

Registration Slip

Name (Prof./Dr/Mr/Ms):

Organization:

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Tel: _____

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- I wish to attend the conference
 I wish to present a paper(s)
 I wish to present a poster(s)
 I wish to join field trip

Title of paper/poster:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Scientific Programme

Nine sessions will be held during the conference. The sessions are:

Session 1: **Soil Fertility**

Session 2: **Nutrient Management**

Session 3: **Biochar and Biofertilizers**

Session 4: **Soil Microbiology**

Session 5: **Soil Physics and Chemistry**

Session 6: **Problematic Soils**

Session 7: **Good Agriculture Practice**

Session 8: **Soil Health**

Session 9: **Certification of SOM, SALM
and GAP**

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Paramanathan
"Soil Classification and Soil Health Indicator"
- IUSS,
"Global Soil Issues"
- MPOB,
"Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) for Oil Palm Plantation"

Best Poster Awards

Five outstanding posters will be picked by the appointed panel of judges and then will receive the Best Poster Award.

Best Presenter Award

Panel of judges will also select one voluntary oral presenter to receive the best presented award.

First Announcement

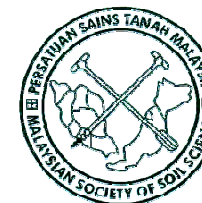
SOILS 2013

*Good Agriculture Practice
(GAP) For Soil Health
Sustainability*

9 – 11 April, 2013

**Bukit Gambang Resort
City, 26300 Gambang,
Pahang**

Organized by:



Call for voluntary oral and poster papers

Scientific papers are in the form of oral and poster presentations. Participants who are wishing to present a paper should send an extended abstract together with the registration form. Proceedings will be prepared for the papers.

Extended abstract with maximum 5 pages, which include title, author's name and affiliation, introduction, methodology, results and discussion (including Tables and Figures), conclusion, acknowledgement (if any) and references. Text should be typed using MS Word; size of 12 with Times New Roman and single line spacing on A4 sized paper.

Due date for submission of extended abstract: 31 December 2012

Background

Good Agricultural Practice or GAP is an integrated system to manage on-farm production and post-production process, resulting in safe and healthy food and non-food agricultural products, while taking into account economical, social and environmental sustainability.

Soil quality typically refers to the capacity of a specific kind of soil to function within natural or managed ecosystem boundaries in order to sustain plant and animal productivity, maintain or enhance land, water and air quality and support human health and habitation. Soil quality directly impacts the attainment of sustainable agriculture.

The interaction of chemical, physical and biological properties of a soil will determine the potential capacity of the soil to produce quality crops. Adverse effects on soil quality arise from nutrient imbalance in soil, under and excessive fertilization, soil pollution and soil loss processes. It is of interest to us to look into the details of soil management practices and/or strategies that influence soil quality.

It is widely accepted that sustainable agriculture evolves indefinitely towards greater human utility as a result of efficient natural resources use.

SOILS 2012 will provide an ideal platform to discuss issues on the various aspects of soil quality. It is hoped that this conference will act as a forum to promote connection and collaboration among researchers/experts and practitioners in soil science, crop production and related fields of agriculture.

Objectives

- To explore, exchange and update current scientific information on the various approaches of enhancing soil quality
- To promote sustainable agriculture for soil health
- To provide a forum for researchers, academicians and agronomists in agriculture to present and share their findings and experiences on the various soil topics

Who should attend?

- Academicians, researchers and agronomists
- Agricultural consultants/ advisors
- Individuals involved in agricultural resource management, land use planning and development, plantation management and environmental policy

Accommodation

Bukit Gambang Resort City, Pahang.

Address:

Jalan Bukit Gambang Utama, Bukit Gambang Resort City, 26300 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur.

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Post Conference Tour

A one day field tour will be arranged to FASS, Jerantut, Pahang. The highlights of this tour are a visit several soil profile, soil laboratory, R&D area and seed production centre. Participation is limited to 40 delegates and a fee of RM 60.00 will be imposed.

Exhibition

Those organizations interested in displaying their products (agricultural and laboratory) during the conference are welcome. Please contact the secretariat for details.

Conference fee

MSSS Member	RM 550
Non Member	RM 600
Students	RM 250

Conference fee includes conference kit, tea breaks, and lunch. The fee does not include accommodation.

Payment can be made to:

Malaysian Society of Soil Science

(Persatuan Sains Tanah Malaysia)

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43409 UPM Serdang, Selangor.

(attn.: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anuar Rahim)

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