



## THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT – LAST CALL!

The “Instituto de Investigaciones de Viandas Tropicales” (INIVIT) from the Agriculture Ministry of the Cuban Republic has the pleasure to communicate that the *Third International Symposium on roots, rhizomes, tubers, plantains, bananas and papaya* will be held from 20-23 October, 2015.

### CHANGE OF VENUE!

**For reasons unrelated to the Organizing Committee, related to logistics, the headquarters of the III Symposium INIVIT 2015 chanded. Now it will take place at Bolivar Conventions Center on Santa Clara city (Cuba).**

*The INIVIT'2015 Symposium would be a great opportunity for academic, scientific and professional exchanges between researchers, growers, specialists and representatives of different institutions and countries as a mean of promoting the development, updating and application of scientific knowledge in agriculture.*

**Submit your abstract BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015!**

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## Scientific Program

The program includes conferences by experts from prestigious national and international institutions to address updated themes and workshops for oral presentation of papers, as well as discussion and display of posters. In this edition, ***the inclusion of other crops of economic interest such as fruit, vegetables and grains will be encouraged***. The scientific sessions will allow a wide exchange between participants on the following symposium topics:

- Plant breeding. Management and conservation of genetic biodiversity.
- Plant biotechnology applied to genetic improvement and mass propagation of plants.
- Systems for high quality seed production.
- Sustainable agro-ecological management of pests. Products and technologies.
- Technologies for sustainable crop production. Tackling climate change.
- Agricultural Innovation for local development. Family farming. Gender and Rural Extension.
- Potential crops for human food and animal feed. Agricultural Industry.

As part of the Symposium, other activities will be held: Pre-Symposium Courses, launching of scientific literature and satellite meetings of associations, organizations, networks and working groups to address updated relevant topics for the Cuban agriculture and other regions.

### **Pre-Symposium Course**

Four Pre-Symposium courses will be developed:

- Technologies and integral production in papaya crop.
- Integrated pest management for a sustainable agriculture.
- Role of Agricultural Biotechnology in Food Security.
- Management of genetic resources collections of roots, rhizomes, tubers, plantains and bananas in field conditions.

Courses will be taught by prestigious professors and course participants must be at least 10. In all courses, certificates of participation will be given.

**All the courses will be held on October 19, 2015.**

**Cost of each *Pre-Symposium Course*: 50,00 CUC**

### **Official Languages**

Spanish and English.

### **Presentation**

Participation may take the form of oral presentation or poster. Those interested in participating should submit an abstract to the Organizing Committee in electronic format to the email account created for the occasion **before September 15, 2015**. The Scientific Committee will select the papers and define the presentation form and the acceptance will be communicated to the authors before **September 30, 2015** by email.

**Abstracts** must be submitted in letter sheet (8 ½ x 11" or 21,59 x 27,94 cm), with 2,5 cm margins, in Arial font and size 12, single-spaced printed text, and a maximum of 250 words. The text must contain the theme's current situation, objectives, methodologies and results.

The authors of accepted papers will send to the Organizing Committee an **expanded abstract** in Spanish or English, in letter sheet (8½ x 11 "or 21.59 x 27,94 cm), with 2,5 cm margins, in Arial 12, and single spaced. The text should not exceed five (5) pages, including tables and figures. The International System of Units should be used. The paper body should be divided into: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion and References. These headings will appear in bold. Pages should not be listed, and headers and footers are not included.

**Abstract** and **extended abstracts** should have the title *centered, uppercase and bold*; at two spaces after the title appear the names of the authors (underline the name and surname of the person who will present the work). Then, institution (s) to which authors

belongs, mailing address and country will be identified. The author's email should be added for correspondence.

Besides, **extended abstracts** should be written according to the following aspects:

**Introduction:** Indicate briefly and concisely the importance of the issue, problems to be solved and working objectives.

**Materials and methods:** You should explain the methodology, highlighting the most important points. Please, refer to the conventional methods without describing them. In addition, evaluations and type of analysis of experimental data must be mentioned.

**Results and Discussions:** Describe and discuss the results obtained with the bibliography on the subject. Titles will be above the table and in graphics or pictures in the lower part.

**References:** References are arranged alphabetically and the following information is related: Author (s). (Year). Title. Publication, pages.

The authors may wish to publish their work in the journal Tropical Agriculture, upon request to the Organizing Committee. A special issue will be edited because the event.

**Posters** will have a total area no larger than 0,90 m (width) x 1,00 m (length) but they will be on display through **virtual presentations**. For that reason posters should reflect well the essence of work and an electronic copy will be delivered to the Organizing Committee before October 21<sup>st</sup> (14:00). The name of the author and/or poster presenter and the institution name in a smaller letter size must be also included. The email address of the presenter and/or author (s) for correspondence should be listed in the poster.

## Registration

The **registration fee** is payable at the time of accreditation.

Delegate: 250,00 CUC\*

Student: 130,00 CUC

Accompanying person: 100,00 CUC

National Delegate: 250,00 MN

\*CUC (Convertible Cuban Peso)

### Registration fees include:

- Registration and documentation (Program, tickets for coffee-break and lunch, and CD-ROM with **Memories** included in the publication of the paper).
- Participation in the scientific activities of the Symposium (except Pre-Symposium courses). It include a visit to INIVIT's experimental areas.
- Certificate of participation.
- Participation in the cultural activity **Tropical Night**
- Closing Ceremony.

## Tourist Offers

**Gaviota Tours S.A.** Travel Agency, as the receptive agency of the event, offers a special package of services for your stay in Cuba to guarantee the best conditions for accommodation, transport and other facilities. The following hotels are offered:

**Public price per pax. Type of currency: CUC**

Event Package hotels	Double room	Single room	Third Pax	Children (2 to 12 years)
Quinta Avenida Habana Ciudad 5*/ Hotel América 3* <i>AP</i>	333,00	398,00	293.00	201.00
H-10 Panorama 4*/ Hotel América 3* <i>AP</i>	327.00	376.00	289.00	199.00
Kohly 3*/ Hotel América 3* <i>AP</i>	277.00	314.00	247.00	173.00

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible Pesos (CUC), referring to persons (pax) per night, and will be valid from 19 to October 24, 2015.

The tour package includes:

### HAVANA:

- ✈ **19/10/2015.** Reception and assistance on arrival at International Airport "José Martí" in Havana. Guide service.
- ✈ **19/10/2015.** Transfer from the airport to the selected hotel in Havana. Overnight accommodation. Plan CP (accommodation and breakfast).
- ✈ **20/10/2015.** 08:00 am – Collective transfer from Havana to Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

### SANTA CLARA:

- ✈ **20/10/2015 to 23/10/2015.** Accommodation based on reservation at América Hotel AP, (3 nights). 1 national drink included in each meal.
- ✈ **23/10/2015.** Transfer to Havana according to plan (10:30 AM).

### HAVANA:

- ✈ **23/10/2015.** Accommodation during a night /CP in a hotel at Havana (accommodation and breakfast).
- ✈ **24/10/2015.** Transfer from the hotel to Havana International Airport.

### Services not included:

- Airport taxes,
- Domestic Flights to Santa Maria key.

**NOTE 1:** This price is valid for all markets.

### Lodging in the hotels of the event package.

Additional Pre- and post-event nights: net prices per pax per night.

Havana hotels	Double room	Single room	Third PAX
Plan	CP	CP	CP
3* Kohly in Havana	23,00	31,00	20,00
4* Be live Panorama	39,00	53,00	34,00
5* Quinta Avenida in Havana	43,00	65,00	37,00
América 3 *	40.00	47.00	34.00

*CP: Accomodation and breakfast*

### Supplements to the package:

➤ Net prices - Private transfer. Type of currency: CUC

Origin	Destiny	Taxi Vehicle	MICRO	16 SEATS
		1-2 pax	3-5 pax	6-14 pax
Apto Havana T # 3	Havana hotel	20,00	30,00	42,00
Havana hotel	Santa Clara	216,00	262,00	280,00

### Special package for those traveling on direct flights to Santa Clara:

Public price per pax. Type of currency: CUC

Event Package hotels	Double room	Single room	Third Pax	Children (2 to 12 years)
América Hotel 3* AP	201,00	229,00	179.00	123.00

*CP: Accomodation and breakfast*

*AP: Accommodation, breakfast and dinner*

\*\* The price includes:

### SANTA CLARA:

- **20/10/2015.** Transfer from the Airport in Santa Clara to América Hotel. Private.
- **20/10/2015 al 23/10/2015.** Accommodation based on reservation at América Hotel AP, (3 nights). 1 national drink included in each meal.
- **23/10/2015.** Transfer from América Hotel to Airport in Santa Clara. Private.

**NOTE 2: Payment:**

- The offer is valid for all markets.
- Payments for these services will be 72 hours before the starting time or before check in at the selected hotel. Bank transfer payment should be 10 days before services.
- Credit cards not issued by U.S. banks are accepted. A bank fee of 1.03 CUC is applied.
- In Cuba, cash payments in convertible Cuban peso (CUC) are accepted. USD changes to convertible Cuban peso has a 15% levy.
- Pre and post-event stays, private transfers and domestic flights should be asked to the travel agency as these services are not included in this package.

For hotel reservations, participants to the Symposium should contact the **Gaviota Tours S.A** Travel Agency that will ensure your stay in Cuba and participation in the event.

***For more information, please contact:***

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The Organizing Committee and the travel agency will be available to assist the needs of the delegates to offer variants in the offered package.

The correspondence regarding the Symposium should be addressed to:

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