

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT QUALITY CONFERENCE: From Molecular Improvement to Consumer Needs

The International Wheat Quality Conference, to take place in Beijing from 29 to 31 May 2004, will address issues related to wheat quality, from global wheat trade and grading to the application of molecular techniques in quality improvement. The Conference will bring together scientists from fields such as functional genomics, genetics, breeding, agronomy, and food processing, as well as major stakeholders in the wheat industry, such as the public and private sectors, trading associations, milling companies, food producers, farmer organizations, NGOs, and international aid organizations. The event will provide a unique opportunity to understand the needs of the processing industry and the consumers, and to inform on progress in wheat quality research achieved through the application of a range of technologies, from conventional breeding to genomics.

Beijing is the capital city of China, the largest wheat producer and consumer in the world. Several of China's national research institutes involved in wheat research are located in Beijing. The capital of six Chinese dynasties, Beijing has a unique history and culture, and is at the same time a dynamic and modern city, busy preparing for the 2008 Olympic Games.

The Conference will be jointly organized by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT).

To receive further information on the conference, please complete and return this form via email or fax to:

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Scientific Program

The Conference will be organized into six sessions, each of which will include invited keynote speakers, oral presentations, posters, and open discussions on the following topics:

- Global wheat economy and trade policies
- Wheat marketing, grading, and handling
- Processing, nutritional quality, and value added products
- Conventional breeding and molecular marker assisted selection
- Genetic transformation
- Wheat genomics

Technology Displays, Field Trips, and Study Tours

Private companies involved in wheat quality technology will have the opportunity to display and demonstrate their wares. Educational excursions for delegates, as well as tours for their spouses, are being scheduled during and after the conference.

Second Announcement

The second announcement of the Conference, to go out in November 2003, will call for papers and abstracts. Please fill in the pre-registration form opposite so that your name will be added to our database, and we can send you the second announcement.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Prof. / Dr. / Mr. / Ms. / Mrs.

Name: _____

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Check the relevant boxes:

I plan to attend the conference.

I plan to submit an abstract.

I plan to make a presentation. Oral Poster

I am interested in the guest and/or post Conference tours.

I am interested in presenting a display at the Conference.

Yes No

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