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## The 9th Asian Regional Maize Workshop

Beijing, China, 5 - 9 September 2005

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The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) are pleased to announce the **9th Asian Regional Maize Workshop** to be held in the CAAS facilities in Beijing, China, during September 5-9, 2005. Scientists and maize production specialists of all disciplines, non-governmental organizations, and the seed industry are invited to participate and submit contributions under the thematic areas listed below.

**VENUE:** Beijing, China

**THEME:** "Maize in Asia: Science to Satisfy Accelerating Demand"

The following specific thematic areas are envisaged:

- **The growing demand for maize in Asia and its implications** (the socioeconomic, physical and political environment; gender issues in the development of maize system technologies).
- **Sustainability of maize-based farming systems in Asia** (resource-conserving technologies, sustainable agriculture practices, integrated pest management).
- **Satisfying demand through productivity increases: Progress through breeding** (breeding and farmer participatory selection, new ways of disseminating improved maize technology to farmers).
- **Increasing productivity through technological innovation: New tools to enhance breeding** (biotechnology, transgenic research, marker-assisted breeding, GIS).
- **Reducing crop losses due to abiotic stresses** (progress with research on drought, low-N, acid soils, water-logging, cold tolerance).
- **Reducing crop losses due to biotic stresses** (progress in tolerance to diseases and insects).
- **Value addition through specialty corn** (improving the value of maize: QPM, micronutrients, specialty traits).
- **Policies and priorities for poverty alleviation** (factors affecting impacts, access to seed, socio-economic factors, gap analysis).
- **Strengthening partnership** (public-private sector, NGOs, NARS-IARCs).

**LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP:** English

**PRE-REGISTRATION AND SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS:** To pre-register for the workshop and submit abstracts for both oral and poster presentations, use the on-line abstract submission form at <http://www.cimmyt.org/english/wps/events/2005/form.htm>, following the **checklist and sample abstract**. Initial screening will be based on the quality of the abstract and its relevance to the theme of the workshop. Due to the tight program, oral presentations will be chosen based on the quality of the abstracts and the diversity of presentation topics

<http://www.cimmyt.cgiar.org/english/wps/events/2005/nineARMW.htm>

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and presenters. Papers accepted but unable to be scheduled for oral presentation will be presented as posters. Accepted papers will be reviewed, edited, and published on a CD. Only participants with accepted papers will be sponsored to attend the workshop.

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND CALENDAR:** Please submit your abstracts and papers by the following deadlines:

- 30 April 2005 – Receipt of a 300-word abstract describing the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions of the research conducted. (See attached model)
- 1 June 2005 – Notice of provisional acceptance of papers based on abstracts sent to authors.
- 15 July 2005 – Final manuscript due.

**GUIDELINES TO AUTHORS:** These will be distributed together with the notice of acceptance of abstracts.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Funding available to sponsor participants from the region is very limited. Support provided through CIMMYT will depend entirely on the acceptance of the full paper by the Organizing Committee. Independently sponsored participants are equally welcome but their inclusion on the program will also depend on acceptance of their full papers by the Organizing Committee.

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