#### **About Coimbatore**

Coimbatore popularly known as Manchester of South India, is strategically located at the junction of the three progressive Southern states Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka with proximity to many important cities of Southern India. Coimbatore with a population of 1.8 million is the second biggest city of Tamil Nadu and is identified as one of the fast developing metropolis of India. There are about 50,000 tiny, small, medium and large scale industries with 5 Universities, 25 Engineering Institutions and more than 100 Arts and Science colleges.

This friendly city with salubrious climate throughout the year, is surrounded by many tourist spots and has always been a natural favourite for international tourists. The scenic hill stations of Ooty, Munnar and Kodaikanal and the historic temples of Perur, Palani, Guruvayur, the nearby exciting Kerala with its enhancing back-waters and ayurvedic health resorts to name a few, are all a couple of hours drive from Coimbatore city.

#### Accommodation

Limited accommodation will be organized for the outstation participants in one of the facilities of TNAU.

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#### Overview

The Agricultural Graduate Student Conference (AGSC), first of its kind in India, is a two day event, which will be held in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore on May 02 & 03, 2013. TNAU-AGSC will be one of the leading student conferences in the agricultural sciences. This conference revolves around the theme of Food Safety and Food Security. TNAU-AGSC offers a stimulating venue for student research exchange and gives students the opportunity to broaden their social and scientific network. This scientific program includes a variety of student research from all over India and overseas, which will be presented in poster, oral or plenary form to an international and professional audience. Along with the student sessions, there will be fascinating keynote lecture, lead papers, etc. In addition to the extensive and rigorous scientific program, efforts are made for an elaborate social program, where one can get to know other participants and the TNAU crew.

#### Who?

The conference is designed for young agricultural researchers from various agricultural universities. All post graduate and doctorate students in agriculture and relates sciences and those who have just completed their PG program of any nationality are invited to attend.

#### What?

The two day conference consists of a plenary session, concurrent thematic sessions and a valedictory session. Plenary session will include a formal inauguration, a keynote address and few selected outstanding student papers of current interest, which will set the tone of the conference.

Concurrent thematic sessions consist of a few lead papers presented by experts followed by oral presentations by the students. The oral presentations will take place in a smaller setting. This allows for a lot of interaction and opportunities to ask questions. Concurrent sessions will be spread out over two days. The sessions will be divided into different categories to

cover various topics and will be supervised by the students and facilitated by an experienced faculty in that field together. This will be culminated into corresponding poster sessions in the same venue inorder to facilitate one-to-one interaction with the presenter.

Valedictory session includes resolutions in light of the outcome of the concurrent sessions and will suggest a way forward for future research in agricultural sciences and technology to the students. Special awards of excellence will also be given to the students for meritorious presentations.

#### **Programs**

- ♦ Plenary, special and invited lectures by eminent scientists on topics of prime importance
- Technical sessions on thematic areas
- ♦ Students' debate and oral presentation by finalists

#### **Technical Themes**

Following are the suggested concurrent thematic sessions

- ♦ Recent advances in crop evolution
- ♦ Climate change and natural resource management
- ♦ Market led production of high value crops
- Conservation and intervention agriculture
- Farm mechanization and energy conservation
- New vistas in technology transfer & Agrl. marketing
- Novel approaches for food safety and food security

#### Call for papers

Contributing papers are invited on the above themes (Oral and Poster). Abstracts prepared in MS word (Font size 12, Times New Roman, Single line spacing) up to 250 words excluding title, authors and affiliations may be sent only through email as attachment file to the Dean, School of Post Graduate Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore (tnauagsc2013@gmail.com). The papers presented in the conference will be peer reviewed and published as a

special issue in Madras Agricultural Journal. The manuscript of the full length paper may be prepared as per the format of the Journal. An author can present only one paper.

#### How to reach?

Coimbatore is well connected to all parts of India by air, rail and road. TNAU is located 15 km from International Airport, 6 km from railway station and TNSTC bus stand. Taxi / Bus services are frequently available from all these places to reach TNAU.

#### Registration Fee

Rs. 800/- for participating student to be sent as Demand Draft drawn in favour of Dean (SPGS), TNAU, Coimbatore – 641003.

#### **Important Dates**

Last date of submission of abstracts
Notification for presentation
Submission of full paper

Mar. 15, 2013
Apr. 01, 2013

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