

The Secretariat
 International Conference on Food Security During Challenging Times
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Direction to the Venue



Hotel Accomodation

Reservation must be made directly to the hotels. Recommended accommodations are :

- Palace of the Golden Horses
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- Palm Garden Hotel
<http://www.palmgarden.com.my>)
- Putrajaya Marriot Hotel
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kulpg-putrajaya-marriott-hotel>)
- Residence Hotel, Uniten
<http://www.residence.com.my/rhr/>)
- Equatorial Hotel, Bangi
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International Conference on

Food Security During Challenging Times

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Universiti Putra Malaysia,
 Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia

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Background

Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life (FAO, 2007). Around 852 million people worldwide are chronically hungry due to extreme poverty, while up to 2 billion people lack food security intermittently due to varying degrees of poverty (FAO, 2003). It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain food security in a world beset by a confluence of "peak price" phenomena, namely peak oil, fertilizer, grain and meat and fish. More than half of the planet's population (approximately 3.3 billion) lives in urban areas as of November 2007. Any disruption to farm supplies may precipitate a uniquely urban food crisis in a relatively short time. Two key challenges facing humanity today stem from changes within global food and climate systems. The 2008 food price crisis and global warming have brought food security and climate change to the top of international agenda. Agriculture plays a significant role in both and these two challenges must be addressed together, rather than in isolation from each other (FAO,2009). The ongoing global credit crisis has affected farm credits, despite a boom in commodity prices. Food security is thus a complex topic, standing at the intersection of many disciplines.

Objectives

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

Topic/Scope

- Food production technology
- Policy and economics
- Environment and climate change
- Resources and social issues
- Food safety
- Competing between food and export crops

Who Should Attend?

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

Program

The conference will comprise two days of scientific session inclusive of keynotes, plenary, oral and poster presentations. Keynotes and plenary sessions of the conference will be addressed by prominent speakers such as the Science Adviser to the Prime Minister, CEO Malaysian Palm Oil Council cum President Academy Science Malaysia, representatives from Universite' Montpellier 2 and the Third World Network. Other invited speakers are from the Asian and European Universities, private sectors and NGOs. Oral and poster papers covering scopes of global food security will be presented. A one day post-conference tour to food production areas is being arranged.

Instruction For Paper Presenters

Oral and poster presenters are required to submit a 3-page extended abstract, consisting of paper title, author(s), contact address and email, introduction, methodology, results and discussion, conclusion and references. The extended abstract should be prepared using single-spaced Times New Roman with font size 12. Submission of extended abstract can be made via e-mail to rita@agri.upm.edu.my or zahaarzar@yahoo.com.

Registration Fees

The fees for the conference which is inclusive of conference materials, conference dinner, lunch and coffee break is MYR 300 (USD100).

Mode of Payment

Please enclose cheque/bank draft/ local order made payable to **BENDAHARI UPM** and fax the slip to Prof Dr Rita Muhamad at 03-8656 0698 or scan and send via email to rita@agri.upm.edu.my together with the registration form.

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I wish to present a poster (s)

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Title of Paper/Poster:

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