

## ***Foreword***

Members of ISTRC, and specially those who attended the VIIth Symposium will be disappointed perhaps of some lacks in these proceedings. Namely : conclusions of round tables, minutes or recommendations of Council and general meeting of the Society.

Nobody will be surprised however that facing a thousand pages of papers delivered to the participants, financial constraints led to mind at priorities and directed to drastic elimination even between or within papers, apart for a few exceptions which could be related with incredible mailing randomization at times. This last factor accounts for the main part of the publishing delay.

In spite of that we hope that these proceedings hold the essential of the VIIth ISTRC Symposium and that they will remain a long lasting reference publication for all research workers in science and agronomy of root and tuber crops in the tropical area.

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