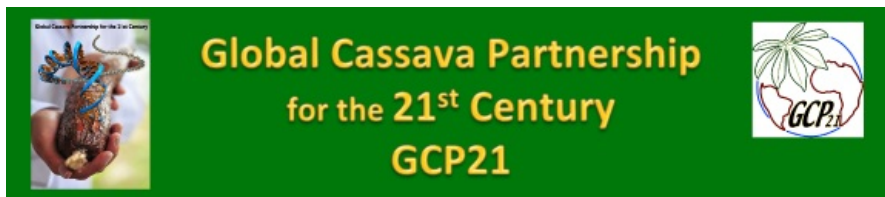


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**WORLD CONGRESS ON ROOT AND TUBER CROPS**

**Adding Value to Root and Tuber Crops**

GCP21-III Third Scientific Conference of the Global Cassava Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

17<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops

**Nanning, Guangxi, China Oct 5-10, 2015**

Guangxi Academy of Sciences - GZAS  
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## How to Register?



Registration is a process by which you will become an active participant for the Congress. It does comprise several steps: Opening an account with LogIn and Password, filling several categories of information (ID, Visa Letter request, RegFees Payment, Booking a room at an Hotel, Booking your participation to the Chinese Night or to the Field Trip, providing flight information to be pick-up at the airport, submitting abstracts for oral and poster sessions and finally paying your Registration Fees!

**No need to do it all in one session, you can logOut and LogIn to finish, when time permits!**

**Please register only if you are sure that you can secure the**

resources to attend and be able to pay the Registration Fees.

**You will be considered a Congress participant only when the RegFees will be paid.**

Please visit the homepage of the congress website and follow the link for **Registration**.

**Warning:** Because of the physical limitations of the meeting rooms in the hotel the total number of participants is strictly limited to 750. For your information, we had 700 Pre-Registered people, consequently it is advised to pay your RegFees ASAP!

### Letter of Invitation for Visa



People who need a letter of invitation to obtain a visa can request it online and will automatically receive a letter of invitation signed by the chair of the Local Organizing Committee for obtaining their visa.

**It is advised to check with your local Chinese Embassy to review the current regulations in order to obtain your visa. In addition to the Letter of Invitation, it may require a flight itinerary, a letter from your employer, and a hotel booking. Please double check.**

### Registration Fees



The congress registration fees (RegFees) are \$500/capita. The RegFees include admission to all scientific sessions (Plenary, Oral, Poster and Evening sessions), Congress materials, Free email access everywhere, the Chinese Night, the cocktails, the pick up at the airport both ways and the food for 5 days!

**The RegFees do NOT include** the hotel rooms, which will be paid directly to the hotel at checking time

Please visit the congress website at “RegFees” for all detailed information!

### How to Pay the Registration Fees?



Registration fees do not need to be paid immediately but should be paid before September 1. Any registration with no RegFees paid by the individual, or another source, **will not be considered Registered**.

There will be 5 ways to pay the RegFees; (1) paid by the Organization of the Congress, (2) paid by the CG system, (3) paid on-line using a credit card through Paypal (no Paypal account needed), (4) can be wire transferred to a bank account or (5) you can bring cash at the registration desk.

### Abstract submission



All abstracts must be submitted on-line and it is the part of the registration process. One person can submit several abstracts through the abstract submission system. No abstract will be posted on the website of the Congress unless one author is registered and present at the Congress.

**Format:**

Submit a Microsoft Word document no longer than one page long with the standard Arial font, type size (12) including the title, authors, affiliation and email address.

Type the abstract as single space text, with a double space between paragraphs with a 1 inch margin on all sides.

**Process:**

Two chairs have been appointed for each of the 24 scientific Sessions. When you submit your abstract you will be required to indicate in which session you would like to participate. The chairs will receive a copy of all the abstracts in the session and they will choose those for oral presentation if you indicated this request or for a poster. You will then be told what you have to prepare for the Congress.

## Poster Submission



The Congress will use “X poster banners” holders and the dimension of the posters will be 80 cm x 1.20 cm and a template with details on size, font size, location of the poster Session Number... will be posted on the website.

Hanging hooks to hang your poster on the X-banner frame, will be providing by the organizers on site.

## Hotel Booking



Because the Hotel does not have an on-line system for booking the rooms, the Congress will offer a booking reservation system. There will be no charges for the booking, and your information will automatically be transferred to a manager of the hotel, who will then contact you for details if needed.

You will be responsible for paying your hotel, unless your stay is covered by the Organization of the Congress (Invited speakers and Travel Grantees).

The Congress is only offering booking in the two official hotels of the Congress offering special rates to the participants, but you are free to book your own hotel in Nanning.

## Travel Information



You are required to provide flight information for arrival and departure, so that airport pick-up can be done. A team of Congress helpers will welcome you and will organize your transportation to the Hotel of the Congress.

Airport pick-up will be ensured only to and from the hotel, between Saturday Oct 3 and Monday Oct 12.

Arrival and departure before or after these dates could be arranged for a fee, after contacting the person in charge of transportation (see Contacts for the Congress on the website).

## Field Trip and Chinese Night



Registration for the optional **Field Trip** and **Chinese Night** is free but

mandatory at Registration time. No last minute request in Nanning can be honoured.

**The Chinese Night** is free and offered by the Chinese organizers, for the Registered participants and their accompanying persons, just indicate the number of persons in the Chinese Night page.

**The Field Trip** is free of charge and offered by the Chinese organizers, for the Registered participants and their accompanying persons, just indicate the number of persons in the Field Trip page.

### Statement



Despite recent investments, the gaps in research and development for RTCs are such that the needs in R&D far exceed the current level of funding. After reviewing the recent advances made, the Congress will present a synopsis of the most urgent needs in research and development and some potential solutions.

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