

IS-2006, Guelin, P.R. China

In 2006, IAPSIT organized the International Symposium on Technologies to Improve Sugar Productivity in Developing Countries from 5 to 8 December, 2006 in Guilin in Guangxi province, P.R.China. Nearly 243 representatives who made scientific contributions in IS-2006 came from 23 different countries including China, India, Egypt, Thailand, Philippines, Myanmar, Cuba, South Africa, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, USA, Australia, Argentina, Israel, Brazil, Japan, Bangladesh, Colombia, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka attended the conference. 184 papers were received for IS-2006 (111 of them were from abroad). In addition, 87 posters were received from various authors and they were displayed in the Poster Session. The scientific presentations in the symposium were organized in nine technical sessions and many famous scholars, sugarcane, sugar and industry experts presented their papers/ views related to various problems and issues concerning sugar industry of developing countries. A visit to Liuxing Sugar Industry Co. Ltd in Liuzhou 160 km south of Guilin was also organized on the 7th December to acquaint the participants with the cane harvesting machinery and latest milling techniques being followed in China. A sugarcane harvesting machine designed and manufactured in China was also shown to the participants. Many new ideas and technologies, relevant to the need of developing countries were discussed and certain collaborative exchange programs were finalized. The major areas where participants showed their interest in exchanging knowledge and technologies with each others were sugarcane germplasm, cane harvester, bio-fuels, minimization of sugar losses, use of chemicals in improving cane productivity, bio-fertilizers, bio-utilization of sugar industry residues, improved processing technologies, etc. The conference was appreciated by all the participants, especially the leading role being played by IAPSIT in reshaping the sugar industry of the developing nations. It was envisioned that IAPSIT organized international conference and satellite workshops/ seminars will help improving the socio-economic and technological status of sugar industry of developing countries. The pragmatic efforts of Chinese Government by establishing a permanent Secretariat of IAPSIT at GXAAAS, Nanning was highly appreciated by everybody.