

FAO/SCORENA 2008 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FLAX AND OTHER BAST PLANTS

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THE CONFERENCE

The 2008 International Conference on Flax and other Bast PLANTS is aimed at bringing together scientists, producers, and industry experts from the fibre, textiles, agriculture, composite and niche product areas to discuss the latest innovations and with others in our field from around the world.

THEMES

The conference will focus on the following themes:

1. Producing Quality Feedstocks

- Biotechnology
- Breeding and other research initiatives in hemp and flax
- Agronomics of producing natural fibers
- Retting methods and alternative strategies

2. Fiber Processing

- Primary and secondary processing (fiber extraction)
- Economics of fiber processing
- Testing, grading and blending methods
- Standards and characterization of natural fibers
- Modern and innovative secondary fiber processing techniques/technologies

3. Product Destinations

- Textiles and clothing production processes
- Nanotechnology applications for natural fibers
- World trade and marketing of fibers
- Effect of environmental regulations, price support mechanisms on fiber business globally
- Finance and the role of government in the development of the fiber business

- Overview of the global dynamics of “alternative “ fiber crops, such as jute, ramie

4. Fiber Going Green

- Green textiles
- Nanotechnology applications for non-woven fibers
- Building with green fiber
- By-products utilization

CALL FOR PAPERS (BOTH ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS)

Dates to remember:

Call for papers issued:	May 15, 2007
Abstract submission deadline	November 1, 2007
Announcement of accepted papers/posters	February 15, 2008
Deadline for submission of completed papers/posters	April 30, 2008

Details of submission

To present a poster or paper of your work, prospective authors are required initially to submit an abstract of about 500 words. Please follow the template for submitting abstracts that is on the conference website (www.flaxbast2008.com). Your abstract should contain information about your work, results and outcome of the proposed paper. The paper will then be peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the conference.

Abstracts can be submitted by email anytime between May 1 and November 1, 2007. Abstracts will no longer be accepted after that time. The authors for accepted presentations, both oral and poster, will be notified by February 15, 2008. Authors for oral presentations must submit their completed manuscript by April 30, 2008 as per the Authors Guidelines available on the conference website. The guidelines for poster presentations will also be available on the conference website. The transfer of copyright and related contractual documents for the purpose of publishing the conference proceedings will be sent to the authors after receiving the full manuscript.

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