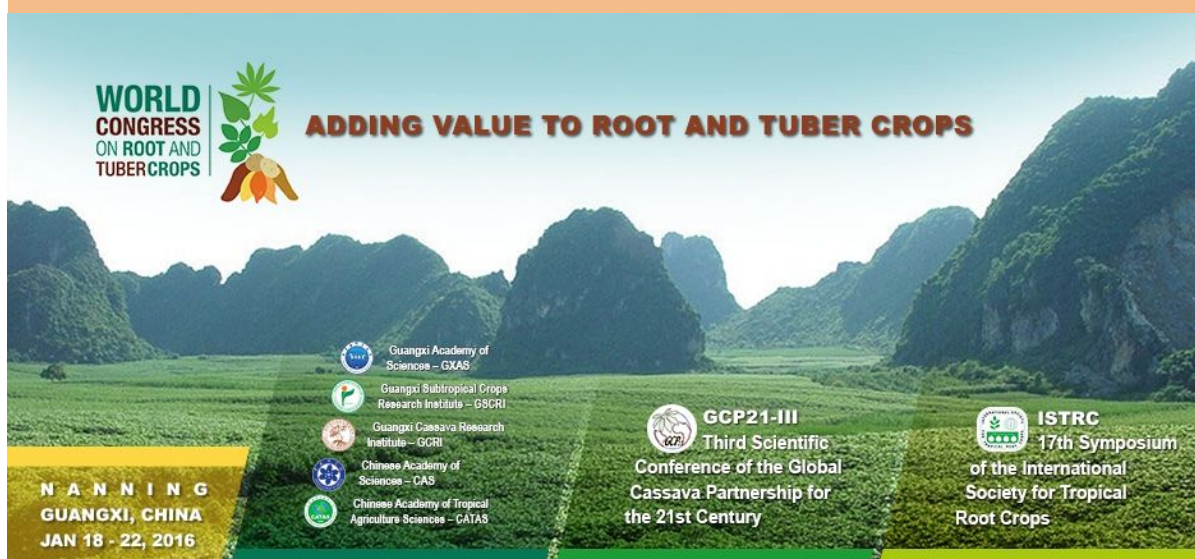


*NewsLetter about the World Congress for Root and Tuber Crops
– sent on behalf of Dr. Yinong Tian Chair of the Local Organizing
Committee, Dr. Keith Tomlins representing the ISTRC and Dr.
Claude Fauquet representing the GCP21*

New dates confirmed for the World Congress on Root and Tuber Crops: Register soon!!



The banner features a scenic background of a valley with green fields and karst mountains. On the left, the text reads "WORLD CONGRESS ON ROOT AND TUBER CROPS" next to a logo of a plant with roots. The main title "ADDING VALUE TO ROOT AND TUBER CROPS" is centered. Below the title, several logos and names of participating organizations are listed: Guangxi Academy of Sciences - GXAS, Guangxi Subtropical Crops Research Institute - GSCRI, Guangxi Cassava Research Institute - GORI, Chinese Academy of Sciences - CAS, Chinese Academy of Tropical Agriculture Sciences - CATAS, GCP21-III Third Scientific Conference of the Global Cassava Partnership for the 21st Century, and ISTRC 17th Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops. At the bottom left, the location and dates are specified: "NANNING GUANGXI, CHINA JAN 18 - 22, 2016".

If you are already registered you can login your WCRTC Account with the same credentials: Login and Password

ID Information, Visa Information, Abstract Information, Food Requirement and Guests, are unchanged!

Due to the change of dates, the previous information on Travel Information, Hotel booking, Field Trip and Chinese Evening are invalid and has been removed, so we request everyone to re-enter this information for the 2016 dates.

Dear WCRTC attendees,

Mark your calendar now! The WCRTC organizers GSTRI, CATAS, ISTRC and GCP21 are pleased to announce that the new dates for the, World Congress on Root and Tuber Crops, are now officially

confirmed by the Chinese authorities and will definitively be January 18-22, 2016, in Nanning, Guangxi, China. The new dates have been chosen to accommodate those of you who will attend the PAG meeting in San Diego Jan 9-13, and it was imperative having the venue before the Chinese New Year in February 2016. We sincerely hope that it will be acceptable by all of you.

Explore WCRTC in this short video

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Registration is fully open



Registration is fully open including payment of registration fees and abstract submission.

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.

If you have already registered, there is no need to do it again, your login and password are the same, and if you have already submitted abstracts, they are still recorded. However you need to update the information for travel and hotel booking!

Payment of RegFees



You will be considered Registered only when the Registration Fees – RegFees is paid.

- Payment of **RegFees** can be done in three ways; **cash at the Registration desk in China (Dollars and Yuan only)**, by bank wire transfer and by using a credit card (in dollars) through Paypal.
- If you are already on one of the **Pre-Paid lists** (IITA, CIAT, CIP, RTB, CIRAD, NextGen, CTA, USAID, GCP21, AATF), you **do not need** to pay the RegFees, it is already done, but you need to click on the prepaid list button and follow the instructions.
- If you have guest(s) at the Conference, you can pay their RegFees independently by one of the three offered possibilities.
- When you are done with **Payment of the RegFees**, you will receive a confirmation email and you will be able to print a **receipt on-line**

Visa Letters



The Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress on Root and Tuber Crops in Nanning continues to work closely with the Chinese Government to offer the possibility to issue expedited visas in Chinese Embassies in a number of countries. Precise information will follow shortly.

Travel Grant Program



Application for the Travel Grant Program was closed in June 15. The Travel Grantees will now be informed and visa information will be forwarded to the selected people as soon as we have it. As soon as the grantees will receive personalized information from us they will have to register on the website and RegFees will be pre-paid for them.

Congress Program



As mentioned previously, the program and the general organization of the Congress will stay the same on the new dates: Therefore, **Plenary Sessions** will be held on Monday, January 18th and Friday, January 22nd, while **Oral**

and Poster Sessions are on Tuesday, January 19th, Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st and the **Evening Workshops** on Tuesday, January 19th and Thursday, January 21st, 2016.

Field Trip



The Field Trip will take place on Saturday, January 23rd which would be **free for all the WCRTC attendees** and **please register beforehand**. Meanwhile, January is a pretty good month to observe the mechanical soil preparation, fertilizer spreading, planting, and harvesting of cassava fields in Nanning, these items will be added to the announced program. The visit to the mechanized cassava harvesting is a special highlight, as this is done with small machines that could also be used in Africa.

Chinese Night



The Chinese Night will take place on Wednesday, January 20th which would also be **free for all the WCRTC participants** and **registration before hand** is required on the website.

Watch for more information coming soon including our special sponsoring opportunities and exclusive information for exhibitor's!
We are looking forward to welcoming you in January in Nanning, China!



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