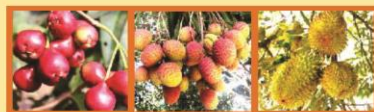


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About Madikeri, Kodagu (Coorg)

Kodagu is part of mountains of Western Ghats of Karnataka. It sets amidst of virtual valleys immense mountains, dense evergreen forests and grasslands. The climate of Kodagu is humid tropical with heavy rain during June-September and pleasant during remaining months. Kodagu is home for many perennial rivers. River Kaveri, the Ganges of South, originates from Tal Kaveri in Kodagu.

Kodagu is blessed with nature. This is one of the most biodiversity hot spots in the world. There are many tourist attractions such as, Tal Kaveri, Bhagamandala Temple, Nisargadhama back water, Dubbare elephant camp, Irupu falls, Abbey falls, Golden Temple, Nagarhole national sactuary, Pushpagiri and Brahmagiri hills in this region. Kodagu is mainly a agricultural dominated district and Oranges, Coffee, Pepper, Cardamom, Paddy are the major crops. More than 25% of the coffee production of India comes from this district.



Accommodation

Many five star, three star and budget hotels are available in and around Madikeri. Since Kodagu is a popular tourist destination, advance booking is required. The interested participants are requested to sent their request on or before 10th May, 2017. The participants may directly reserve their accommodation in following hotels under intimation to Organizing Secretary. The tariffs of some hotels are as follows.

| Name of Hotel | Location | Contact Number | Tariff(Rs.) |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Hotel Crystal Court | Madikeri | 08272-221543/09482194095 | 3000-4000 |
| Hotel Mayura Valley | Madikeri | 08272-228387/08970650028 | 3500-5000 |
| Coorg International | Madikeri | 08272-228071/09845640284 | 5000-7000 |
| Fort Mercara | Madikeri | 08272-229966/09483829888 | 3000-4000 |
| Madikeri Heritage | Madikeri | 08272-228989/09483228989 | 2750-5500 |
| Lee Coorg | Madikeri | 08272-222999/09480604000 | 2500-5500 |
| Prestige Residency | Madikeri | 08272-228333/09448803259 | 1700-3500 |
| Coorg Mandarin | Madikeri | 08272-225573/09900494144 | 2000-5000 |
| Coorg Regency | Madikeri | 08272-225781/09449092541 | 1300-1700 |
| Home stay | Madikeri | 9980073542 | 2500-3500 |

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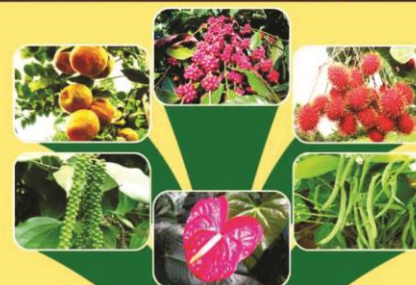
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Background Information

The humid tropics bio-climate occupies a vast region of the world and contains parts of as many as 60 countries including India that are partly or completely located within this bio-climate. By the year 2020, as much as 30% of the world population, or about 3 billion inhabitants, will be living in the humid tropics. In India, the West coastal lowlands, the Western Ghats, and southern parts of Assam have this climate type.

Humid tropics are the centre of origin of several tropical horticultural species, which are rich sources of antioxidants, sugars, vitamins and minerals. Though many species are not commercially cultivated, significantly support the livelihood of many rural and tribal communities and also serve as a source of household income. Commercial horticulture is largely based on perennials, such as coffee, rubber, oil palm, banana, citrus, pepper, cardamom, clove, arecanut, cocoa and several future fruit crops such as avocado, rambutan, durian, mangosteen, jack, kokam, karonda, passion fruit, pummello, jamun, malayan apple, sourpou, litchi, longan etc., and flower crops such as anthurium, orchids and vegetable crops are major ones identified for humid tropics. Horticultural biodiversity has a cultural and social value that contributes to the stability of ecosystems. Horticulture in humid tropics are characterized by the fact that they are locally abundant, but restricted in their geographical dispersion and have a high utility value, but their current use is limited to their economic potential. Crop diversification with horticultural crops, will be the future thrust area for bringing sustainable production in the region.

With this background, Central Horticultural Experiment Station (ICAR- IIHR), Chettalli and Society for Promotion of Horticulture (SPH), Bangalore are organizing a **National Conference on Horticultural Crops of Humid Tropics- Diversification for Sustainability** to bring together the knowledge base of researchers engaged in research of various horticultural crops suitable for humid tropics.

The suggestions and recommendations of the researchers from ICAR institutions, SAUs and other institutions would be compiled, which would serve as guide for future course of research activities on these crops.

The Participants

The conference aims to create a platform for exchange of ideas and thoughts among the scientific fraternity, entrepreneurs, farmers, growers, students etc. from ICAR institutes, SAUs, KVKs and other Govt. and Non-Govt. organizations from different parts of the country who have been associated with horticultural crops of humid tropics

Technical Sessions

There will be eight technical sessions spanning over two days. Each session will have two to three invited lectures from the experts, followed by selected oral presentations & discussions. The participants from different parts of the country are expected to deliberate during the post presentation discussions to share and gain some knowledge, and to finalize the future strategies for improving production, productivity, processing and value addition of Horticultural crops of humid tropics. A separate session for scientist- planters/farmers interaction will be organized during the conference for the benefit of the farming community

Theme areas

1. Genetic wealth of Horticultural Species in Humid Tropics.
2. Mixed cropping systems: Models in Plantations -Spices- Orchard Crops
3. Horti- Silvicultural models suitable for humid tropics
4. Ecosystem services, Pollinators and Bee keeping in humid tropics
5. Status, Prospects and Future of Coorg Mandarin cultivation.
6. Post harvest handling, processing and value Addition of humid horticultural crops

7. Future horticultural crops including Off-Season Litchi Cultivation:Way ahead in Humid Tropics

8. Supply chain management and Marketing

Poster presentation

The organizers invite focused research abstracts on areas in any aspect of horticultural crops of humid tropics. The abstracts should be prepared in MS- Word not exceeding 250 words. Posters pertaining to all the sessions will be exhibited at the designated poster sessions at the seminar venue. Space of 90 cm (height) x 70 cm (width) will be provided for each poster. Three best posters selected by the panel of judges will be awarded.

Field visit

During the seminar, field visits will be organized to experimental blocks of CHES (ICAR- IIHR), Chettalli; Coffee Board - CRSS, Chettalli; IISR- RS , Appangala for showing genetic resources of various future fruits, spices and plantation crops to encourage the scientists to take up research on some of these crops in their respective regions.

Important Dates

Date of issue of circular : 6th March 2017

Last date of submission of abstracts/registration : 30th April 2017

Acceptance of abstracts : 05th May 2017

Registration fee

| Category | *Registration fee (Rs) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Scientists/Researchers/Delegates | 4000 |
| SPH Members | 3500 |
| Student/Research Scholars | 1500 |
| Planters/Farmers | 500 |

*late and on spot registration Rs 500/- extra