

The Second International Conference On Date Palm

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First Notification

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Introduction

Date palm possesses a distinguished position in many Arab and Islamic countries, in general, and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in particular. The KSA ranks top of the world as for the number of date palm trees and quantity and quality of date production as well, since it produces up to 18% of the total world production. In spite of the economical, social, and cultural values of date palm for the Arabic and many other countries as well, it did not have enough consideration and attention as for research and implementation of new technologies in order to improve agricultural practices, protection against diseases and pests, as well as increasing production, fruit quality, post harvest handling, processing, and storage and marketing of this high value product. Therefore, Qassim University, represented by the College of Agric. And Vet. Med. will hold the Second International scientific conference on Date Palm, which will gather specialized scientists and researchers and other organizations and individuals who are interested in date palms. This meeting will be an extension to the First Scientific International Meeting on Date Palm which was held at Al –Qassim in 1424 H.

Conference Objectives:

Exchange experience and knowledge about the latest developments and scientific achievements on date palm.

Discussing the date palm problems related to production, handling, processing, and marketing and suggesting proper solutions.

Setting up future plans to resolve date palm problems and improve production, marketing, and processing of dates.

Scientific sessions:

Modern technologies of date palm propagation, production, postharvest handling, and processing.

Environment, and diseases and pests control of date palm.

Mechanization of date palm practices and processing equipment.

Biotechnology and its applications on date palm.

Utilization of date palm by-products.

Organic farming of date palm.

Nutrition and medicinal value of date fruits.

Dates Economics and marketing.

General session.

Accompanied Activities:

Field visits.

Workshops.

Date Festival.

Group discussions.

Date exhibition.

Other activities.

Conference Language:

Preferably Arabic, if not English is OK.

Participants:

Scientists and researchers in universities, scientific research centers, and specialists in date palm industry can participate in this conference.

Entry Visa

Participants who need a visa should write to the conference as early as possible.

Preparation of abstracts:

One page in both Arabic and English languages, should not exceed 250 words. The abstracts should be sent by e-mail to the conference scientific committee.

The last date for receiving the abstract is 4/1/1430 H(1/1/2009 G).

Preparation of Scientific papers:

Scientific papers should be written in either Arabic or English languages according to the rules announced in the conference web site. The last date for receiving the full papers is 5/4/1430 H (1/4/2009 G).

All papers will be assessed by certain assessors assigned by the scientific committee.

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