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INTERNATIONAL COTTON GENOME INITIATIVE
ICGI-2004 Workshop

October 10-13, 2004
at HOTEL TAJ KRISHNA
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India
(Optional Study Tours, October 14-15)



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ABOUT THE ICGI and WORKSHOP-2004

INTERNATIONAL COTTON GENOME INITIATIVE (ICGI) was founded by a small group of researchers on Cotton at Canberra, Australia during the year 2000. Its primary purpose is to increase the knowledge of structure and function of the Cotton genome for the benefit of Global Community (<http://icgi.tamu.edu>). Aims are to facilitate global communications, collaboration and education, to increase knowledge, and resource integration; to enhance technology and resource development; and help coordinate research planning.

The ICGI has held formal international meetings at different countries:

2000	Canberra, Australia
2001	Montpellier, France
2002	Nanjing, China (visit http://icgi.tamu.edu/nanjing_workshop.html)

The first workshop was hosted by CIRAD in Montpellier (France) and was attended by around 31 researchers who developed additional plans to move ICGI towards its scientific goals.

In 2002, the first scientific ICGI Workshop was held in Nanjing, China hosted by Nanjing Agricultural University and the meeting spanned 4 days attended by more than 90 researchers from 14 countries contributed 105 oral and poster presentations and results were published and available on website of ICGI (<http://icgi.tamu.edu>).

While meeting in Nanjing, the ICGI agreed to try to hold its next meeting in India, during 2004. At the World Cotton Research Conference-2003 held in South Africa, the ICGI formally announced its intent to hold the 4th ICGI Workshop in India, late in 2004.

ICGI functions through formalized structure and an International Steering Committee. In addition to an overall chair (Dr. David Stelly) and co-chair (Dr. Russell Kohel), there is a chair and co-chair for each of 5 work groups. The five Workgroups are Structural Genomics, Functional Genomics, Germplasm and Genetic Stocks, Evolutionary and Comparative Genomics and Bioinformatics.

Each of these Workgroups is charged with executing the ICGI mission by:

1. Identifying the strategic research goals.
2. Formulating long-term collaborations.
3. Identifying shared resources
4. Reporting activities and results to the ICGI community.

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ICGI-2004 WORKSHOP IN INDIA

VENUE: HOTEL TAJ KRISHNA, HYDERABAD, INDIA

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

OCTOBER 10: (SUNDAY)

ARRIVAL OF ICGI MEMBERS
& DELEGATES, REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 11: (MONDAY)

8.00 A.M INAUGURATION and WELCOME ADDRESS
SCIENTIFIC SESSION
POSTER SESSION

2.00 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
POSTER SESSION
SCIENTIFIC SESSION

OCTOBER 12: (TUESDAY)

8.00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
POSTER SESSION

2.00 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
POSTER SESSION
SCIENTIFIC SESSION

OCTOBER 13: (WEDNESDAY)

8.00 AM ICGI –BUSINESS MEETING
CONCLUDING SESSION

2.00 PM VISIT TO ICRISAT/ANGRAU/CCMB
CITY SIGHT SEEING TOUR

OCTOBER 14: (THURSDAY)

8.00 AM VISIT TO COTTON RESEARCH TRIALS,
HYBRID SEED PRODUCTION PLOTS,
SEED PROCESSING PLANTS AND
PRIVATE SEED INDUSTRY R & D

2.00 PM DEPARTURE OF ICGI MEMBERS &
DELEGATES VIA NAGPUR (CICR) /
MUMBAI (CIRCOT) / NEW DELHI (ICCGB),
& AGRA (TAJ MAHAL)

OCTOBER 14-15 (THURSDAY-FRIDAY)

THE STUDY TOUR IS OPTIONAL AND
REQUIRES HIGHER REGISTRATION FEE

OCTOBER 16: (SATURDAY)

DEPARTURE FROM INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS, DELHI / MUMBAI

Note: *Each Scientific Session will be devoted for one of 5 ICGI work-groups i.e., Structural Genomics, Functional Genomics, Germplasm & Genetic Stocks, Bioinformatics and Evolutionary and Comparative Genomics.*

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ICGI-2004 WORKSHOP IN INDIA

Registration Fee: Rs.2500 per participant from India
\$150 per participant from other countries
\$ 50 for accompanying spouse

Registration Fee Rs.3000 per participant from India
after the due date \$180 per participant from other countries
\$ 60 for accompanying spouse

Workshop Registration and Hotel Registration will be available on-line (See announcement at <http://icgi.tamu.edu> when links are established) or use form enclosed for payment by account payee demand draft in favour of "Indian Society for Cotton Improvement, Mumbai, India" to be sent to secretary, ISCI, C/o Circot, Adenwala Road, Matunga, Mumbai-400 019, India

* Registration will be required for abstract acceptance

ABOUT THE ICGI-2004 WORKSHOP VENUE-HYDERABAD

The city of Hyderabad is the capital of Andhra Pradesh, one of the most progressive states in India. Sultan Mohamed Quli Qutub Shah of the Shahi dynasty founded Hyderabad in 1589. Here Telugu, Urdu, Marathi, Kannada and Tamil have mingled and enriched the city famous for the Nawabi traditions of graciousness. The twin cities of Hyderabad-Secunderabad fusion is from the 18th century onwards and all the cultures that reigned in the twin cities since then have left indelible marks on them.

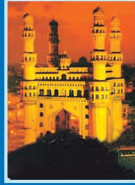
Hyderabad is an agriculturally and industrially advanced city, and enjoys the reputation of accommodating major industries, educational institutions, several Universities, and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), ICAR and other Government of India Institutions. It adds pride to the "Deccan" as this region is known.

Hyderabad city, a city of pearls has many historical monuments such as-

Charminar: A magnificent edifice of 400 years.

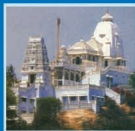
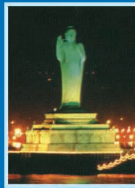
Golkonda Fort: On an isolated hill, it spreads over a 3km radius and represents the proud product of the world famous Kohinoor Diamond.

Tourist Attractions: There are innumerable locations that attract large number of tourists and visitors, like Qutub Shahi Tombs, Mecca Masjid, Salarjung Museum, Paigah Tombs, Osmania University, Lumbini Park, Falaknuma Palace, designed by Italian architect, Nehru Zoological Park, NTR Gardens, Hussain Sagar Lake, Birla Mandir, Birla Planetarium cum Science Museum, Durgam Cheruvu, Hitech city, Shilparamam, Ramoji Film City, Mahavir Harin Vanasthali Zoo Park, which attract large number of tourists and visitors. The 350 tonnes monolithic statue of Lord Buddha erected in the Hussain Sagar Lake and Necklace Road are great sights to see and enjoy.



Hyderabad and its region feature many a important sites for research and education, including multiple universities, making the city a center of advanced learning and research in science and technology. Some of the research institutions are:

- ✦ ICRISAT(30km from heart of the city),
- ✦ Directorate of Rice Research,
- ✦ Directorate of Oilseeds Research,
- ✦ National Research Center for Sorghum,
- ✦ National Plant Protection Training Institute,
- ✦ National Academy of Agricultural Research Management,
- ✦ National Institute of Rural Development,
- ✦ National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE),
- ✦ National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Regional Station,
- ✦ Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology,
- ✦ AP-Netherlands Biotechnology Park



Hyderabad is the “Seed Capital” of India and enjoys the pride of being the headquarters of most of the major seed companies and R &D facilities and seed processing facilities. Cotton is principal commercial crop of the state with nearly 8 to 10 lakh hectares and contributes to about 15% of the national production. Hybrids and transgenic hybrids are grown extensively.

The First Afro Asian games were held in this city in 2003 and also the World Billiards Championship in the same year. Mr. Bill Clinton when he was President of the USA visited the city. Mr. Bill Gates of Microsoft, USA is also a visitor to this Hitech city, which can boast of leading IT Revolution in India.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared a part of the city as “ Genome Valley” on the lines of “ The Research Triangle” (biotechnology) in North Carolina,USA.

ICICI Knowledge Park and Shapoorji Palanji Biotech Park constitute the most important landmarks making Hyderabad also a BIOTECH CITY in India.

The ICGI meeting venue, the Hotel Taj Krishna, is a 5-Star Deluxe Hotel wherein the tariff for single superior room is \$120/day. Continental and international cuisines are available. Numerous 3–5 star hotels with accommodations and facilities that meet international standards can be found in Hyderabad.

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Pre-Registration Form

(Or register On-line <http://icgi.tamu.edu>)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TITLE: MARCH 20, 2004
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT: MAY 1, 2004
(with registration fee)

NAME IN FULL : _____

DESIGNATION AND ORGANIZATION: _____

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS, E-MAIL IDENTITY AND TEL. No.: _____

Amount of registration fee paid and details of payment: (This may be paid after the second circular; required for acceptance of abstract) For Bank details for payment through credit card for international delegates, await II circular.

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