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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject : Invitation to participate on "2014 International Conference on Rubber (ICR)"

Faculty of Technology and Community Development, Thaksin University, will organize an international conference entitled "2014 International Conference on Rubber (2014 ICR)" from the 28th to the 30th of August 2014, at Thaksin University, Phatthalung campus, Thailand. The conference aims to encourage on exchange of idea on latest developments on rubbers and related fields among researchers and practitioners across the globe.

Faculty of Technology and Community Development, therefore, would like to cordially invite you to participate in this conference. Attached herewith please find a copy of the poster and the leaflet.

Should you require further information concerning the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail 2014ICR@gmail.com and 2014ICR@tsu.ac.th.

Sincerely yours

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IMPORTANT DATES

- June 17, 2014:** Deadline for abstract submission
June 30, 2014: Notification of abstract acceptance
August 15, 2014: Deadline for full-paper submission for peer review
August 20, 2014: Deadline for registration
August 25, 2014: Early bird discount date

PARTICIPATION FEE

	Presentation		Audience
	Before August 25, 2014	After August 25, 2014	
General participant			
Oversea	US\$ 110	US\$ 125	US\$ 65
Thailand	Thai฿ 3,500	Thai฿ 4,000	Thai฿ 2,000
Student			
Oversea	US\$ 80	US\$ 95	US\$ 50
Thailand	Thai฿ 2,500	Thai฿ 3,000	Thai฿ 1,500

The registration fee includes seminar list (abstract book and bag) lunch and coffee breaks and welcome party. Proceeding book will be online after 2 months.

OPERATIONS

August 28–29, 2014, will be registration, opening ceremony and presentation session at Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus.

August 30, 2014, will be trip session as visiting at the attractions ecological and rubber plantation in Phatthalung Province.

REGISTRATION

Bank Transfer account

Account name: 2014 International Conference on Rubber
Account number: 404-937447-8

Bank name: Siam commercial bank public company limited

Branch: Thaksin University (Phatthalung)

SWIFT Code: SICOTHBK

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM

2014 International Conference on Rubber (2014 ICR), Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus, Thailand

Please complete this form and submit to secretariat (via fax (+66) 0 74 693 996, (+66) 081 965 5583 or email: 2014ICR@gmail.com and 2014ICR@tsu.ac.th)

Please see more information www.2014ICR.tsu.ac.th



2014 International Conference on Rubber (2014 ICR)



“Small rubber farms in a changing environment : meeting the challenges of a sustainable development in various contexts”

August 28-30, 2014

**Thaksin University,
Phatthalung campus,
South of Thailand**



BACKGROUD

As part of the university's upcoming fair there will be a conference, Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus has decided to organize its first International Conference on Rubber, in collaboration with two French research institutes and two Thai research institutes. This conference will take place in the main rubber producing area in Thailand.

Ahead of global changes, the dynamics of the Natural Rubber sector vary between the different South and South-east Asian countries, where more than 90% of the rubber tree plantations are located. So far, the major part of natural rubber is still produced by smallholders. Therefore, the main question raised in this conference is: in a changing environment which research can help the smallholders, to strengthen their role in the rubber sector?

The international conference will give the opportunity for researchers, scientists, policy makers and other stakeholders involved in the rubber industry to get together and share their experiences in rubber. Research activities agendas shall be enriched. This conference will also contribute to the strengthening of a rubber research network in the sub-region.



CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference will focus on 4 dimensions of the rubber sector:

1) Biology and Agronomy of rubber production (Plant material and plantation management including latex harvesting)

- Genetics, biotechnology and breeding
- Agricultural practices (planting, management in immature phase, soil fertility, disease and insect management)
- Tree physiology and latex harvesting methods
- Ecophysiology of rubber plantations and adaptation to global changes

2) Socio-Economic (Social and economic issues related to natural rubber production) and plantation management including latex harvesting)

- Land use changes and competitions
- Labor issues (including labor contracts)
- Viability and resilience of rubber smallholdings
- Innovations and transfer of technology
- Marketing and value chain analysis

3) Rubber Technology (Biochemistry of natural rubber and effect of non-isoprene, structure and properties of natural rubber)

- Transformation of rubbers or elastomers into useful products
- Structures and properties of natural rubber
- Novel technologies for modifications of natural rubber
- Compounding, processing, structures and properties of natural rubber
- Rubber blends and composites
- Rubber nanotechnology
- Science and engineering of natural rubber surface

4) Environment and Public Health Issues (Impact of rubber production and transformation on health and environment)

- Environmental impact and ecological services of rubber plantations - Environmental and public health issues in the rubber industry
- Rubber industry health and safety
- Occupational health of rubber tappers
- Rubber innovation for health care

ORGANIZERS

- 1) Faculty of Technology and Community Development, Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus, Thailand
- 2) Faculty of Science, Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus, Thailand
- 3) Faculty of Health and Sports Science, Thaksin University, Phatthalung Campus, Thailand
- 4) Research and Development Institute, Thaksin University, Thailand
- 5) Rubber Research Institute, Thailand
- 6) Office of the Rubber Replanting Aid Fund, Thailand
- 7) Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement, France
- 8) Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, France

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Prospective abstract of papers shall be submitted via official website and should have a maximum of 300 words. The official language is English.

PREPARING THE MANUSCRIPT

Full paper shall be less than 7 pages. Size of poster shall be wide 90 cm. and length 120 cm.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

Papers and posters shall be written and presented in English

PAPER PUBLICATION

Proceedings publications: ISBN: 974-451-198-2. Selected conference papers will be published in Rubber Thai Journal or Thaksin University Journal