

About ISSAAS

The **main objective** of the Society is to encourage the holistic approach to problems and to promote the progress and development of science and technology related to agricultural sciences through research and publication, and the outcome is to be for regional agricultural development.

The Society is organized by scientists, technical experts, and other proponents of the Society's goals in the broad field of agricultural sciences, whose activities are within the Southeast Asian region.

The Society performs the following tasks in order to achieve these objectives:

- a) Publish journals and other materials;
- b) Organize lectures, seminars, workshops, training programs etc.,
- c) Provide contacts, training, promotion, and commendation for research;
- d) Contact and cooperate among internationally/ domestically related societies and institutions;
- e) Grant ISSAAS AWARD to distinguished individuals and groups;
- f) Conduct studies and develop proposals, and
- g) Perform any other functions needed to achieve any of the above objectives.

Tentative Program:

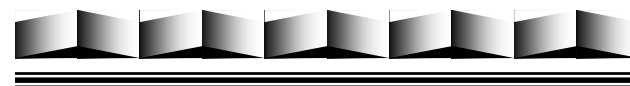
October 26, 2007

7:30-8:30	Registration
8:30-9:15	Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Remarks
	Dr. Roberto F. Rañola, Jr. Vice President, ISSAAS-Phil/ President, PAA
	Dr. Arsenio M. Balisacan Director SEARCA, College, Laguna
	Dr. Napoleon P. Hernandez NRCP Acting Executive Director
9:15-10:00	First Plenary Speaker
10:00-10:15	Morning Tea/Coffee Break
10:15-11:00	Second Plenary Speaker
11:00-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	ISSAAS Business Meeting
12:00-01:30	Lunch Break
01:30-04:30	Parallel Sessions
04:30-06:00	Awarding Ceremonies/ Closing Remarks
06:00-7:00	Fellowship

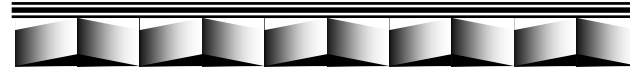
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7th ISSAAS Philippine National Convention and Annual Meeting



Impacts of Climate Change and Biofuels on Agriculture



Organized by:



International Society for Southeast Asian
Agricultural Sciences– Philippines
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In Collaboration with:



Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate
Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)



The National Research Council of the
Philippines (NRCP)



Philippine Association of Agriculturists
(PAA)

SEARCA, College, Laguna

October 25-26, 2007

Conference Rationale

Climate change and the use of biofuels as alternative energy sources are two major issues that are both of national and global concern. Although the effects of climate change on the environment have been ventilated in various fora, there is not much understanding of their effects on a very important but very vulnerable sector, the agriculture sector. On the other hand, the agriculture sector has the major task of providing the necessary materials to produce biofuels to provide the energy requirements of our transport sector, partly to reduce the adverse impacts of petroleum-based sources of energy and also to reduce dependence on petroleum as an energy source.

The enactment of the Biofuels Act of 2006 in the Philippines may have good intentions on cleaning the air we breathe or reducing our oil imports, but does it also have clear safeguards on the possible negative impacts on agriculture? What is its impact on the income of farmers? On food crops?

This year's national convention, therefore, aims to generate interests towards a better understanding of the effects of climatic changes and use of biofuels on Philippine agriculture in order to properly plan a wide variety of proactive and adaptive actions that might be taken by researchers and farmers alike. It is important that policy makers take the anticipated impacts of climate change and the production and use of biofuels into account in developing agricultural and land-use policies and other programs of government.

Call for Paper/Poster Abstracts

The International Society for Southeast Asian Agricultural Sciences and the Philippine Association of Agriculturists are inviting scholars and researchers to submit papers or posters that will address the following thematic areas:

- ◆ Climate variability and agricultural productivity

- ◆ Climate Change and Agricultural Production Risks
- ◆ Coping mechanisms and mitigation strategies to climate change
- ◆ Alternative feedstocks for biofuels
- ◆ The market for biofuels
- ◆ Impact of biofuels on agriculture and farmers
- ◆ Government policies affecting the biofuel program

However, papers on topics not directly related to the theme may be submitted.

1. The abstracts submitted should follow the following basic requirements:

- ◆ Title in bold capital letters and centered on the page width
- ◆ Names of authors and affiliations centered on the page width

Containing not more than 300 words

2. Submission of abstracts will be accepted on or before October 1, 2007 preferably through the following e-mail addresses:

convention_abstract2007@yahoo.com or
demi_macandog@yahoo.com

3. Authors who have no access to an e-mail facility may send hard copies with a diskette file of the abstract to:

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Or

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4. Full paper can be submitted during the date of the convention.

5. Selected papers for ISSAAS members will be considered for publication in the ISSAAS Journal.

Activities

October 25, 2007– Pre-convention tour around Los Baños Science Community

- ◆ Tour sites and fee to be announced.

October 26, 2007– National Convention and ISSAAS Annual Meeting

- ◆ Plenary Session and Discussion
- ◆ Parallel Sessions and Concurrent Paper Presentations
- ◆ Poster Paper Presentations
- ◆ Awarding Ceremonies
- ◆ ISSAAS Business Meeting
- ◆ ISSAAS and PAA Fellowship

Convention Fees (October 26 only)

The following convention fees will be collected where applicable.

ISSAAS/PAA Members:	P 1,000.00
Non-Members:	P 1,300.00
Students:	P 700.00

The fee covers 2 snacks (AM and PM), lunch and convention kit.

For **ISSAAS** members, an additional Php 500.00 will be collected as annual membership fee.

Regular-	Php 500.00
Lifetime-	Php 2,500.00 (56 yrs old & above)

For **PAA** members, an additional membership fee will be collected if membership is already expired.

Regular-	Php 500.00 (1 yr) or
	Php 1,000.00 (3 yrs)
Lifetime-	Php 3,000.00

For non-members and students, signing for membership will entitle them to pay the member's convention fee plus the annual fee.