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The Kenya Agricultural Research Institute will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Triennial Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops-Africa Branch to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004. The one-week Symposium will give an opportunity to interested parties to exhibit their agricultural products alongside presentations of research findings. This brochure provides specifications of presentations for the conference. Details of the exhibitions will be contained in a separate brochure.

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004

**Venue**  
Nairobi, Kenya

**Theme**  
*“Advances in Roots and Tuber Crop technologies for sustainable food security, improved nutrition, wealth creation and environmental conservation in Africa”*

**Sub-themes**  
The Conference will address several disciplines of scientific research and technology transfer relevant to the conference theme. The authors shall be required to ensure that their presentations conform to the theme and specify sessions under which their papers shall be presented in the following areas:

- Breeding and Crop Improvement
- Agronomy and Crop Management
- Crop Protection
- Food Science and Post Harvest Technology
- Socio-economics and Marketing
- Technology transfer
- Planting Material Production and seed systems
- Plant Physiology
- Land, Water and Environmental Conservation

**Mini Symposia**  
There will also be 2 mini symposia in the following areas :

- Biotechnology
  - Biofortification
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The purpose of this symposium is to promote Root and Tuber Crops production, utilisation, adoption, upscaling and marketing opportunities through:

1. provision of a forum for exchange of information and experience among scientists on appropriate available technologies
2. provision of an opportunity for research scientists in Africa to present results to the world scientific community
3. promotion and encouragement of research, extension, training and donor and policy support of tropical root and tuber crops
4. Strengthening of linkages of recent methodological approaches to research and development to enhance technology transfer on root and tuber crops
5. development of new researchable issues and proposals for institutional collaboration for root and tuber crops
6. enhancing opportunities for diversification in the utilisation and commercialisation of products from Root and Tuber Crops

**Publication of Papers**  
Papers presented at the conference will be published in a volume tentatively titled “Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> Triennial ISTRC-AB Symposium 2004”.

**Paper Submission Deadlines**  
All abstracts should be submitted by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004.  
Full copies of accepted papers should be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

**Manuscript Requirements**  
Papers must be in English, typed on A4 size paper and not longer than twelve (12) double-spaced typewritten pages including tables and figures. Pages should be numbered consecutively with author’s names and a running title at the top of each page. Hard copies of all manuscripts should be submitted in duplicate and diskette or electronic copies in MS. Word for Windows 97, 98 or 2000.

**Title, Author and Running Heads**  
The name of the author to present the paper should be underlined. Include telephone, e-mail and fax numbers for ease of communication. The title of the paper should represent the content of the article and briefly identify the subject, indicate the purpose of the study and give important high impact words. The title should also run on the top of each page.

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**Scientific and Common Names**  
Scientific names must be given for each organism, followed by the author, the first time the name is used. Names of the species and genera must be italicised. For other taxa, the first letter is capitalised but the names are not italicised. After the first mention, the generic name may be abbreviated provided it does not appear at the beginning of a sentence. The use of pesticide names should follow standard convention and the correct chemical name given the first time the pesticide is mentioned with a disclaimer. Measurements should be in S.I. units.

**Parts of the Manuscript**  
The paper should have the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgement and References. Illustration(s) (Tables etc.) should be attached at the end of the paper.

**References in Text**  
References in text should be by author(s) and year. Authors with more than one publication per year should have a letter following their names after the second publication. If more than two authors are listed, the names of the first author should be given followed by “*et al.*”.

**Illustrations**  
No provisions shall be made for altering illustrations after submission. The illustrations should be drawn on the same size as the page and be clearly labelled.

**Literature Cited**  
Names of journals should be spelled out in their entirety, followed by the Volume Number (and Issue Number where available). Page numbers should be inclusive and follow a colon after the Volume Number. For books, give the title, the city of publication and the name of the publisher. Do not include the number of pages unless you are referring to a section of the book.

**Poster Session**  
There will be several poster sessions during the Symposium. Participants who wish to present posters should indicate their preference when submitting their abstracts. All posters should fit into a poster board measuring 1682 x 2378 mm. The posters should:

- be legible from a distance of 2 metres
- be simple, informative, visually appealing and attractive
- be easy to read and understand with relevant legend(s)
- contain text and illustrative matter harmoniously combined to produce an effective presentation
- tell the complete story.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

9<sup>th</sup> International Society for Tropical Root Crops - Africa  
Branch Triennial Symposium

*“Advances in Roots and Tuber Crop technologies for  
sustainable food security, improved nutrition, wealth  
creation and environmental conservation in Africa”*

Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Surname.....**Block**  
Initials.....**Capitals**

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I wish to attend the **9<sup>th</sup> Triennial Symposium  
International Society for Tropical Root Crops - Africa  
Branch** and enclose Registration fee of US\$ 200

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Please return this form together with remittance to:

**THE SECRETARIAT**  
**9<sup>th</sup> ISTRC-AB Triennial Symposium**  
**P O Box 57811**  
**Nairobi, Kenya**

All cheques to be made out to  
*ISTRC-AB Secretariat*

Enquiries should be addressed to:  
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Root Crops - Africa Branch on  
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**31<sup>st</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November  
2004**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2004** Abstracts  
**15<sup>th</sup> August 2004** Full papers

**Announcement  
and  
call for papers**

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