

**5th International Symposium on Minor Fruits
Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (ISMFM&AP)
September 04-06, 2019**

*Promotion of Medicinal Plants and Minor Fruits for
Health Security*

Venue

**Institute for Agro Technology and Rural
Sciences, University of Colombo
Weligatta New Town, Hambantota**



Organized by

**Institute for Agro Technology and Rural Sciences,
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Minor Fruits, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants**

Background

Minor fruits, medicinal and Aromatic plants provide number of benefits to human health by supplying essential nutrients, chemical compounds which are lack in other dietary foods. Some of the underutilizing fruits have a medicinal value in which capable to prevent serious illnesses like cancers even have no western medicine. Some of them able to develop a stronger immunity within the human body for help to tolerate most of the day today illnesses. Medicinal plants are one of the important crop category in Agriculture because it has a higher demand in nowadays even in western countries. Most of the people even in developed countries had shifted from western medicine to ayurvedic medicine because of the minimum side effects and the trustworthiness of the permanent cure. Food industry is one of a main key industry in any country which has a significant impact on the countries' health, nutritional and economical state. Development of natural foods and beverages are common in nowadays having rapid demand for them. Chemical free, pesticide free vegetables and fruits has a higher demand rather than other chemically grown ones. Natural pest control is essential action in that context which creates a higher demand for aromatic plants.

The 5th ISMF, M & AP will provide a platform to share, discuss and exchange the research experience and views for the development of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants in the world.

Key Themes

- Biodiversity and Conservation
- Crop Production and Protection
- Propagation and Nursery Management
- Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition
- Marketing and Entrepreneurship Development
- Production of Secondary Metabolites & Biotechnology
- Genetic Improvement
- Environment and Climate Change

Invitation to Participants

ISMFM & AP conference is open for all academics, researchers, policy makers, students, stakeholders; NGO's who are engaged in different disciplines of minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants. The Conference will provide ample opportunity for subject expertise, students and investors to share their views experience, plans and future prospects regarding minor fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants in proposed technical sessions.

Preparation Guidelines for Extended Abstracts

The contents of the Extended Abstracts:

- Title page: Title, author name/s and addresses (institutional affiliations), email addresses of all the authors.
- Abstract: Maximum of 350 words.
- Keywords: Maximum of 5 keywords.
- Introduction: Maximum of 350 words.
- Materials and Methods: Maximum of 350 words.
- Results, Discussion and Conclusion/s: Maximum of 800 words. Only one table or figure could be included in this section.
- References: Maximum of five key references could be included (Please use Harvard Author Date system).
- Figures and tables may be embedded in the text body and the respective captions and cross-references should be correctly indicated.
- Figures: Please send the images in jpg format with at least 1024 x 768 size in pixels. Graphs prepared by applications other than MS Excel should be sent as jpg images.
- Please use the given format for the cross-references and captions Figure 01. / Table 01.

Page settings

- Page size: A4/ 2.5 cm margin in all sides.
- Font: Times new roman/ Size 12.
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Text alignment: Justified.

Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Size: 110 cm (L) x 85 cm (W)

Leave a 2 cm margin around the poster

The poster should contain following sections:

- Full title
- Authors' names and affiliations; the corresponding author should be denoted using “*”
- Abstract
- Introduction (Include objectives)
- Materials and Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusion/s
- Key references,

- Acknowledgements (if any)
- Use of large font sizes, attractive colors, contrast and graphical/pictorial presentations are encouraged
- Please don't arrange handing poles and ropes.
- Poster will be fixed to display boards using gum tapes.
- Fix your poster in the allocated place of the poster presentation area before 09:00 AM, on 05th June 2019.
- Your abstract number will be displayed in the respective board Posters should be self-explanatory.
- Viewers must be able to understand the display in your absence also.
- Detailed explanations can be prepared as a hand out and copies of this can be made available.
- Guidelines For full papers submission : Please refer the International journal of Minor Fruits Medicinal & Aromatic plants (IJMFM&AP) websites for more information

Venue - IARS

The symposium will be held at the Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences, University of Colombo, Weligatta in Hambantota District. The auditorium and mini lecture rooms of the institute where all the technical sessions will be held are well equipped with multimedia presentation facilities.

The Institute was established, attached to the University of Colombo in 2008 and locates 14km from Hambantota city towards Kataragama.



Important Dates

Submission of Extended Abstracts	31 st March 2019
Closing Date for Receipt of Extended Abstracts	20 th April 2019
Notification of Acceptance	5 th May 2019
Registration without Late Fee	By 20 th May 2019

Registration

Registration form is available for download in the symposium website. Duly completed registration form should be e-mailed to the symposium secretariat (ismfmap2019@gmail.com)

Registration Fee

Category	Registration Method	
	Early Bird	On Spot
Foreign Participants	US\$ 100.00	US\$ 150.00
Life Members of the ISMF & MP	US\$ 50.00	US\$ 70.00
Accompany Person	US\$ 40.00	US\$ 60.00
Participants from SAARC Countries	US\$ 60.00	US\$ 80.00
Local Participants	LKR 3000.00	LKR 3500.00
Local Student Participants (Proof of Authenticity is Required)	LKR 1500.00	LKR 1750.00

How to Reach IARS

From Bandaranayake International Airport at Katunayake it takes about 1hr to reach Colombo (Capital City of Sri Lanka) by public transport. From Colombo it takes 1.5hrs to reach Matara via Southern Expressway. From Matara it takes 2.5hrs to reach IARS. Symposium organizing committee is expected to arrange few group transportations from Bandaranayake International Airport Katunayake to IARS and from IARS to Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake.



Climate and Accommodation

During June it is little warmer climate in Hambantota but not very much uncomfortable. There are number of hotels available in the vicinity of the Institute and the accommodation for the participants will be arranged by the symposium organizing committee according to the request made by the participants.

Name of the Hotel	Contact Number
The Peacock Beach Hotel Hambantota	+94(0)475 671 000
Shangri-La's Hambantota Golf Resort & Spa	+94(0477 888 888
Hotel Bundala Park	+94(077 573 4456
Saraii Village	+94(076 821 6363
Lake Villa Resort	+94(077 791 0703

Symposium Dinner and Excursion

Symposium organizing committee will arranged a dinner for the participants with local SriLankan cousins at the institute premises on the symposium day (5th June 2019). The excursion will have on 06th June 2019 to visit environmentally and historically important places in southern SriLanka.

Symposium Advisory Committee

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