



**FIRST ANOUNCEMENT
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND
AGRO-ECOLOGICAL LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY
FITOGEN - SIGA 2007**

December 3rd to 5th

With the purpose of promoting the international exchange on Agro-ecological livestock husbandry, animal and plant conservation, the conservation and use of the biodiversity and the sustainability of agricultural and livestock production systems, as well as the need for summarizing the knowledge of the sustainable livestock systems, The Pastures and Forages Research Institute (IIPF) of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Cuba and the Institute for Tropical Animal Husbandry (IGAT), call the producers, researchers and teachers to take part in the Convention of Plant Genetic Resources and Agro-ecological Livestock Husbandry FITOGEN-SIGA 2007, which will be held in the provinces of Sancti Spiritus, Cienfuegos, Villa Clara, Matanzas and Habana.

As a part of the meeting, will be held a Negotiation Table to coordinate projects on research and production on Agro ecological Agriculture we invite institutions and persons from different countries to bring proposals for future joint works with our Cuban institutions of their main interest.

MAIN EVENTS

VII INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES (FITOGEN 2007)

- Biodiversity in plant genetic resources for animal husbandry.
- Identification, collection, evaluation and conservation of plant genetic resources for animal feeding.
- Plant biotechnology applied to plant genetic resources destined to animals.
- Nitrogen biological fixation and promoter organisms of plant growth. Their relation with plant genetic resources.
- Participatory improvement and community work for rescue, conservation and use of plant genetic resources.
- Use of plant genetic resources on sustainable agriculture and livestock production emphasizing the biodiversity in native plant resources.

III INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGROECOLOGICAL LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY (SIGA 2007)

- Pastoral, silvopastoril and integrated animal/plant/forestry systems on agroecological basis.
- Pastures and Forages seed production.

- Use of local resources for animal production. Nutrients recycling from agricultural and industrial by-products and residues.
- Sustainable systems of animal production. Sustainability indicators and their social impact.
- Conservation, improvement and use of livestock genetic resources
- Animal etiology and their relation with agroecological livestock production systems.
- Organic and biological fertilizers for pastures and forages.

COMMON TOPICS

- Environment. Desertification and drought.
- Education, training, extension in agriculture and livestock economy.
- Industry and marketing in organic livestock production
- Participatory research and development in local agriculture and livestock systems

Dead line for short and extended abstracts	August 2007
Confirmation on papers acceptance	October 15, 2007

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Venues: Sancti Spíritus Pastures and Forages Research Station., Pastures and Forages Research Institute. Ministry of Agriculture of Cuba.

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Intensive pre-event Course: Biodiversity, plant genetic resources and participatory improvement.

Organizer: Dr. Biol. Cs. Carlos Bécquer G.

Date: November 29th to December 1st, 2007.

Venue: Sancti Spíritus Pastures and Forages Research Station.

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Post event tour: Agroecological animal husbandry from the mountains to the plains.

Organizer: Dr. Agr. Sc. Fernando Funes A.

Date: December 6th to 9th, 2007

Provinces to visit: Sancti Spíritus, Cienfuegos, Villa Clara, Matanzas and Havana

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Official language: Spanish – English translation in groups will be available

The research papers should be presented orally or as posters. Every speaker could submit only a paper as main author. In both cases a short abstract (up to 250 words) and an extended abstract (no more than 8 sheets 8 ½ x 11, letter size) has to be submitted to the Organizing Committee by electronic format according to the regulations stated in this announcement.

Participants could ask for personal invitation letters if needed.

Students need to register their condition to receive the advantage of discounts

Prices – Including:

- Lodging and feeding in the selected regime.
- Transfer airport - lodging - airport.
- Personalized assistance.
- Transfer to the official activities
- General guide service

General Chronogram

Activity	Date (Nov/Dec)	Place
Arrival to the course	28	Sancti Spiritus
Course: Biodiversity, plant genetic resources and participatory improvement.	29/ 11- 1/12	Sancti Spiritus
Free day	2	Sancti Spiritus
Arrival of participants for the event	2	Sancti Spiritus
Opening of the event	3	Sancti Spiritus
Closing of the event	5	Sancti Spiritus
Agroecologicalal tour	6	Varadero
Closing of the agroecological tour	9	Havana City
Negotiation table	9	Havana City

Registration fees for the different activities:

Origin: North America and European Economic Community:

Activity	Delegate	Students	Accompanying People
Event (E)	300 CUC	150 CUC	150 CUC
Pre event course (C)	200	100	100
Post event Tour (G)	250	125	125
Event +Course	400	200	200
Event + Tour	500	250	250
Event + Course + Tour	600	300	300

Origin: Other countries:

Activity	Delegate	Student	Accompanying People
Event (E)	250 CUC	125 CUC	125 CUC
Pre event course (C)	150	75	75
Post event Tour (G)	200	100	100
Event +Course	350	175	175
Event + Tour	400	200	200
Event + Course + Tour	500	250	250