

Plant Breeders' Meeting Malaysia – 4th to 9th of May 2013

Plant Breeders' Meeting and Agronomy Workshop Indonesia - 9th to 12th May 2013.

The Plant Breeders' Meeting hosted by the Rubber Research Institute of Thailand (RRIT) have agreed that there should be a follow-up meeting to be hosted either by RRIT or other member countries to finalize the details of the IRRDB Clone Exchange Programme and Trials. It has also been agreed that the plant breeders should have the opportunity to visit trial areas in the different member countries to view the clones offered for exchange by participating member institutes.

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the Malaysian Rubber Board and the Indonesian Rubber Research Institute have agreed to host the meetings of the plant breeders. In the case of Indonesia, the plant breeders' meeting will be held just before the IRRDB Agronomy Workshop. The programmes are as follows :

- 1) Plant Breeders' Meeting in Malaysia (5th – 8th May 2013)
 - 4th of May – Arrival in Kuala Lumpur
 - 5th of May – Depart for Johor Bahru – Hotel accommodation in Johor Bahru is being arranged by MRB.
 - 6th -7th of May – Presentation of Papers and continuation of meeting.
 - 8th of May – Field trip to RRI Station in Kota Tinggi , Johor to visit the clone trials.(Kota Tinggi is about 1 hour 15 minutes from Johor Bahru.)
 - Return to Kuala Lumpur from Kota Tinggi, night in Academy Hevea.
 - 9th of May – Depart for Medan on the first flight out of KLIA. Please book your flight to Medan on Malaysian Airlines MH860 Dep : 0850 am.
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- 2) Programme in Indonesia (9th -12th May 2013)
 - 9th of May – Arrival in Medan 0850 am – check in hotel.
 - 9th -10th of May – Agronomy Workshop in hotel.
 - 11th of May – Field trip to Bridgestone Plantations and in the afternoon visit Indonesian RRI Sungai Puteh Research Centre to view the clones for exchange.
 - Sunday 12th of May – Depart for home.

*Important points to note:

- 1) Please book **early** your travel to Medan on **Malaysian Airlines MH860** for departure on Thursday morning **9th May at 8.50 am**.
- 2) For those requiring **VISA** for both Malaysia and Indonesia, please apply early. The Secretariat will send invitation letter on request.
- 3) **Air Asia** flies to Medan from LCCT (different terminal from KLIA). There are flights at **8.35 am, flight QZ8051**.
- 4) Papers are welcomed for presentation at the Agronomy Workshop in Indonesia. Please contact Dr. Muhammad Supriadi via email : mpriadi@yahoo.com

Directors and CEOs are kindly requested to encourage their scientist to present papers at the IRRDB Agronomy Workshop in Indonesia.

All Liaison Officers are requested to publicise the events and encourage participation from their respective institutes.

Thank you for your cooperation.