamy (Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University, India)

8. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Dr. Thiruppathi Modakutti (Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University, India)



