

PROGRAM

Sept 25 - Day 1

Keynote Forum

1. Dr. Randy C. Ploetz, University of Florida, USA
2. Dr. Jayne Crozier and Dr. Julie Flood, CABI, UK
3. Dr. Mohamad Roff Mohd Noor, MARDI, Malaysia (TBC)

Technical Sessions

1. New and Emerging Tropical Fruits Pests and Diseases
Lead paper: Dr. Randy C. Ploetz, University of Florida, USA
2. Challenges and Opportunities in Biosecurity and Quarantine
Lead paper: Department of Agriculture, Malaysia
3. Plant Health, Soil Nutrition and Disease-free Planting Materials
Lead paper: Dr. Ravindra Chandra Joshi, University of South Pacific, Fiji

Sept 26 - Day 2

Technical Sessions

4. Advances in Biological Control Methods
Lead paper: Biotechnology Research Institute, UMS
5. Advances in Biotechnology Research on Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases
Lead paper: TBC
6. Developments in Plant Protection: Emerging Trends and Capacity Requirements
Lead paper: Dr. Sivapragasam Annamalai, CABI South East Asia

Expert panel discussion: Sustainable Solutions in the Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases Management

Sept 27 - Field Trip and Plant Clinic Demonstration

SIDE EVENT

A free live demonstration of CABI's Plant Clinic will be conducted during the conference by international experts.



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FIELD TRIP Kudasang, Sabah and Fruit Farms



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VENUE



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Le Méridien, Kota Kinabalu

Room type	Advanced Booking	Normal Rate
Urban	RM 491 (USD 127)	RM 564 (USD 146)
Vista	RM 566 (USD 147)	RM 664 (USD 174)

For other hotel options, kindly visit:

www.itfnet.org/troped2018/venue.php

ORGANIZERS

Organizer: International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet)

Support: Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Malaysia (MOA)

Partners:

- Biotechnology Research Institute, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)
- Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) South East Asia
- Department of Agriculture (DOA), Sabah
- Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL FRUIT PESTS AND DISEASES

25-27 September 2018
Le Méridien, Kota Kinabalu,
Sabah, Malaysia

*"Sustainable Solutions for
Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases"*

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What is TROPED?



Although tropical fruit production has been lower in 2017 compared to the last decade, FAO reports that countries have been increasing their areas of production in response to the increasing demand for tropical fruits. It is anticipated that growth would be positive in the coming years with continued and increasing demand for the commodity, which is also beginning to attain a significant share in the global agricultural trade. This has concurrently opened up new market opportunities and transformed the preferences of consumers for healthier, safer and fresher produce.

Like other horticultural crops, the incidences of pests and diseases are among the main factors that can impact sustainable tropical fruit production. Globalization, trade liberalization and expansion of the tourism industry create wide opportunities for networking and market growth. Paradoxically, these also create pathways for broader dispersion of pests and diseases from their geographical origins. Pests and diseases not only destroy total crop areas, but also reduce yields, affect quality and lower the market potential of tropical fruits and its products.

Harmonizing efforts at all levels as well as integrated approaches are necessary to curtail and mitigate the destructive effects of pests and diseases. Strict quarantine and regulatory measures should also be enforced at various entry points of countries to prevent introduction of new pests, diseases and further invasion. At farm level, smallholder farmers and growers should be trained to adopt good agricultural practices (GAP), integrated pests and diseases management, judicious use of chemicals and have a system of monitoring and surveillance. Research and development efforts have to be intensified and prioritized by national research institutes to find effective responses and management approaches. Public awareness and knowledge on the use of biological control methods and biotechnology tools for integrated pest management (IPM) also need to be promoted to assist in decision-making for the adoption of effective methods in the management of pests and diseases.

Cognizant of the above mentioned needs and challenges, the International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) through the support from the Malaysian Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and partners Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI), the Department of Agriculture Sabah, the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), is organizing the *International Conference on Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases (TROPED 2018)* to disseminate the existing expert knowledge on the mitigation and prevention of prevailing pests and diseases afflicting tropical fruits.



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Photo by Mr. Robert Williams

AIM

The International Conference on Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases (TROPED 2018) is organized with the aim for expert knowledge sharing and networking on the various topics related to pests and diseases management of tropical fruits. The conference hopes to identify sustainable solutions for practitioners and industry players.

THEMATIC AREAS

- i.  New and Emerging Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases
- ii.  Challenges and Opportunities in Biosecurity and Quarantine
- iii.  Plant Health, Soil Nutrition and Disease-free Planting Materials
- iv.  Advances in Biological Control Methods
- v.  Advances in Biotechnology Research on Tropical Fruit Pests and Diseases
- vi.  Developments in Plant Protection: Emerging Trends and Capacity Requirements

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Commercial Growers Researchers Gov't Agencies
Input Suppliers Students Exporters/Importers

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Activity
14 Mar 2018	Call for Papers 1st Announcement Early Bird Registration Begins
13 Apr 2018	2nd Announcement
31 July 2018	Deadline for Abstract Submissions
31 July 2018	Early Bird Registration Ends
01 Aug 2018	Final Announcement
31 Aug 2018	Deadline Full Paper Submissions
25 Sep 2018	Start of Conference

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and it must clearly indicate the problem, objectives, research methods, results, conclusions and five key words describing the paper. Only abstracts submitted in English will be accepted. Once accepted, a full paper is required to be submitted for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

Deadline for abstract submissions is **31 July 2018**
Kindly submit your abstracts to: troped@itfnet.org

PUBLICATION. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings indexed in CAB Abstracts, a leading English language bibliographic information system.

POSTER EXHIBITION. Participants are also invited to present their work through scientific posters. The best poster will be awarded a cash prize of USD 250.

REGISTRATION

To join in TROPED2018, please complete the registration form at www.itfnet.org/troped2018/registration.php

	FEE
STUDENT	RM250
STAFF	RM750

Field Trip: USD 50 (RM 200)

For students and farmers, contact the Secretariat at troped@itfnet.org to avail of the special rate.

Fees are inclusive of symposium materials, lunch, and tea breaks. Registration fees can be paid in advance via bank transfer to the following account:

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