

Deadlines

Last date for receiving the abstract : **8th September 2017**
Communication of acceptance : **12th September 2017**
Confirmation of participation and
sending registration form : **16th September 2017**

Accommodation

The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation at Madurai.

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REGISTRATION FORM

National Seminar on
"EMERGING TRENDS IN PROCESSING AND
VALUE ADDITION OF SMALL MILLETS"

Venue : Madurai Symposium, Thamukkam
Ground, Madurai

Date : 22nd & 23rd September 2017

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Contact No.:.....

Intended for: Oral presentation
 Poster presentation
 Participation

Title of presentation:

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Thematic area:

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Under the aegis of the

Scaling up Small Millet Post harvest and
Nutritious Food Products Project

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This action research project aims at identification of potential equipments, processing method and farmers producers organization for promoting millet business. This project is supported by the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF), a joint program of International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Global Affairs Canada, which allow researchers to identify potential equipment manufacturers for scaling up of manufacturing and marketing of small millets processing equipments, guiding to the small/ medium/ micro food enterprises for scaling up of small millet food business. It offers customized support to micro enterprise for improving their technical capability in terms of post harvest processing, value addition, business promotion and health benefits of small millets in a holistic approach.

About the seminar:

Small millets are one of the oldest foods known to humans and possibly the first cereal grain to be used for domestic purposes. Millets are highly nutritious, non-glutinous and non-acid forming foods. Hence they are soothing and easy to digest. They are considered to be the least allergenic and most digestible grains available. India is the largest producer of many varieties of small millets. Their rich micronutrients and high dietary fibre content helps in curbing overweight, obesity, lowering the risk of hypertension, cardio vascular diseases, diabetics and cancers. Rapid urbanization, high purchasing power, created a demand for processed and convenience foods. Now, the small millets have gained attention and efforts are underway to produce convenient and value added processed products. Though number of millet

processing equipments, millet based convenient products are available in the market, the level of consumption in the country as a whole is still at a very low level. Thus there is strong need to educate consumers on the health benefits and to encourage increased consumption. To do this, joint efforts by post harvest, processing and health professionals, food engineers and nutritional professionals, including industry, government and health promotion organization is required. The proposed seminar brings the researchers, scholars, extension officials, industries, policy makers, etc., together to discuss the strategies for making the small millets as profitable food business through various interventions.

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. Madurai is the third largest city by population in Tamil Nadu, Located on the banks of River Vaigai. 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 it has been selected as one of the hundred Indian cities to be developed as a smart city under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship Smart Cities Mission. The city is home to various automobile, rubber, chemical and granite manufacturing industries. Madurai is popularly called *Thoonga Nagaram* meaning the city that never sleeps, on account of the active night life. The city attracts a large number of tourists from within the country and abroad.

Theme areas

The seminar will primarily cover the following thematic areas:

- Machinery used in primary and secondary processing of small millets
- Value added small millet products
- Innovation in small millet food products
- Health and nutritional benefits of small millets
- Promotion of small millet food business
- Marketing strategies for small millet products

Participants

Faculty, research scholars, post graduate and under graduate students interested in the field of food processing, agricultural engineering and allied branches of sciences, personnel from small millet processing equipment manufacturers, grain processor, food enterprises, NGOs, Government bodies and promoters can participate in the seminar. The participants are invited to present papers/posters.

Registration

The registration charges are Rs.300/- for students/scholars and Rs. 500/- all other participants. Payment can be made through demand draft in favor of DHAN Foundation payable at Madurai.

Sending abstracts of papers

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words (with 12 Times New Roman and justified) may be sent to **idrcsmallmillets@gmail.com**. The hard copy along with the filled in registration form and registration charges as DD may be sent to the following address:

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