



7th INTERNATIONAL RICE GENETICS SYMPOSIUM

5 - 8 November 2013
Dusit Thani Hotel | Manila, Philippines

CALL FOR REGISTRATION



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Dear fellow researchers and scientists,

On behalf of the International Rice Research Institute, it is my pleasure and honor to invite you to the 7th International Rice Genetics Symposium (RG7) from 5 to 8 November 2013 at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Manila, Philippines.

In pursuit of IRRI's aim to disseminate knowledge and skills and to promote discussions on important issues relevant to rice science, we hope to again provide an important forum where leading experts in the fields of classical genetics and genomics will come together to share their expertise to solve the myriad problems that the rice production sector is currently facing. The leading researchers and key opinion leaders in rice breeding and genetics, genomics, genetic resources and evolution, pathology, and grain quality are invited to facilitate sessions and deliver lectures, thus ensuring a world-class and quality symposium experience for all.

A series of interactive business and educational activities have also been planned for delegates' participation during the symposium. There will be abundant learning opportunities at plenary and concurrent sessions, as well as during the poster presentations. Participants can also look forward to expanding their network at various networking events such as the symposium dinner, and the IRRI field tour.

Apart from the exciting scientific program and exhibition showcase, we welcome participants to embrace and enjoy what Manila has to offer – its unique blend of contemporary and traditional ways of life as well as its cultural landmarks, attractions, and entertainment.

Our partnership with the local and international rice industry is what keeps the science of our field moving. We sincerely hope that you will support us in Manila.

Thank you and I look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully,

Eero Nissila
Convenor
7th International Rice Genetics Symposium 2013



International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a non-profit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the **CGIAR** Consortium.

IRRI develops new rice varieties and rice crop management techniques that help rice farmers improve the yield and quality of their rice in an environmentally sustainable way. We work with our public and private sector partners in national agricultural research and extension systems in major rice-growing countries to do research, training, and knowledge transfer. Our social and economic research also informs governments to help them formulate policy to improve the equitable supply of rice.

Our Mission

To reduce poverty and hunger, improve the health of rice farmers and consumers, and ensure environmental sustainability through collaborative research, partnerships, and the strengthening of national agricultural research and extension systems.

Our Goals

- Reduce poverty through improved and diversified rice-based systems.
- Ensure that rice production is sustainable and stable, has minimal negative environmental impact, and can cope with climate change.
- Improve the nutrition and health of poor rice consumers and rice farmers.
- Provide equitable access to information and knowledge on rice and help develop the next generation of rice scientists.
- Provide rice scientists and producers with the genetic information and material they need to develop improved technologies and enhance rice production.

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Convenor	Dr. Eero A.J. Nissila
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Keynote Presentation

Dr. Achim Dobermann

Deputy Director General for Research
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

Plenary

Dorian Fuller, United Kingdom

University College of London

Frank White, USA

Kansas State University

Guangcun He, China

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Concurrent Session

Anil Grover, India

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Disna Ratnasekera, Sri Lanka

University of Ruhuna

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Hiromi Nakanishi, Japan

Tokyo University

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AGAP, Cirad, Montpellier



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Qinghua Pan, China

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Time / Date	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov
0630 - 0700					
0700 - 0730					
0730 - 0800					
0800 - 0830					
0830 - 0900		Plenary 1 Opening Session	Plenary 4	Plenary 6	
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1030 - 1100		Plenary 5	Plenary 7		
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1200 - 1230		Lunch			
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1330 - 1400	Plenary 2	Poster Session 1	Poster Session 2		
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1430 - 1500					
1500 - 1530	Arrival and Registration	Plenary 3	Concurrent Session 1 Evolutionary Genetics	Concurrent Session 5 Biotic Stress Resistance	
1530 - 1600			Concurrent Session 2 Yield Potential	Concurrent Session 6 Genomic Diversity	
1600 - 1630			Concurrent Session 3 Gene Regulation	Concurrent Session 7 Grain Quality and Nutrition	
1630 - 1700			Concurrent Session 4 Abiotic Stress Tolerance	Concurrent Session 8 Breeding Applications	
1700 - 1730					
1730 - 1800					
1800 - 1830					
1830 - 1900		Symposium Dinner			
1900 - 2130					



PRELIMINARY TIME TABLE

Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Time	Program
09:15-10:00	Welcome and Introduction Opening Remarks
10:00-10:35	Keynote Presentation Accelerating crop improvement for sustainable development <i>Dr. Achim Dobermann</i> <i>Deputy Director General for Research, IRRI</i>
10:35-11:45	Plenary 01 Linking genome wide association studies (GWAS) and plant breeding to better utilize natural variation in rice <i>Dr. Susan McCouch, USA</i> Ecology and Cultural History made rice: adaptive episodes, diversification and reticulation over 8000 years <i>Dr. Dorian Fuller, United Kingdom</i>
12:00-13:15	Lunch
13:15-15:00	Plenary 02 Functional and nutritional traits from wild rices <i>Dr. Robert Henry, Australia</i> What we've learned -- and Are still learning -- about using molecular markers to improve grain yields in maize <i>Dr. Rex Bernardo, USA</i> Next-generation breeding in rice: challenges and perspectives <i>Dr. Masahiro Yano, Japan</i>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:40	Plenary 03 Cloning and application of a series of high-yield genes IPA1/DEP1/GW8 in rice <i>Dr. Qian Qian, China</i> RNA molecular machines and protein making factories <i>Dr. Julio Saez-Vasquez, France</i>
19:00-21:30	Symposium Dinner

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Wednesday, 6 November 2013

Time	Program
08:20-10:05	<p>Plenary 04 Engineering a C4 rice <i>Dr. William P. Quick, Philippines</i></p> <p>Characterization of biotic stress resistance gene in rice <i>Dr. Guangcun He, China</i></p> <p>Genetic improvement of root system architectures to enhance drought avoidance in rice <i>Dr. Yusaku Uga, Japan</i></p>
10:05-10:25	Coffee Break
10:25-12:10	<p>Plenary 05 The Genetic control of rice yield through gleaning superior genes <i>Dr. Naoki Hirotsu, Japan</i></p> <p>Bacterial blight of rice: A window to evolution, disease and everything else <i>Dr. Frank White, USA</i></p> <p>Genomics-assisted transfer of QTLs for tolerance to drought, flooding and salinity in to Indian mega rice varieties <i>Dr. Nagendra K. Singh, India</i></p>
12:10-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Poster Session 01
15:00-17:55	<p>Concurrent 01: Evolutionary Genetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed panicles in rice domestication • In search of vestige of artificial selection in rice • Bayesian multi-phenotype genome-wide association methods for experimental designs of arbitrary complexity • Genetic structure of cultivated rice (<i>Oryza sativa L.</i>) and its progenitor, <i>O. rufipogon</i> in India • Origin and ecotypic differentiation of Bangladeshi indica rice • Phylogenetic relationship among weedy, wild and cultivated species of Sri Lankan rice (<i>Oryza spp</i>) based on morphological traits • Patterns of rice diversity from SNP delineated the origin of the atypical <i>O. sativa</i> group in Madagascar from intermediary forms of the Indian sub-continent <p>Concurrent 02: Yield Potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toward improvement of yield potential in Basmati rice: from mapping to marker-assisted selection • Identification of a gene involving in rice grain yield loss by air pollution gas, ozone • Quantitative Trait loci and their interactions in regulating the flowering time variation and photoperiodic response in rice • Identification and characterization of QTL involving rate of photosynthesis in high yielding rice • Molecular mapping and introgression of novel yield enhancing QTLs from <i>O. longistaminata</i> • Genetic improvement of the yield potential of indica-type rice by using japonica-type varieties • Introgression of erect panicle genes (QTL) from AA genome species to increase yield potential in rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)

Concurrent 03: Gene Regulation

- Jasmonate-dependent transcriptional regulation in response to different environmental cues
- Genome-Wide Discovery of *cis*-Elements in Promoter Sequences
- Tiny RNAs big impact on genome regulation
- Novel Gene Expression Tools for Rice Biotechnology
- Role of MicroRNA-guided post transcriptional gene regulations in plants
- Update on Gramene database features and functions: case study on co-expression and regulation under salinity
- Improving salinity tolerance by understanding the significance of allelic variants in HKT1;5

Concurrent 04: Abiotic Stress Tolerance

- Restructuring of Root Architecture is a Key to Engineer Drought Tolerance
- A novel pathway mediated by SNAC1-OsSRO1c-DST promotes stomata closure for drought resistance in rice
- Raising salinity and drought tolerant rice using forward and reverse genetics approaches
- Salt stress amelioration in rice through manipulation and regulation of inositol metabolism
- Advances in the development of iron-toxicity tolerant rice varieties for resource poor farmers in sub Saharan Africa
- Physiological and genetic advances to unravel heat stress responses in rice
- How does the molecular machinery of rice seedlings 'react' to heat stress?

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Thursday, 7 November 2013

Time	Program
08:20-10:05	<p>Plenary 06 MAGIC populations for genetic research and breeding applications <i>Dr. Hei Leung, Philippines</i></p> <p>Molecular dissection of rice innate immunity to <i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i> <i>Dr. Gouliang Wang, USA</i></p> <p>New whole genome de-novo assemblies of three divergent strains of rice document novel gene space in aus and indica missed by previous reference assemblies <i>Dr. Richard W. McCombie, USA</i></p>
10:05-10:25	Coffee Break
10:25-12:10	<p>Plenary 07 Impacts of rising temperatures on R-gene-mediated resistance in rice <i>Dr. Jan Leach, USA</i></p> <p>(Presentation title to be confirmed) <i>Dr. Rod Wing, USA</i></p> <p>(Presentation title to be confirmed) <i>Dr. Robert Zeigler, Philippines</i></p>
12:10-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Poster Session 02
15:00-17:55	<p>Concurrent 05: Biotic Stress Resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloning and characterization of the <i>Bph18</i> gene conferring resistance to BPH • Simultaneous transfer and mapping of novel bacterial blight resistance genes from <i>Oryza glaberrima</i> and <i>O. rufipogon</i> into <i>O. sativa</i> • Co-differentiation of blast races and rice in global level • Bacterial blight of rice: From population structures to tailored resistance genes in Africa • Function, evolution, interaction, and utilization of rice blast Pik alleles • Molecular Breeding for Durable bacterial blight resistance in rice • Recent advances in leafhopper and planthopper resistance in rice • Detection of novel QTLs and major genes associated with leaf blast resistance and introgression of resistance in drought tolerant rice cultivars <p>Concurrent 06: Genomic Diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of root trait variation under phosphorus deficiency through genome-wide association analysis • Genetic change of <i>Pyricularia grisea</i> in different host genomes • The GRiSP Global Rice Phenotyping Network: A multi-environment program to tap into useful genetic diversity • Utilization of active mite mapping as a novel genetic tool for modification of stress response in rice • Genetic diversity of upland rice landraces and traditional varieties of Bukidnon, Philippines • Harnessing rice functional genomics for variety development through tilling • International Rice Informatics Consortium

Concurrent 07: Grain Quality and Nutrition

- Healthier Rice Varieties: an approach to reducing dietary inadequacy of micronutrients.
- Cadmium rice
- Production of rice bran oil with improved fatty acid composition and stability
- Marker-assisted discovery and utilization of gene/QTLs associated with Grain Quality Traits in aromatic rices in India
- Rice Bran: A food ingredient with Global Public Health Opportunity for disease prevention and crop Improvement
- A multi-platform metabolomics and genomics approach to identify new quality traits in rice
- Grain quality

Concurrent 08: Breeding Applications

- Overview of rice molecular breeding activities at the Africa Rice Center
- California Rice Breeding: The First 100 Years
- Prediction of cooked rice taste using diagnostic DNA markers
- Rice Diversity Panel 1, to develop novel germplasm for breeding
- Comparing the genetic architecture of two MAGIC populations: a case study of brown spot resistance
- High-Throughput SNP Genotyping for Breeding Applications in Rice
- Rice molecular breeding applications at PhilRice

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An exclusive field tour of IRRI in Los Baños is available for delegates' registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. The tour will highlight the institute's research products, field and laboratory facilities and also provide opportunities for delegates to meet and discuss with IRRI scientists. A Filipino festive lunch will be served for all registered participants.

As there is a capacity limit of 400 persons for this field tour, delegates are encouraged to sign up early for the Symposium and field tour [here](#).

Draft Itinerary (8 November)

0645 Departure from Dusit Thani Manila

0830 Expected arrival at IRRI, Los Baños

0845 Welcome

0900 Field Tour

1200 Lunch Break

1330 Free Schedule: Visit to Genotyping Services Lab, Genetic Transformation Lab and Gene Bank

1500 Depart IRRI, Los Baños

Details of Field Tour

Participants can look forward to a tour of the following areas:

1. Drought / Anaerobic Germination(AG) / Green Super Rice (GSR) / MAGIC-Multi-parent Advanced Inter-Cross
2. International Network for Genetic Evaluation of Rice (INGER) / Genetic Resources Center (GRC)
3. Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology Demo Plot
4. Salinity, Pstol/Pup1 and Zn Def Tol
5. Novel Gene Resources / Biotic stress resistance
6. Submergence & Stagnant water

Note to Participants

If you plan to join the IRRI field tour, please arrange your flight to depart either in the evening of November 8 (around 8pm) or on November 9. Travel time from Los Baños to Manila Airport takes 2 to 3 hours depending on traffic situation especially on a Friday.



Here's your chance to participate in the world's largest and most influential rice research symposium. Take advantage of the attractive delegate rates and be on your way to rub shoulders with rice researchers, experts and representatives from both public and private sectors.

Category	Regular Fee* 1 Jun – 20 Oct	Onsite Fee+ 21 Oct – 8 Nov
International Delegates	USD 600	USD 650
Local Delegates and NARES Partners	USD 400	USD 450
IRRI Scholars	USD 200	USD 250
Field Tour	USD 30	USD 80
<i>Accompanying Persons (Fee includes a half-day tour and Symposium Dinner on 5 November.)</i>	USD 180	USD 230

* Regular fee includes all Symposium materials, lunches, tea breaks, as well as entry to exhibition and Symposium dinner.

+Delegates who register between 21 October and 8 November **may not receive all Symposium materials** but will be entitled to lunches, tea breaks, as well as entrance to exhibition and Symposium dinner.

Cancellation Policy

1. All cancellation must be made in writing to the Symposium Secretariat at registration@rice-genetics.com.
2. Notification received in writing before 22 September 2013 – Refund with 30% deduction for administrative fees.
3. Notification received in writing after 22 September 2013 – Refund with 50% deduction for administrative fees.
4. No refund on cancellations received after 13 October 2013.



Official Hotel

Special hotel rates have been negotiated with the Symposium venue – Dusit Thani Manila – for delegates attending the Symposium.

Room Type	Single Rate per night	Twin Rate per night
Deluxe Room	PHP 5,500	PHP 6,000
Club Deluxe Room	PHP 7,000	PHP 7,000
Junior Suite	PHP 6,800	PHP 6,800
Executive Suite	PHP 8,800	PHP 8,800
Club Executive Suite	PHP 9,500	PHP 9,500

Note: Room rates are subject to the 10% service charge and 6% Makati City tax. Government taxes are subject to change.

To enjoy the special rates, please follow the below instructions:

1. Log on to <http://www.dusit.com/dusit-thani/dusit-thani-manila.html>
2. Under “Quick Reservation” (top right hand corner of the webpage), indicate the dates and number of nights you intend to stay at the hotel.
3. Click on the yellow arrow (just below Dusit Best Rate)
4. Under “Special Rate”, select “Group Code”
5. Enter booking code “**1311KENESA**”
6. Click “Check”

For payment via wire transfer, please submit Dusit Thani Hotel Reservation Form instead. The form is available for download at <http://rice-genetics.com/registration-accommodation/accommodation/>.



Supporting Hotels

Hotel	Single Rate per night	Twin Rate per night
Crown Regency 01 Dela Rosa Street, Legaspi Village Makati City 1229	US \$83	US \$88
Prince Plaza II 1026 A. Arnaiz Avenue, San Lorenzo Village, Makati City 1229	US \$75	US \$80

Note: Room rates are inclusive of daily breakfast

For room reservations at Supporting Hotels, please fill out Hotel Reservation Form, available for download at <http://rice-genetics.com/registration-accommodation/accommodation/>.

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Registered accompanying persons may choose to join one of the below city tours before joining their partners at the Symposium Dinner on 5 November. Please inform the Symposium Secretariat of your choice of tour at info@rice-genetics.com.



Old Manila

Rediscover the Old City of Manila through the Walled City of Intramuros, built by the Spaniards in the 16th century and has been the capital of the Philippines. Intra Muros, which is Latin for “within the walls”, is the oldest district and historic core of Manila surrounded by thick structures of high wall and moats. Visit Fort Santiago, served as fortress against marauding Chinese Pirates; a prison for Spanish-era political prisoners and a Japanese torture chamber during World War II. Proceed to Casa Manila

passing Manila Cathedral, the ecclesiastical seat of the Archdiocese of Manila. In Casa Manila, one can find a reconstructed Spanish colonial home of the 19th century decorated in with antique furniture, fixtures and art. Visit San Agustin Church, the first European stone church designed along Spanish lines in Manila. Finally, take a leisurely stroll through the ruins of Baluarte de San Diego and its charming garden grounds.

Tour departure date and time: 5 November, 8.00am



Modern Manila

Experience the multiple facets of modern-day Metro Manila. See the Cultural Center of the Philippines, where artists from all over the archipelago and the rest of the world have graced its theaters and brought its galleries to life, enthralling Filipinos and our foreign guests for over forty years. Visit Makati City, one of Asia’s premier business districts, and make your way to the Ayala Museum where classic and modern Filipino artistry converge. The museum’s Leandro Locsin is a testament to Filipino creativity. Get a taste of urban bliss at the Fort Bonifacio Global City. This sprawling development is envisioned to contain all the facilities and amenities needed for a sustainable community. Take a breather and pay tribute

to heroes from the past, our gallant soldiers who fought during World War II, in the Manila American Cemetery & Memorial Park.

Tour departure date and time: 5 November, 8.00am



- Scientists/Researchers
- Professors/Instructors
- Students
- Traders
- Policy Makers

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND

- Hear from renowned speakers on the latest research developments
- Get updates on the latest trends and technology on rice genetics
- Participate in case-based learning
- Network and interact with key opinion leaders

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

The RG7 Organizing Committee is pleased to offer exciting sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities for companies related to the rice sector. Companies will benefit from a list of outstanding advantages to maximize exposure and drive businesses during the event. For enquiries, please contact the Symposium Secretariat at info@rice-genetics.com.



Venue

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About Manila

The Symposium will be being held in the heart and soul of the Philippines, Manila. The capital city is at the very core of the over 7,000 islands that comprise the country. By day, Manila hums with the bustle of commerce. By night, the city throbs with the excitement of varied, high-class entertainment.

Language

The official language of RG7 is English.

Voltage

220 volts a/c is the common standard. 110 volts a/c is also used, especially in major hotels.

Obtaining Your Visa

Nationals from a large majority of countries who are travelling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes are allowed to enter the Philippines without visas for a stay not exceeding twenty-one (21) days, provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination and their passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay. For more information on VISA applications and list of exempted countries, please visit the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines website at <https://www.dfa.gov.ph>. You may also contact your local Philippine embassy or consulate more VISA requirements.

Letter of Invitation to RG7

Participants requiring a formal letter of invitation to enable them to make their arrangements to participate in the Symposium may contact info@rice-genetics.com to request for one. Please note that this letter cannot be regarded as a commitment regarding scheduling or financial support from the organizer.

Liability and Insurance

The Symposium Secretariat and Organizers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to private property of participants and accompanying persons. Participants are advised to take out their own personal travel and health insurance for their trip.



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