

Important Message from WCRTC

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Dear WCRTC participant,

The Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress on Root and Tuber Crops in Nanning is actively working with the Chinese Government to offer the possibility to issue expedited visas in Chinese Embassies in a number of countries, including some in Africa. This is causing some delays in sending the **Letters of Invitation** for the Congress and we apologize for this inconvenience. We hope to resolve this issue and other details in the next few days. We propose that you do not purchase your ticket or start the process to request Chinese visas until we can confirm that all approvals and procedures are in place.

Nevertheless, the conference is moving forward very quickly and the **registration is fully open**. So far we have **358 registrations from 23 countries all over the world**. As previously mentioned, the total number of participants is **strictly limited to 750** due to the physical limitations of the meeting rooms in the hotel. Therefore we invite you to register ASAP if you are planning to attend the Congress.

Please remember that your **registration** will be considered **fully accepted**, only when we receive all requested information and when **payment of the Registration Fees is made**. Payment of the RegFees will open very shortly, as soon as the visa issue mentioned above is resolved!

Abstract submission can be done as part of the **Registration system**. You can submit as many abstracts as you want, but you need to load an abstract to be considered a valid submission. **We already have 115 submitted abstracts and we expect to triple this number before long**.

Meanwhile, the **Travel Grant Program committee** is working on sorting out the potential selected candidates to receive an award and soon the travel grant applicants will hear the decisions from the committee. Until then, please refrain from registering unless you have secured the resources to attend. The **awarded candidates** will have to register and submit their abstract(s) for the chosen session, as soon as they will receive the information from the Congress that they have been selected.

We look forward to welcoming you in Nanning, China!!

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Sincerely,
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