3rd International Conference on Agriculture and Forestry was successfully held with more than 50 participants on 01st – 03rd June 2016 in Manila, Philippines. ICOAF 2016 provided a solid platform for researchers and policy makers from across the globe to share their research findings with one another and to discuss the policy implications. The conference provided a refreshing experience for all, especially for the young researchers who had the opportunity to share their research findings on an international platform and to gain a better understanding about how other individuals and organizations are meeting the challenges in Agriculture.

The conference was enlightened by international researchers representing following Nations.

- India
- Sri Lanka
- Malaysia
- China
- UAE
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Taiwan
- Nigeria

ICOAF 2016 was held under the theme “Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry as Essential Response to the challenges of Global Food Security and Environmental Stability”, and was chaired by Dr. Romeo C. Clemente (Cagayan State University, Andrews Campus, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, Philippines). The opening remarks of ICOAF 2016 were made by Conference Chair Dr. Romeo C. Clemente and Mr. Isanka P. Gamage (Managing Director, The International Institute of Knowledge Management).

The highlights of the inauguration of ICOAF 2016 was the keynote address Dr. Nicomedes P. Eleazar (Bureau of Agricultural Research, Department of Agriculture (DA), Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines), Prof. Dr. Samih Abubaker (Dean of Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Al-Balqa` Applied University, Jordan) and Dr. Romeo C. Clemente (Cagayan State University, Andrews Campus, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, Philippines)
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The conference consisted of 10 technical sessions, during which researchers from around the world presented their research findings. The technical sessions were:

- Forestry
- Soil Science/Soil Fertility Studies
- Animal Science and Api Culture
- Biochemical Studies and Molecular Studies
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Vegetable Research and Olericulture
- Social Researches & Gender-Related Studies
- Rice Researches and Food Security
- Agricultural Economics Studies
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