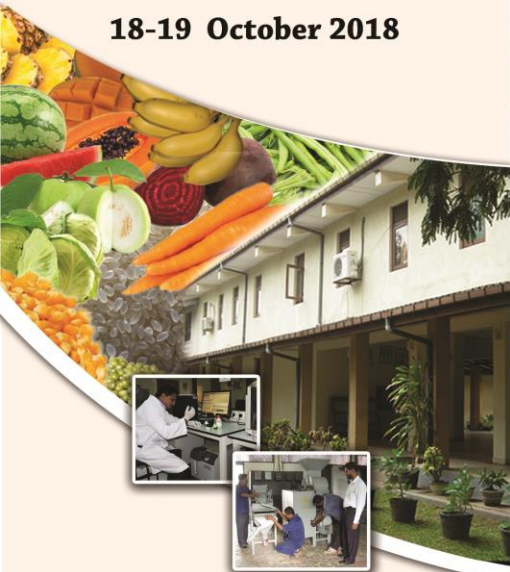




**National Postharvest Research
Symposium - 2018**

*Our Food – Our Future
Facing Challenges of Global Food Security*

18-19 October 2018



**INSTITUTE OF POSTHARVEST TECHNOLOGY
Ministry of Agriculture**

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Introduction

The Institute of Postharvest Technology (IPHT) is the leading research institution involved in research and development activities of postharvest technology of rice/other grains, field crops, fruits, vegetables, spices and ornamentals in Sri Lanka. It is located in an ancient historical city called, Anuradhapura, which is about 206 km away from capital Colombo. The Institute plays a leading role in research, training, consultancy, advisory and other development activities in the field of postharvest technology. The IPHT is pleased to organize National Research Symposium (NPRS 2018) in the field of Postharvest Technology on 18-19 October, 2018.

About NPRS 2018

The objective of NPRS 2018 is to provide a forum for researchers, academics, experts, graduate and postgraduate students in the field of postharvest technology to exchange research findings, and address open issues in all aspects of postharvest handling and management of food crops. The broad theme of the symposium is "Our food our future: facing challenges for global food security" emphasizing the need of enriching supply and value chain activities focusing to one of the world's most pressing issues, food security. The NPRS 2018 programme will be enriched with invited keynote speeches, oral and poster presentations and intended to provide an invaluable opportunity for exchanging new knowledge and build new collaborations.

Key themes

In order to focus for the very broad area of postharvest management and technology, the NPRS 2018 is organized into a series of specific sessions. Each session will involve both formal research presentations and open discussions. The NPRS 2018 sessions are;

- * Pre-harvest factors on fresh produce quality and safety
- * Handling, packaging and storage of food crops
- * Postharvest disease management
- * Food and nutrition
- * Food processing and value addition
- * Food process engineering
- * Postharvest energy and waste management
- * Design of postharvest machinery
- * By-products utilization in food industry
- * Entrepreneurship & Extension

Important dates/deadlines

Last Date for Submission of Abstracts	30 th June, 2018
Notification of Acceptance	31 st July, 2018
Submission of Camera Ready Copy	14 th August, 2018
Registration Opens	25 th August- 25 th September, 2018
Symposium Date	18-19 October, 2018

Paper submission procedure

Extended abstracts are invited for the consideration for presentation at the NPRS 2018. Guidelines for the submission of extended abstracts are given on the Institute's website (www.ipht.lk). An author information form needs to be submitted along with the extended abstract. Please read the general instructions for authors available on the website.

Registration

The registration procedure and guidelines are available on the Institute's website. Registration form is available for download and the duly completed registration form should be emailed to iphtsym2018@gmail.com

Awards

Presentations will be evaluated and the presenters exhibiting high standards of professional excellence will receive awards. The paper must be presented by first author to be eligible for an award.

Registration fees

Foreign participants US\$ 150
Participants from SAARC countries US\$ 100
Local participants LKR 2500
Local student participants LKR 2000

Payment options are given in detail in the registration form and please refer to the institute's website for periodic updates.

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