

# Schedule

## International Conference on the System of Rice Intensification

Landscape Beach Hotel, Sanya, China  
April 1-4, 2002

### Monday, April 1

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-10:00 **Opening Session**  
*Dr. Norman Uphoff, CIIFAD* — introductions and discussion of objectives  
*Dr. L. P. Yuan, CNHRRDC, and Dr. Cheng Shihua, CNRRI* — welcome by hosts  
Welcome from provincial and local government representatives
- 10:00-10:30 **The Development of SRI in Madagascar: An Historical Overview**  
*Sebastien Rafaralahy, Association Tefy Saina, Madagascar*
- 10:30-11:00 **A Scientist's Perspective on Utilizing Genetic Potential with Better Management Practices for Rice**  
*Dr. L. P. Yuan, Director, China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Center*
- 11:00-11:30 **A Policy-Maker's View: Opportunities Created by SRI for Agricultural Development, Food Security, and Poverty Alleviation**  
*The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake, Former Minister of Lands, Government of Sri Lanka*
- 11:30-12:00 **A Farmer's Perspective on SRI: Economic and Ecological Benefits**  
*H. M. Premaratna, Ecological Farming Center, Mallawalana, Sri Lanka*
- 1:30-6:30 **Country Reports:**  
**Bangladesh:** Muazzam Husain, BRAC  
**Cambodia:** Yang Saing Koma, CEDAC  
**China:** Cao Weixing, Nanjing Agricultural University  
**Cuba:** Rena Perez, Ministry of Sugar  
**Gambia:** Mustapha Ceesay, National Agricultural Research Center  
**India:** T. M. Thiyagarajan, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University  
**Indonesia:** Anischan Gani, Agency for Agricultural Research and Development  
**Laos:** Sengthong Vongsakid, Oxfam/Community Aid Abroad  
**Madagascar:** Bruno Andrianaivo, FOFIFA  
**Myanmar:** Humayun Kabir, Metta Development Foundation  
**Nepal:** Shyam Shrestha, Sunrise Farm  
**Peru:** Angel Hernandez, La Molina University  
**Philippines:** Roberto Gasparillo, Broader Initiatives for Negros Development  
**Sierra Leone:** Abu Yamah, World Vision/Sierra Leone  
**Sri Lanka:** Gamini Batuwitige, Ministry of Agriculture  
**Thailand:** Phrek Gympantasiri, Chiangmai Univesity  
**USA:** Xie Fangming, RiceTech
- Additional Chinese Reports:**  
*Ang Shengfu, Anqing Research Institute*  
*Zhu Defeng, China National Rice Research Institute*  
*Tao Longxing, China National Rice Research Institute*  
*Yan Qingquan, Hunan Agricultural University*

**Tuesday, April 2**

- 8:30-9:00      **Opening Plenary Session**  
Summary of country reports — *Dr. Erick Fernandes, Cornell University*
- 9:00-11:00     **Technical/Biophysical Problems Encountered with SRI,  
and Steps Being Taken or Proposed to Deal with Them**  
Participants meeting in six groups
- 11:15-12:30    **Plenary Reporting Session**
- 1:30-3:30      **Problems Encountered with Adaptation and Diffusion of SRI,  
and Steps Being Taken or Proposed to Deal with Them**  
Participants meeting in same groups
- 4:00-6:00      **Plenary Reporting Session**

**Wednesday, April 3**

- 8:30-12:00     **Field Visit to Hybrid Rice Research and Development Center trial plots**
- 1:00-3:00      **Functional Discussion Groups**  
Groups constituted according to participants' roles
1. **Extension and Utilization: Farmers, Extension Personnel and NGOs**
  2. **Knowledge Generation and Evaluation: Scientists and Researchers**
  3. **Policy Environment: Policy-makers and Donors**
- 3:00-5:30      **Topical Discussion Groups**  
Groups constituted according to participants' expertise
1. **Water management** — what are best practices, under various conditions; what are the knowledge needs for research and experimentation on *timing and amounts* of water application.
  2. **Plant management** — what are best practices, under various conditions; what are the knowledge needs for research and experimentation on *nurseries, transplanting, spacing, weeding*, etc.
  3. **Soil and nutrient management** — best practices, and needs for experimentation and research on *BNF, composting, mulch, green manures, cover crops, promoting microbial diversity and growth*, etc.
  4. **Varietal differences and SRI development** — rethinking breeding *programs and criteria* to take advantage of new opportunities.
  5. **Economic and social aspects of SRI** — consideration of *labor requirements, land and labor productivity, incentives, marketing*, etc.
- 5:30-6:30      **Plenary session for group reports**

**Thursday, April 4**

- 9:00-11:30     **Reports to the plenary** from drafting committees composed of:
- Farmers/NGOs/extension participants, giving user perspectives;
  - Research scientists, giving knowledge perspectives; and
  - Policy-makers and donor representatives, giving development perspectives.
- 11:30-12:30    **Closing session** — *Statements by Prof. Yuan, CNHRRDC; Dr. Peng, IRRI; Dr. Ruben Puentes, Rockefeller Foundation; and Dr. Uphoff, CIIFAD*  
Approval of conference communication; votes of thanks and exchange of gifts