ISVDOP 14 Circular 2

The 14th International Symposium on Virus Diseases of Ornamental Plants

Singapore, June 26-29, 2016

Invitation

Singapore is reputed as a Garden City in the world. The Singapore government is transforming Singapore into a City in a Garden. We envisage to have attractive new parks, verdant park connectors and eye-catching vertical and high rise greenery. Our National Parks Board (NParks) aims to bring parks and green spaces to the people. A team of internationally certified Arborists from the NParks takes care of more than a million trees grown in Singapore. There are three unique theme gardens, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Garden-by-the-Bay, and Gardens at Marina South, Marina East and Marina Centre. We import many ornamental plants for landscaping and for display in the gardens. Inevitably we will encounter virus diseases of such ornamental plants. We have reported Cymbidium mosaic virus, Odontoglossum ringspot virus, Hibiscus chlorotic ringspot virus and Hibiscus latent Singapore virus from cultivated orchids and ornamental Hibiscus shrubs.

The working group of virus diseases of ornamental plants are professionals who provide research and development, education, and extension services to government agencies and the public. They are involved in identification of new viral diseases, improvement in virus disease diagnosis and development of innovative disease control strategies. During the symposium, there will be both poster and oral presentations of new research finding and results. Participants will exchange information through questions and answers, during coffee and tea breaks, and during field trip to Garden-by-the-Bay and visit to a life science research institute named Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory.

On behalf of the Singapore ISVDOP 2016 committee, I welcome you to take this opportunity to visit Singapore which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. Singapore has a rich history and heritage of multi-cultures originated from Europe, India and China.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016!

With best regards.

Sek-Man Wong

Scientific program

The symposium will offer posters and oral presentations on the following topics:

- Virus detection and diagnostic techniques
- Virus resistance through breeding or transgenic methods
- Epidemiology and disease control
- Vector transmission
- Virus-host interactions
• New and emerging diseases
• Viroids and phytoplasmas

**Important dates**

25 August 2015
   Early registration opens
25 December 2015
   Title submission deadline
25 January 2016
   Abstract submission deadline
25 February 2016
   Accepted presentations, authors will be notified
30 March 2016
   End of early registration
1 May 2016
   Final submission of full abstracts
26 June 2016
   Arrival of participants

**Venue**

The symposium registration will start on 26 June 2016 at S1A Science Drive 4, National University of Singapore. The hotel can be reached by taxi or MRT (mass rapid transit) from Changi airport Terminal 2 (30-50 min traveling).

We will arrange field trip to visit Garden-by-the-Bay and Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory.

**Local organizing committee**

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