The Sixth Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops held in Lima, Peru, 20-25 February 1983 gave the opportunity to more than 150 scientists to get together to discuss recent progress on the improvement of root and tuber crops, which are staple foods in many developing countries. These Proceedings testify to the interest and time that scientists are devoting to the development of this important group of food crops that are vital sources of energy to many people in the world.

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