

## RESMISA Project :

The action research project 'Revalorising Small Millets in Rainfed Regions of South Asia' aims to increase production and consumption of nutritious small millets and associated pulse and oil seed crops in rainfed regions of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. This project - supported by the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF), a joint program of International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) - will allow researchers to document and test on-farm conservation of agrobiodiversity and increase production (and consumption) of small millets, pulses and oilseeds in eight rainfed regions across India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Scientists and farmers will study postharvest technologies (including dehulling and processing), value chains and policy opportunities to enhance small millet farming in South Asia. It focuses on overcoming existing constraints related to production, distribution and consumption of small millets and associated crops. It pursues a multi-pronged research strategy related to conservation, productivity enhancement, value addition, post-harvest processing, promotion and policy action to raise the profile of small millets. The project has selected six research sites in the backward and tribal dominated pockets of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand states of India and one site each in Sri Lanka and Nepal.

## About the seminar:

The policy decisions to increase food production through modern agricultural movements like "green revolution" have been successful in some well endowed areas but they have not benefited those countries and regions which have major area under rainfed agriculture. Being marginalized crops, not much scientific investigations have taken place either to evaluate the traditional practices or to develop new methods to deal with the post-harvest problems, especially processing of small millets. Small millets have immense health benefits as they are rich in phyto chemicals. Being high fibre foods small millets contribute to well being in various ways by reducing the risk of many diseases. Small millets are amazing grains offering great opportunities for diversified utilization and value addition. However the consumption of these millets is declined for want of standardized processing techniques to compete with fine cereals.

The proposed seminar brings the researchers, scholars, extension officials, industries, policy makers, etc., together to discuss the strategies to identify the problems faced by the farmers in processing small millets, to develop an efficient and viable technology for dehulling and milling and to increase the utilization and consumption of small millets (which remains underutilized) through value addition.

## About the Madurai city:

Madurai is one of the oldest cities of India, with a history dating all the way back to the Sangam period of the pre Christian era. It is popularly known as "Temple city" and is one of the most preferred places of pilgrimage in South India. It houses the world famous Sri Meenakshi Sundareshwarar temple and is situated on the banks of river Vaigai.

## Theme areas

The seminar will primarily cover the following thematic areas:

- Processing of small millets
- Utilization of small millets
- Nutritional importance of small millets

## Participants

Faculty, research scholars, post graduate and under graduate students of state Agricultural Universities, colleges interested in the field of food processing, agricultural engineering and allied branches of sciences, personnel from related industries can participate in the seminar. The participants are invited to present papers/posters.

## Registration

The registration charges are Rs.500/- for all the participants. Payment can be made through demand draft Drawn in favour of **DHAN Foundation** payable at **Madurai**.

## Sending abstracts of papers

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words (with font size 12, Times New Roman and justified format) may be sent by email to **idrcmillet2013@gmail.com**. The hard copy along with the filled in registration form and registration charges may be sent to the following address:

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## Deadlines

Last date for receiving the abstract: **19, August 2013**  
Communication of Acceptance: **26 August 2013**  
Confirmation of participation: **2, September 2013**

## Accommodation

The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation at Madurai. The list of preferred Hotels is given below:

North Gate opp to Thamukkam	2523030, 31
Pandian Hotel	2537090/9443068977
New College House (Near Periyar Bus Stand)	2342971 - 74
Royal court	5356666
Tamil Nadu (Near Periyar Bus Stand)	2538101 / 2337471
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## National Seminar on

“Recent Advances in processing, utilization and nutritional impact of small millets”

## Venue

Madurai Symposium, Thamukkam Grounds,  
Madurai

Date **13.9.2013**



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