

WCRC-8



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The World Cotton Research Conference-8 (WCRC-8) will be held jointly with the Biennial Research Conference of the International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI) from October 3rd to 7th, 2024, at the International Hotel, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

WCRC-8, typically held once every four years in various cotton-growing countries, is scheduled for 2024, just two years after WCRC-7, to compensate for the time lost due to COVID-19. Previous conferences took place in Australia (1994), Greece (1998), South Africa (2003), USA (2007), India (2011), Brazil (2016), and Egypt (2022). The WCRC serves as a premier global platform for researchers and experts to exchange the latest advancements in cotton research and development.

The 5-day WCRC-8 program will feature 4 days of technical presentations followed by the celebration of World Cotton Day on October 7th, 2024. The technical program includes invited plenary lectures and keynote talks by renowned experts in cotton production and textile sciences. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their research through oral and poster presentations, and private and public sector institutions can showcase their latest technologies and products.

WCRC-8 is jointly organized by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), the International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI), and the International Cotton Researchers Association (ICRA). ICAC, established in 1939 in Washington, DC, is an intergovernmental agency providing member governments with cotton-related information and policies. ICGI, founded in 2000, has been organizing biennial research conferences since its inception, with the first held in Montpellier, France, in 2002. ICRA, formed by ICAC in 2012, aims to promote research collaboration among cotton researchers worldwide.

DEADLINES

June 30, 2024: Registration (\$450, fully refundable for genuine reasons; researchers selected for sponsorship support will also be reimbursed)

June 30, 2024: Abstract submissions

June 30, 2024: Full paper submissions

WORLD COTTON DAY (WCD)

The World Cotton Day will be celebrated on 7th October 2024 at International Hotel, Amir Temur Street, Uzbekistan. Contests will be announced shortly.

Winners will receive partial sponsorship to participate in the WCRC-8

82nd ICAC PLENARY

The 82nd ICAC Plenary Meeting will be held from **30-September to 3-October 2024** at International Hotel, Tashkent, Amir Temur Street, Uzbekistan. For details please contact Mr. Mike McCue <mike@icac.org>

TECHNICAL TOURS

The Technical Tours to Tashkent/Bukhara/Samarkand will be conducted from **8-10 October 2024**. For details Please contact Dr Mirzakamol Ayubov <mirzo.ayubov@gmail.com>



ABSTRACT/PAPER SUBMISSIONS

- Abstracts and Research Papers on any subject matter related to cotton and its value chain will be accepted.
- Abstracts and papers submitted without payment of registration fee will not be considered for oral or poster presentations.
- Sponsorship support will be considered only for deserving researchers based on the merit of their full paper.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS

Online payment Early Bird US\$ 450: before 30-June 2024

Online payment/Spot payment US\$ 500: 1-July to 3-Oct 2024

PARTICIPANTS FROM UZBEKISTAN

Participants of Uzbekistan: Contact worldcotton8@gmail.com

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

Several hotels are available for online booking near International Hotel, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. For assistance contact

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<https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/tasr-hyatt-regency-tashkent>

<https://citypalace.uz/> <https://ihthotel.uz/> <https://legrandepiazza.com/>

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/uz/mulberry-toshkent.ru.html>

MAIN SUBJECT AREAS

- Plant Breeding & Genetics
- Molecular Biology, Biotechnology & Genomics
- Biochemistry & Physiology
- Entomology, Pathology & Nematology
- Agronomy & Soil Science
- Climate change & Regenerative Agriculture
- Sustainability & Traceability
- Agrometeorology, Climate Change & Crop Modeling
- Economics, Social Sciences & Technology Transfer
- Agricultural Engineering, Robotics & AI
- Cotton By-Products & Their Utilization
- Value chain & Textile Technologies

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

The registration fees are fully refundable for genuine reasons if the organizing Secretary is informed by email, on or before 1-September 2024 or if a visa has been rejected or with special approval of the Chairman of the Technical Committee who would examine the unforeseen circumstances for cancellation of registration. Researchers selected for sponsorship support will also be reimbursed.

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