

BACKGROUND

Balanced plant nutrition is an integrated approach to meet the nutritional needs of the crop throughout its life-cycle. In the current scenario of high input costs for agriculture production, issues on methods of achieving balance between the nutrient requirements of plants and the nutrient reserves in soils for maintaining high yields and soil fertility, preventing environmental contamination and degradation, and sustaining agricultural production over the long term will have to be discussed. Thus this conference will be a platform for interested stakeholders to present their latest R&D findings, innovations and ideas on issues on balanced nutrients for tropical agriculture. The agenda will encompass issues on sustainable nutrient management for crop production, environmental management, and socio-economic issues.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Academicians, researchers and agronomists
- Policy makers
- Private sector companies
- Agriculture consultants/advisors
- Individuals involved in agriculture resource management, land-use planning and development, plantation management and environmental policy

OBJECTIVES

- To explore, exchange and update scientific and technological findings and information related to fertilizer use in the tropics.
- To provide a forum for researchers, practitioners and stakeholders of tropical agriculture to present their findings, state-of-the-art technologies, products and services.

TOPIC/SCOPE

- Fertilizers and their management,
- Balanced nutrient in crop production,
- Water use and management, and
- Environmental awareness and education.

CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

Those interested in presenting papers or posters at the conference **need to adhere to the following dates for submission of the extended abstract or paper:**

31st Oct. 2009: Submission of extended abstract.
28th Feb. 2010: Submission of full paper.

Please submit extended abstracts and full papers to the scientific & technical sub-committee:

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- **Title:** Bold, 12 pt upper case letters
- **Author's address:** 11 pt, no abbreviation, if more than one author, indicate address of each author numerically in superscript and include the e-mail address of the corresponding author(s).
- **Text :** 11 pt, should include introduction, brief methodology, results & discussion, conclusion and references, single spacing, not more than 4 pages. Scientific names should be italicized. Use standard symbols for measurements and the International System for references. Include not more than 5 keywords.

REGISTRATION FEE

Conference fee, which covers program book, abstracts, proceedings and a conference kit is as follows:

Early bird (<u>before</u> 30 Sept. 2009)	RM 900
Normal (<u>after</u> 30 Sept. 2009)	RM 1000
MSSS Member	RM 800
Students	RM 500
International	USD 500
(Prove of students' status is required)	

Payment should be made to:

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