



NGGIBCI-V

5th International Conference on

Next Generation Genomics and Integrated Breeding for Crop Improvement

February 18-20, 2015



**ICRISAT, Patancheru, India
(Ralph W Cummings Auditorium)**

Information to Participants

Welcome to V NGGIBCI conference in ICRISAT!

We hope you will have a comfortable stay. Please do not hesitate to contact the following staff, in case you have any questions or need any assistance.

Mr B Anjaiah 91 9704444255

Ms B Manjula 91 9963553024

Ms Anu Chitikineni 91 4030713345

For those, residing at ICRISAT, can also contact the Housing Office, (extn 2550 from ICRISAT campus and 0091 40 3071 3550 from outside ICRISAT) round-the-clock.

All participants are requested to wear their name badges throughout the conference. ICRISAT staff will wear identity cards.

Accommodation

Because of large number of participants, accommodation has been arranged for some participants at ICRISAT campus and for some participants at

Hotel Radisson, HITEC City, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana Tel: +91 40 6769 6769,

Hotel The Lime, Jayabheri Enclave, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana Tel: +91 7680988970
and

Hotel Royal Grand Inn, 1-57/37 & 1-58/106, Kondapur to Gachibowli Road, Beside Zilla parishad school, Adjacent to IKON Furniture, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana Tel: +91 40-65144777 / 888.

Organizers will get back to those people to whom accommodation has been arranged by conference organizers.

Conference venue

The conference will be held in **Ralph W Cummings Auditorium**. **PLEASE ENSURE TO REACH Auditorium by 08:15 AM**. All participants are requested to wear their name badges throughout the conference. ICRISAT staff will wear identity cards.

We have arranged buses that will bring delegates from conference designated hotels to ICRISAT campus during all the conference days (February 18-20, 2015). Buses would leave the hotel premises at 7.30 am (sharp). So please ensure to board the bus at Hotel by 7.30 am.

Similarly every evening during the conference days, buses will drop participants from ICRISAT campus to hotels after dinner (tentative timings- 8.30pm on 18th Feb 9.30 pm on 19th Feb and 8.30pm on 20th Feb, 2015)

Food arrangements (Meeting Days*)

Breakfast (18th, 19th, 20th Feb):

For participants staying at the Hotels: Between 6.30-7.15 am

For participants staying at ICRISAT campus: Between 6.30-8.00 am at 204 Banquet Hall, ICRISAT

Lunch (18th, 19th, 20th Feb):

For all participants- 204 Banquet Hall, ICRISAT.

Dinner:

18th Feb, 2015 - IMOD Plaza, ICRISAT

19th Feb, 2015 - Anniversary Lawns (205 Bldg), ICRISAT

20th Feb, 2015 - Mary Cummings Park, ICRISAT

*Participants staying on other dates than the above are requested to make their arrangements themselves otherwise mentioned in our mail.

Facilities in Hotels (complimentary)

***Hotel Radisson:**

Wi-fi

Break-fast at 6.30 AM

Gymnasium

Swimming pool

Hotel Lime:

Wi-fi

Break-fast at 6.30 AM

Gymnasium

Hotel Royal Grand Inn:

Wi-fi

Break-fast at 6.30 AM

*Please note to ensure that you go to the correct location of the *Hotel Radisson* located in Hi-tech city, Hyderabad. Because there is another hotel The Radisson Blu located in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad which is NOT the conference designated hotel.

Transportation

We have made transportation arrangements for conference speakers and special invitees and we will be sending these details to them soon.

No transportation will be available for remaining participants from Airport/Railway Stations/Bus Stand to any hotel. Taxi/Auto at all airports/railway stations/bus stands are available round the clock

You may hire a taxi which is available at the airport/ railway stations round the clock. Please note telephone numbers for some taxi services (Meru cabs: 040-4422 4422, Dot cabs: 040-2424 2424, Yellow cabs: 040-4646 4646) available round the clock.

Public transportation (taxis, autos, buses) are available round the clock at all railway stations and bus stands.

In case of any issue regarding the transportation, please contact Dr Pawan Khara (Ph no: 7702132144) or Mr Ankit Jain (Ph no: 9704531735).



Hyderabad Weather

It is spring season here in Hyderabad during conference days and we expect to have pleasant weather (temp. 18 - 30°C) during the conference.

Name Badges

All participants are requested to wear their name badges throughout the conference.

Electric Plugs

The power supply in India is 220 volts. Please note that in hotel the below mentioned plugs would be used.



However, please note that at ICRISAT, we use British electricity plugs (please see <http://www.kropla.com/!g.htm>) so if you have such plug/adaptor to connect your laptop, please carry it with you.



Internet

For participants staying at ICRISAT campus: All ICRISAT Guestel/Flatlets are networked, so participants can access internet through their laptops.

For Participants staying at hotel: Free internet connections have been arranged by conference organizers at hotels. Please contact at hotel reception for further details.

Medical

We don't expect anyone to fall sick during the conference, however for preventive measures First-aid kits are available at the Housing Office. Dr CN Reddy, Head, Medical Services, will be available for consultation in the Field Medical Unit (FMU) during working hours. After office hours, he may be contacted at his residence. His telephone numbers (from ICRISAT campus) are 2638 (FMU) and 2113 (home).

Recreation and Gymnasium

For participants staying at ICRISAT campus: The tennis courts, table tennis room, cricket/football pitch, and basketball court are all situated to the East of the building complex and close to the dormitories. You are welcome to use these recreational facilities before/after working hours.

The Jim Ryan Recreation Center, situated near Swimming Pool, can be utilized just by paying a nominal entry fee of Rs. 20 per day per person. Its working hours are:
Monday through Saturday 0600–0930, 1100–1400, and 1600–2000 hrs
Sunday 0600–1000 hrs

Possibility to have a city tour on Feb 21, 2015

For participants coming from abroad and other cities of India, we can organize a tour to City (without any charge) on Feb 21, 2015 (Saturday). We can plan to take participants to some historical monuments such as Charminar, Golconda fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, and Shilparamam.

In case you are interested to participate in the tour, please send your interest to Ms Anu Chitkineni (a.chitkineni@cgiar.org) with cc to Ms B Manjula (b.manjula@cgiar.org) by **Feb 17, 2015**.

Available at ICRISAT campus only

Mamta Shop

A handicrafts shop, run by the ICRISAT Association for Community Development (IACD), is located on the ground floor in 204 Building (extn 2579), right below the Cafeteria. The items available here include Bidriware, sandal wood and camel bone carvings, the famous Hyderabad black metal figurines, batic paintings, Kalamkari and Pochampally fabrics and of course, the most famous of them all—a range of Hyderabad pearl jewelry that guaranteed to be of the highest quality. Also available are souvenir items with ICRISAT Logo—caps, T-shirts, scarves, key chains, pens and coffee mugs.

Profits from Mamta are used for community development in the surrounding villages.

It is open Monday through Friday from 0830 to 1630 and Saturdays from 0900 to 1630 hrs.

Cooperative Stores

Toiletries, cigarettes, instant coffee, tea, sugar, etc., are available at the Cooperative Stores (extn 2637) situated near the Swimming Pool and Recreation Center.

Open: Monday through Friday – 0900 hrs to 1130 hrs and 1215 hrs to 1600 hrs

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Security

As a routine procedure, all persons (including ICRISAT staff) entering or leaving ICRISAT Campus may be stopped for a security check at the Main Gate. Though we have informed Security about the workshop, we request you to cooperate with the security staff at all times.

Housing and Food Services - A Few Important Guidelines

The tap water in buildings on ICRISAT Campus is safe to drink.

Guest Rooms: General cleaning including changing bed linen and towels will be done by Housekeeping. If you happen to leave your key in the room and are locked out, please contact the Housing Office (extn 2550) or Main Gate Security (extn 2117).

Laundry: Laundry can be arranged by Housing and Food Services on the cost basis. Please fill out the laundry slips in duplicate when sending clothes for laundering and keep one slip for your record. Soiled clothes together with a laundry slip should be put into a laundry bag available in the room and left inside the room before 1000. Clothes for laundering will be collected on Monday and Wednesday and delivered on Wednesday and Friday between 1000 and 1200.

Personal items: Please keep your belongings locked up. While necessary precautions will be taken to safeguard your personal belongings, ICRISAT will not be responsible for items lost from your room. Safe deposit lockers are available in the Housing Office.