

DATE AND VENUE

The Conference is scheduled to be held during 14-16th March, 2013 at Karnataka Veterinary Council (KVC), Hebbal Campus, Bangalore.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee is Rs.1500/- for delegates and Rs.750/- for students and farmers. However, invited farmers will be exempted from registration fee. Payments in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of **Organizing Secretary, FFCSWR payable at State Bank of India, Cantonment Branch (IFSC: SBIN0013439), Bellary** should reach the **Organizing Secretary by January, 31st 2013.**

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation arrangements will be made for the selected farmers and invited speakers. On request, accommodation arrangements for all other participants shall be made on payment basis at nearby guesthouses and hotels on first come-first served basis. The organizers shall not take any responsibility for return journey reservations.

TRANSPORT

The delegates will have to make their own arrangements for transport from airport/railway station to hotel/guest house. Good transport services like pre-paid taxi and private taxi are available at domestic airport and at railway station. The transport from designated hotel/guest house to the venue of the conference and back to the hotel on all the three days of the conference will be arranged in groups by the organizers.

Important Dates

- Submission of abstract : 31st January, 2013
- Intimation about acceptance of abstract : 15th February, 2013
- Dates of Conference : 14-16th March, 2012

Organizing Committee

- President & Chairman : Dr. P. K. Mishra, Director, CSWCRTI, Dehradun.
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Conference on

FARMERS FIRST FOR CONSERVING SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES IN SOUTHERN REGION

FFCSWR-2013

**14-16th March, 2013
Bangalore, Karnataka**



Organized by

Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists
Dehradun, Uttarakhand

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**Conference
on
Farmers First for Conserving
Soil and Water Resources
in Southern Region (FFCSWR-2013)**

The Farmers First paradigm of ICAR has encouraged greater appreciation of farmers' situation and led to the development of farmer friendly site specific technologies for different agro-ecological regions of India. Conservation of natural resources is an issue of utmost concern more so in the changing climate scenario for ensuring sustainable development and improvement of livelihood securities. Towards this, several programmes by various State and Central agencies are being implemented with a major focus on participatory watershed development and management. Significant research and developmental activities have already been undertaken in different regions, but the experience of farmers and end-users in the large scale adoption of technologies in soil and water conservation has been mixed probably due to their complexities and diversity. The impact of human activities on land degradation, availability of water, sustainability of production systems and upland-lowland linkages have been poorly addressed. Further, it has been realized that there is a strong need to have more co-ordinated and integrated approach for area specific and need based research, technology development and training and to involve communities in natural resource management through capacity building and institutional support. Therefore, this Conference on "Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in Southern Region" has been conceptualized. The conference is being planned in five regions, out of which the first conference in the series has been planned for Southern region at Bangalore.

Southern India, comprising the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry, has unique social, ecological and political importance. The dominant features are the diverse tropical climate, lush green vegetation in the coastal areas, architecture, culture, language and lifestyle. The region covers an area of about 64.46 M ha (19.6 % of the country's geographical area) and supports a population of 253 M (20.9% of the country's population as per 2011 census). It is endowed with much diversified and potentially rich natural resources but is subjected to many land degradation processes and natural disasters, which has affected the lives of a large population

residing in the region. Different estimates show that about 16 to 47 per cent area suffers from various land degradation problems. Erosion risk areas in the region varies between 30 and 80 per cent of the total geographical area where the potential erosion rate is more than the soil loss tolerance limit. Soil and water are the most vital natural resources providing life supports systems to human beings, plants and animals as substantial area in this regions is drought prone and groundwater prospects is less. Improper management and over exploitation of these resources have already begin to cause serious threat to the sustainability of production systems and aggravate environmental degradation.

The conference aims at bringing together farmers, researchers, scientists, policy makers, planners, administrators, NGOs and stakeholders on a common platform to share and discuss experiences, requirement of technological advancements, and other issues related to natural resource management in Southern India. The deliberations in the conference shall form recommendations and a policy framework on the syntheses of farmers' views and experiences for improving the efficiency and efficacy of ongoing and forthcoming resource conservation programmes in Southern States of the country to support and improve the quality of life of rural masses.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

There is increased awareness about Soil and Water Conservation and Natural Resource Management, but the human dimension including the experience of farmers and end-users in large scale adoption of several technologies in soil and water conservation are poorly understood. Further, it has been realized that there is a strong need to have more co-ordinated and integrated approach to area specific and need based research, technology development and training and to involve communities in natural resource management through capacity building and institutional support. Therefore, the Conference shall deliberate on the following theme areas through three different technical sessions.

1. Soil and Water Conservation in different agro-ecosystems in the region (Hill, Coastal, Plain and Plateau Regions).
2. Impact assessment of S & W conservation practices on productivity and livelihood security.
3. Institutional and governance issues for S & W Conservation.
4. Gender mainstreaming and social issues for Soil and Water Conservation.

Based on the above themes, presentation of the farmer's experiences and posters of the participants shall be conducted through the following sessions during the conference.

- Session 1. Soil and Water Conservation in Hilly Region
- Session 2. Soil and Water Conservation in Coastal Region.
- Session 3. Soil and Water Conservation in Plateau & Plain Region.

DR. K. G. TEJWANI MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Association has initiated Dr. K.G. Tejwani Memorial Lecture Since April 2012. During the present conference at Karnataka Veterinary Council (KVC), Hebbal Campus, Bangalore, the lecture will be deliver by Dr. R. Dwarakinath, Chairman, AME Foundation on 14th March, 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Unlike other conferences, here selected farmers will be given the opportunity to deliver their views and experiences on soil and water conservation through oral presentations. Extended Abstracts are invited from participants, on reporting the results of education/outreach activities, research or lessons learned from farmer's experience on soil and water conservation on the above four themes. This should include title (14 pts bold), author(s) 12 pts bold), affiliation (12 pts italic normal), mailing address, telephone, fax and e-mail (12 pts normal). The abstract should be typed, double spaced in English in MS Word with 10 pts normal text and should be limited to 1000 words. The extended abstract should reach the **Organizing Secretary, FFCSWR by January, 31st 2013.** Authors are requested to send both the hard and soft (preferably by e-mail) copies of their abstract and paper by the due dates. Mode of presentation of the selected abstracts will be exclusively through poster presentations only. However, keynote address and invited papers from eminent experts have also been planned for presentation.

Success stories undertaken at farmer's field on demonstration of soil and water conservation technologies in any prevalent production systems (Agriculture, Horticulture, Plantation, Agro-forestry, Livestock and Fisheries) may also be sent for consideration of their presentations.

All concerned are requested to nominate a few selective innovative farmers (in the enclosed format) who have immensely contributed to the production systems through effective soil and water conservation measures **by January end 2013.** The association will select some of them to the conference (at the cost of the Association) for a formal presentation.

REGISTRATION FORM
Farmers First for Conserving
Soil and Water Resources in Southern Region
(FFCSWR-2013)

14-16th March, 2013

Name :
Designation :
Organization :
Mailing Address :
Phone :
Fax :
E- mail :

Registration Fee

D.D. No. Date for Rs.
(Rupees.....)

Name of the bank:

Note: The bank draft should be made in favour of
"Organizing Secretary, FFCSWR" payable at S.B.I.,
Cantonment Branch (IFSC: SBIN0013439), Bellary.

Please specify: Participation with/ without Paper presentation.

Title of the paper (s)
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The paper be considered for discussion under theme
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Interested only in attending the conference : Yes / No
Interested in presenting a paper : Yes /No
Enclosing an abstract : Yes/No

Date: Signature

To,
The Organizing Secretary, FFCSWR-2013
Central Soil & Water Conservation
Research & Training Institute,
Research Centre, Bellary-583 104, Karnataka

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PROFORMA

To,
The Organizing Secretary, FFCSWR-2013
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Details of the Farmer

Name of the Farmer :

Postal Address :

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Telephone/ Mobile :

E-mail :

Soil and Water :

Conservation :

technology innovation/ :

adopted/ demonstrated :

Language of his/her :

Deliberation :

Other relevant :

information :

Nominated by Head of Department/ Institute