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17th AABNF Biennial Conference

THEME
SOLUTIONS
FOR
FOOD SECURITY
IN
AFRICA
THROUGH
SUSTAINABLE
SOIL FERTILITY
MANAGEMENT OF
ECOSYSTEMS UNDER
CLIMATE CHANGE

17-21 October 2016

Hosted by
Botswana University of Agriculture
And Natural Resources
Department of
Crop Science and Production



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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

THE BOTSWANA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE and Natural Resources (BUAN), formerly called The Botswana College of Agriculture invites you to participate in the 17th African Association of Biological Nitrogen Fixation (AABNF) conference to be held in Gaborone, Botswana from 17 – 21 October 2016. This conference will focus on strategies to increased food production in Africa through sustainable means. Chief amongst those is the use of biologically fixed N because of its green nature. Nitrogen together with phosphorus and soil moisture are the most important constraints to arable production in many African countries.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER scientists from across Africa and the rest of the world, collaboratively working together to unravel sustainable solutions for food security using biological nitrogen fixation (BNF). It is hoped that discussions at this conference will include plant-microbe interactions in agricultural and forestry systems, biotechnological advancements in BNF, new and orphan legume crops, grain legumes, forage legumes, integrated soil fertility management, legumes pest interactions, N₂ fixing legumes for landscape and reclamation, climatic constraints to BNF, forest and range ecology and policy and capacity building.



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KEYNOTES WILL BE DELIVERED DURING plenary sessions for the different themes. A book of abstracts based on oral and poster presentations will be produced.

THEMES

The main objective of this conference is to deliberate on all aspects of biological nitrogen fixation and how it can be used to improve farm production in a sustainable manner under the following themes:

1. Plant-microbe interactions for plant growth promotion
2. Biotechnological advances
3. New and orphan legume crops
4. Grain and forage legumes
5. Integrated soil fertility management
6. Legume pest interactions
7. N₂ fixing legumes for landscape and reclamation
8. Climatic constraints
9. Forest and range ecology
10. Policy and capacity building

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DETAILS OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of around 250 words, and up to 7 key words may be submitted using this E-mail address: aabnf_2016@bca.bw. Abstracts should be 15 cm wide, 10 point, justified and in Times New Roman typeface. A brief title (14 Point, Bold, Upper and Lower Case) which should be descriptive enough for indexing and information retrieval should be included. Names of authors, address of institution where work was done with a footnote containing the details of the corresponding author should also be included.

Deadline for abstracts submission is **31 May 2016**.

REGISTRATION

Click [here](#) to access the online registration form powered by Google Forms.

CONFERENCE FEES

Non-Student Delegate : USD 350 | Student : USD 300

Discount (Early Bird) registration rates apply for registration on or before May 15 2016 as follows:

Non-Student Delegate : USD 300 | Student : USD 250

BANKING DETAILS

Account Name : Botswana College of Agriculture

Account Number : 0100150424101

Account currency : BWP

Bank Name : Standard Chartered Bank

Branch Name : Mall

Swift Code : SCHBBWGXXX

Immediately after paying the fees, please scan and submit proof by the above email address. **All fees must be paid by 15 October 2016.**

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ON THE WEB

A blog has been created at <http://2016aabnf.blogspot.com> for sharing posts and other updates as we build up to the conference itself. Visit us there and subscribe to get updates by email.

Also, interesting articles on BNF will be posted by renowned authors in the field.

Presence on other social platforms like Facebook and Twitter will be communicated as soon as they are available.

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