



International Conference on Millets, Organic & Natural Farming

Millets, Organic & Natural Farming Expo 09th to 11th DEC, 2023
Conference 10th & 11th DEC, 2023





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PREAMBLE

University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B) and Sri Sri Naisargik, Bangalore are organising International Conference & Expo on “Millets, Organic & Natural Farming: Opportunities and Challenges to Ensure Food & Nutritional Security” scheduled from 09th to 11th December, 2023 at Art of Living, International Center, Udayapura, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

MILLET, ORGANIC AND NATURAL FARMING EXPO 2023

Millets are known for their exceptional nutritional content and adaptability to diverse agro-climatic conditions, making them a sustainable solution to combat malnutrition and hunger. Embracing millets as a staple crop and integrating them into organic and natural farming systems as compelling alternatives to conventional agriculture, can unlock their potential to bolster food and nutritional security worldwide. The world's population continues to grow, while environmental challenges such as climate change and soil degradation threaten our agricultural systems. In this dynamic landscape, millets emerge as a beacon of hope a group of crops celebrated for their exceptional nutritional content and resilience in diverse agro-climatic conditions. However, several factors contribute to the decline in direct consumption of millets as food, limited processing technologies and government policies. Overcoming these challenges necessitates raising awareness among farmers and communities, providing education and training programs, offering incentives for transitioning to sustainable agriculture, and establishing robust market access, particularly for small-scale farmers, through the development of strong value chains and market linkages.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Conference is organised to commemorate the celebration of ‘International Year of Millets’ and advances in organic agriculture. This conference aims to provide a platform to discuss and deliberate the significance of millets, organic and natural farming and its impact on food chain, marketing, climate, soil health, besides reviving and reconnecting nutri-cereal with art and culture of India. To identify opportunities to breed novel nutri-cereal varieties and scientific validation of organic and natural farming methods thereby making them accessible to the masses as to ensure nutritional as well as food security. To provide suggestions to the policymakers, research organisations, government agencies through recommendations during the conference

In order to promote the millets, organic and natural farming stakeholders, an expo is organised from 09th to 11th December 2023 near the conference venue on Kanakapura road opposite to MTR café. The salient features of the expo are as follows

- ❖ Farmers - Scientists interactions
- ❖ Millets, Organic and Natural farming produce/ products sales
- ❖ Show casing of processing machineries
- ❖ Buyer and seller meet
- ❖ Buyer to Buyer meet

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Academicians, Scholars, Researchers, Professionals in the food and Agriculture sector, Scientific Institutions, Nutritionist, Policy Makers, Entrepreneurial Innovators, Educational Enthusiasts and key participants involved in the cultivation, utilisation and promotion of millets in India.

THEME AREAS

1. Genetic and genomic resources and crop improvement

- Conservation and utilization of genetic resources
- Trait discovery and pre-breeding activities
- Genomics, molecular breeding and new vistas
- Biodiversity conservation

2. Production systems & crop management

- Organic and natural farming production systems
- Novel approaches for sustainable production
- Diversification of cropping systems
- Biotic and abiotic stress management
- Ecosystem services
- Seed systems and quality seed management
- Future Outlook

3. Nutrition, processing and value addition

- Nutritional and health benefits
- Processing and value addition
- Market linkages and entrepreneurship development
- International market and export
- Networking and collaboration

4. Government policies and support systems

- Building sustainable Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs
- Central and State government initiatives for mainstreaming
- Public Distribution System and Social welfare schemes
- Branding and certification of organic and natural farming
- Entrepreneurs and Startups
- Extension services and training

Call for Abstracts for Poster & Oral Presentation

- Original research contributions and review articles related to any of the theme areas listed above are invited for poster/oral presentation in the conference.
- Abstracts not exceeding 500 words in MS word format with single space (font size 12 Times New Roman) should include title, author(s) name and affiliation.
- All the abstracts may be sent to icmof23@gmail.com.
- The abstracts shall be peer-reviewed and acceptance shall be communicated to the corresponding author within the time frame.
- Proceedings of the conference and certificate of presentation shall be given to the registered participants.
- For more details please visit the website: www.icmof.in

Important Dates

- Last date for Submission of Abstracts: **15th Nov, 2023**
- Last date for Communication of acceptance: **20th Nov, 2023**
- Last date for Early bird Registration: **15th Nov, 2023**
- Last date for Full length paper submission: **30th Nov, 2023**
- Last Date for Registration: **30th Nov, 2023**

Abstract submission and Registration

<https://bit.ly/3rxYvjr>

AWARDS:


In each theme, one best oral and poster presentation will be awarded. Best papers selected by the editorial committee would get place in 'The Mysore Journal of Agricultural Sciences' (NAAS: 4.64) after a professional peer review process. So, participants are encouraged to submit the best original papers for the conference

Participants are requested to transfer the exact amount of registration fee (Bank transfer/handling charges should be paid separately by the delegates) in the bank details given below through direct online payment.

REGISTRATION FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE)

Type	International		Indian Delegates	
Segment Name	Registration Fee (Early Bird)	Registration Fee (Late bird)	Registration fee Early bird	Registration fee Late Bird
Students/NGO/SHGs FPOs	USD15	USD 20	INR 1000	INR 1200
Senior Research Fellow/ Research Associate	USD 25	USD 30	INR 1200	INR 1500
Faculty delegate	USD 50	USD 60	INR 3500	INR 4000
Private company	USD 75	USD 100	INR 5500	INR 6000

Note: GST 18% to be added to above

Account Holder's Name	Sri Sri Naisargik	<p>SCAN & PAY</p> 
Account Number	41481780698	
IFSC Code	SBIN0040871	
Bank Name	State Bank of India	
Branch	The Art of Living, Udayapura	

ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT

The Registration fee includes the accommodation for two nights, conference kit, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner from 09th to 11th December 2023. Accommodation for the third night shall be charged extra.

Delegates may send their travel plan and accommodation needs to icmof23@gmail.com on or before 30.11.2023 to make accommodation arrangements. However, you may also book accommodation on your own.

Note: Submission of the online registration form is mandatory after payment of the fee for the completion of the registration process

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UAS, Bangalore, Karnataka, India: University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B) is one of the prominent Universities in the country dedicated to the essential pillars of teaching, research and extension in the fields of Agriculture and Allied Sciences. The UAS, Bangalore offers a diverse range of undergraduate degree programmes in addition to 26 postgraduate and 17 doctoral degree programmes across five campuses. University places great emphasis on dynamic curriculum that ensures specialised skills and practical experience. Diploma and Certificate Courses on Distance Education mode also been offered by the university. The UAS-B takes pride in being honoured twice with the prestigious 'Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Awards'. The university achieved 11th rank among agriculture and allied sector institutions by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) during the year 2023. Over the past decade, UAS-B has consistently been among the top three State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) in terms of the number of Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) awarded. University is also in forefront in developing several scientific technologies to address the challenges and needs of the farming community.

Sri Sri Naisargik , Bangalore, Karnataka, India: Sri Sri Naisargik is an agribusiness based organization affiliated to Art of Living International with its headquarters in Bangalore established in the year 2020. Blessed by Poojya Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar, Sri Sri Naisargik is all set to evolve a hassle-free marketing system for the benefit of farmers and consumers using cutting edge technologies that are currently in vogue. Simultaneously the organization is extending support to promising entrepreneurs. SSN strongly believes in sustainable farming practices and accordingly is striving hard to promote good agriculture practices based on the current market needs. It strongly believes that the farming community needs to work in close collaboration with the user community based on the principles of Community Supported Agriculture Model which is key to protect the health of our planet and our own well-being. Already efforts have been made to achieve this by linking the farmers and buyers through Online and Offline resources. Sri Sri Naisargik is an emerging brand which will vouch for quality and delivery thus building credibility for the farmers produce. Sri Sri Naisargik is also involved in conducting exhibitions, flea market and processing of agricultural produce to create value addition and sell the products in the market.

Art of Living, Karnataka, India: Art of Living Operating in 180 countries and it is a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization founded in 1981 by the world-renowned humanitarian and spiritual teacher - Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. All our programs are guided by Gurudev's philosophy: "Unless we have an stress-free mind and a violence-free society, we cannot achieve world peace." The Art of Living community is diverse and attracts people from all walks of life. The Art of Living offers numerous, highly effective educational and self-development programs and tools that facilitate the elimination of stress. These tools also foster deep and profound inner peace, happiness, and well-being for all individuals. Art of living is involved in umpteen social projects to bring the change in the lives of the disadvantaged and neglected class including training 2.2 million farmers in Natural Farming techniques.

**Note: Participants can immerse themselves in Knowledge and Satsang
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