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**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
DATE PALM CONFERENCE**

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
15 – 17 March, 2010.**

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I. Introduction

Under the leadership of H.H. The President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan, there are continual efforts to increase UAE date palm productivity, to make better use of the date palm industry and to produce an agricultural leap that will change the face of the UAE desert. Indeed, the Fourth International Date Palm Conference illustrates the special attention and priority given by His Highness to this important economic sector. The present conference is the fourth one in a series of international conferences organized by UAE during the last 11 years (March 08 –10, 1998, March 25 – 27, 2001, and 19 – 21 February 2006). Date palm scientists, experts, and senior officials from around the world will be able to exchange their know-how and experiences. The Honorable Ministers of Agriculture of the GCC member states will be invited to attend the conference in order to disseminate the up-to-date knowledge and recommendations at the official level.

II. Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for updating scientific information on the different aspects of date palm production chain from Farm to Consumers.
- Compare the recent experiences in the United Arab Emirates with those of other date growing countries.
- Foster international technical cooperation on different aspects of date palm production chain.

III. Conference Theme

New Dimensions and Challenges for Sustainable Date Palm Production.

IV. Conference Special Features

A variety of features will make this Conference attractive and innovative:

- Internationally renowned speakers of the highest calibre,
- Senior officials from different date palm growing countries,
- Wide range of scientific subjects related to all aspects of date Palm Production,
- Scientific input from many countries of the world,
- Innovative approach to scientific sessions,
- Well-Organized exhibition,
- Tours visiting various sites of technical or tourist interest around United Arab Emirates,
- Beautiful country with hospitable and friendly people,
- Excellent weather during this time of the year.

V. Proposed Duration & Venue

Duration: Monday – Wednesday 15 - 17 March 2010.

Venue: The Conference will be held in Abu Dhabi City.

VI. Content

- Current Status of Date Palm Cultivation in the World,
- Molecular and genetic engineering,
- Germplasm,
- Propagation,
- Cultural Practices,
- Pests and Diseases Management,
- Post Harvest and Processing Technologies,
- Nutrition and Health
- Economics and Marketing,
- N.B: Several round tables and brainstorming meetings will be organized.

VII. Who Should Attend

The Fourth International Date Palm Conference is open to all people interested in date palm industries. The conference provides a forum for updating on current issue importance to this industry as well as information on new products and services. Participants will be from the public and private sectors who deal with the aspects of the date palm from producer through consumers.

Examples of the participants are:

- Date Palm Growers
- Executive Management of Grower Organizations
- Market Managers and International Traders
- Scientists of all aspects of Dates and Date Palm Cultivation
- Government Agencies and Departments
- Specialized Research and Development Centers
- Processors and Agro-industrialists
- Suppliers of Packages, Transport Operators, Chemicals, Fertilizers, Planting Material, Farm Equipment and Requisites
- Nutrition and Health Specialists
- Biotechnologists, Regulators and Consumers.

VIII. Booths

The following booths will be organized during the Conference:

1. Date Palm photo gallery with pictures and photos of the organized International competition.
2. Date Products and by-products.
3. Date Palm Extension Program illustrating modern cultural practices.
4. Control of the Red Palm Weevil.
5. Date palm research program in various fields.
6. National handicrafts made from date palm leaves and other by-products.
7. Modern Agricultural Machinery dealing with Date Palm Cultivation.
8. Date Palm Tissue Culture Propagation.
9. Date Palms and Food Security.

IX. Conference Committees

□ High Committee

Dr. Abdulla Al-Khanbashi, Vice Chancellor of UAEU, Conference' Chair.

Prof. Ghaleb Ali Alhadrami, Dean College of Food and Agriculture (UAEU). Chair Scientific Committee.

Prof. Abdelouahhab Zaid, Chief Technical Advisor, Director, UNDP-UAE University, Chair, Organizing Committee.

□ **Scientific Committee**

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Dr. E. Blumwald, University of California Davis, USA.

Dr. E. Arias, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy.

□ **Organizing Committee**

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Mr. Jihad K. Jihad – Printing Department, UAEU.

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Mr. Yaqoob Yousuf, Community Relations Dept., UAEU.

Mr. Ali Mohamed Fadil, Community Relations Dept., UAEU.

X. Language of the Conference

Arabic and English.

XI. Post Conference Tours

- The Emirates Date Factory - Al Saad
- Al Ain Date Oasis
- UAE University and Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory
- Other important sites and historic places.

The participation in these post conference tours will be on a voluntary basis and will take a full day (Thursday 18 March, 2010).

XII. Conference Sponsors

- **United Arab Emirates**
 - UAE University
 - Khalifa International Date Palm Award
 - Arab Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.
 - Date Palm Friends Society
- **Date Palm Global Network**
- **Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
- **United Nations Development Program**
- **and other Organizations to be announced.**

XIII. Host Country

- **UAE / Abu Dhabi Emirates:** The United Arab Emirates is a federation of seven emirates, each with its own unique character and personality but yet united with a common goal and destiny. Abu Dhabi is one of the most modern cities in the world. It is the center of government and business life in the UAE and is the largest of the seven Emirates. The architecture of its modern buildings and sky scrapers is the finest in the Middle East. Large gardens and parks, green boulevards lining all the streets and roads, sophisticated high-rise buildings, state-of-the-art communication services and transport, the presence of all the international luxury hotel chains, rich shopping malls, cultural centers and events provide tourists a one-of-a-kind experience all the year round. Abu Dhabi stretches south to the oases of Liwa where some of the world's largest sand dunes can be found, and east to the ancient oasis of Al Ain. This makes Abu Dhabi the largest as well as the most populated of all the Emirates. The official religion of the UAE is Islam, but other faiths are tolerated and freedom of worship privately is given.
- **Language:** The official language of the UAE is Arabic. Other languages spoken are English, Hindi and Farsi.
- **Currency:** The UAE currency is called the Dirham. Arab Emirate Dirhams (=Dhs. or AED) 100 Fils = 1 Dirham. Exchange Rate Dhs. 3.671 = US\$ 1.00.
- **Climate:** The sun shines all the year round in the UAE. March is a month of moderate climate. The average daily temperature of 26°C/15°C.
- **Clothing:** Dress code is informal on all occasions except during the Conference Opening Ceremony. All hotels have swimming pool facilities. The Organizing Committee also suggests to bring sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen and comfortable

walking shoes (mainly for the post conference tours, if interested).

- **Visas:** However, participants arriving to the United Arab Emirates will need an entry visa except for GCC countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and KSA). In regard to the following countries, they can obtain a visa upon arrival at the airport (UK, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Monaco, Vatican, Iceland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Saint Marino). Others from countries not listed above will need an entry visa. It is their full responsibility to have an entry visa if required; however the Organizing Committee is willing to assist in this regard. A request of an entry visa could be made by filling in the enclosed form and sending it along with a photocopy of your valid passport to Mr. Abdul Rasheed (Tel: +971 50 583 83 76 (mobile), +971 3 783 23 34 (Ext. 207) (office), Fax: +971 3 783 24 72, **E-mail: rasheed.e@uaeu.ac.ae**

- **Travel and accommodation:** UAE University will provide local transportation for participants at arrival and departure, and to the Conference venue. Hotel reservation should be arranged in advanced by participants themselves or through the organizing committee (Enclosed Accommodation Form is to be filled and send directly to Mr. Abdul Rasheed (Tel: +971 50 583 83 76 (mobile), +971 3 783 23 34 (Ext. 207) (office), Fax: +971 3 783 24 72, **E-mail: rasheed.e@uaeu.ac.ae**

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Abstracts and Proceedings

Abstract Booklet

We will provide a booklet of the abstracts on the first day of the conference. Please submit an abstract for both oral and poster presentations (one abstract per paper or presentation) to the Conference Organizing Committee at zaid@uaeu.ac.ae. Guidelines on the abstract can be found in the enclosed attachment. Therefore, we strongly and urgently request you to submit the abstracts by January 15, 2010.

Proceedings

A proceeding of full papers will also be published after the conference. You are encouraged to submit a full paper. Only selected and peer reviewed paper will be published. All presenters are requested to submit their paper camera ready (3 hardcopies and digital copy, preferably in Microsoft Word) at the same deadline as the abstracts (January 15, 2010) to Dr. A. Zaid; zaid@uaeu.ac.ae.



Details on submitting the manuscript

Will be provided in the second announcement (Planned for 15 December 2009).

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name and address of presenting author:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

MOBILE0: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I would like to attend the workshop:

- To present a paper** **To audit only** **To present a poster
or a booth**

Audio visual equipment required:

- Slide projector** **Overhead projector** **In-Focus**

To be faxed to: Dr. A. Zaid, Fax No. 00971 3 783 24 72 or e-mail to: zaid@uaeu.ac.ae

ABSTRACT FORM

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Guidelines for the preparation and submission of abstracts.

Authors are requested to adhere to the following rules:

- The abstract should be as informative as possible, containing:
 - a) The title of the presentation in Bold Letters and name(s) of the author(s). First names, address etc. in upper and lower case in the boxes marked;
 - b) Statement of the specific objective of the study;
 - c) Results with sufficient details to support conclusions;
 - d) Conclusions.

- Abstract must be typed in single line spacing in English, using type size equal or larger than 10 pts, on the abstract form provided. Do not type outside the enclosed frame.

- Use a laser printer, a good typewriter or a letter quality dot matrix printer. Avoid smudges or erasures.

Please submit by e-mail a copy of your abstract, with the author's names and affiliations as instructed. It will be reproduced as camera-ready copy of the Book of abstracts.

ABSTRACT FORM

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Title:

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Dept. of Private Entry Visa

Entry Visa Data (Private)

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(In English)
- 2 Nationality :
- 3 Passport type :
- 4 Passport No. :
- 5 Date of birth :
- 6 Profession :
- 7 Job Description :
- 8 Passport details:
Date of Issue : 9 Place of Issue :
- 10 Date of expiry : 11 Country of birth :
- 12 Place of birth : 13 Sex :
- 14 Religion : 15 Marital status :
- 16 Mother's name : (In Arabic)
(In English)
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- 19 District :
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