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THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL DATE PALM CONFERENCE

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

To be organized by

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**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
19 - 21 February, 2006.**

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I. Introduction

Under the leadership of H.H. The President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan, there are continual efforts to increase UAE date productivity, to make better use of the date industry and to produce an agricultural leap that will change the face of the UAE desert. Indeed, the Third International Conference on Date Palm, illustrates the special attention and priority given by His Highness to this important economic sector. The present conference is the third one in a series of International conferences organized by UAE during the last six years (March 08 –10, 1998 and March 25 – 27, 2001). Date palm scientists, experts, and senior officials from around the world will be able to exchange their know-how and experiences. The Honorable Ministers of Agriculture of the GCC member states will be invited to attend the conference in order to disseminate the up-to-date knowledge and recommendations at the official level.

Nearly 175 participants from 35 countries and several international organizations have already confirmed their participation to the Third International Date Palm Conference. Interesting abstracts are being submitted by participants from the following countries : Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, K.S.A, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swazi Land, Syria, Tunisia, U.A.E, U.K, U.S.A, and Yemen.

This is the second and final announcement. It is complementary to the first announcement and it provides information on the finalized programme, venue, hotel, travel and accommodation, climate,...

II. Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for updating scientific information on different aspects of date palm production, propagation, protection, and marketing.
- Compare the recent experiences in the United Arab Emirates with those of other date growing countries.
- Foster international technical cooperation on different aspects of date palm production chain.

III. Conference Theme

New Dimensions and Challenges for Sustainable Date Palm Production: **From Farm to Fork.**

IV. Conference Special Features

A variety of features will make this Conference attractive and innovative:

- Internationally renowned speakers of the highest calibre,
- Senior officials from different date growing countries,
- Wide range of scientific subjects related to all aspects of date Palm Production,
- Scientific input from many countries of the world,
- Innovative approach to scientific sessions,
- Well-Organized exhibition,
- Tours visiting various sites of technical or tourist interest around United Arab Emirates,
- Beautiful country with hospitable and friendly people,
- Excellent weather during this time of the year.

V. Proposed Duration & Venue

Duration: Sunday-Tuesday 19-21 February 2006.

Venue: The Conference will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi City, United Arab Emirates. P.O.Box. 4171, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Tel: +971 2 6666 888, Fax: +971 2 6669 153

Web Site: <http://www.interconti.com> / e-mail: abudhabi@interconti.com

Hotel: A large auditorium will be used for the opening ceremony. Booths and workshops will be in an adjacent hall. Several halls will be used for scientific sessions. The Conference Organizing Committee did already make the appropriate reservations for all participants.

Additional information on the hotel: All rooms have individual heating and cooling controls, color television, bathroom with bath, shower and toilet, direct dialing telephones, electro razor plug, hairdryers and balcony. The hotel has got swimming pool facilities. Other amenities and services: baby sitting, car rental, auto bank, credit cards and foreign exchange, same-day dry cleaning and laundry, valet service, shops. A golf course in the vicinity.

VI. Content

The main topics of the Third International Date Palm Conference can be summarized as follows:

1. Current Status of Date Palm Cultivation in the World

Based on developments and experiences of the UAE and other date growing countries during the last 25 years, the following topics shall be presented:

- 1.1. UAE date palm cultivation experience;
- 1.2. Date industry in other date growing countries;
- 1.3. Impacts of date culture on the environment and desertification control.

2. Date Palm Research and Development.

Articles prepared by imminent scientists and experts on the following subjects will be put forward for discussion:

- 2.1. Molecular and genetic engineering;
- 2.2. Germplasm and propagation;
- 2.3. Improved date palm cultural practices.

3. Date palm protection: focus will be on the most important diseases and pests.

- 3.1. Major diseases of date palm;
- 3.2. Major pests of date palm with a special focus on Red Palm Weevil;
- 3.3. Physiological disorders.

4. Date Palm Processing and Marketing

All harvest, nutritional and commercial aspects from field to consumer table will be presented:

- 4.1. Post harvest and processing technologies;
- 4.2. Nutrition and beneficial health aspects;
- 4.3. Date conditioning and packaging;
- 4.4. Date marketing and international trade.

5. Date Palm Collaboration

National and regional collaboration projects will be presented as well as the recently established Date Palm Global Network.

N.B: a detailed program of the conference will be e-mailed to participants before their arrival to UAE.

VII. Who should attend

The Third International Conference on Date Palm is open to anyone interested in date palm industries. The conference provides a forum for updating on current issue importance to the industry as well as information on new products and services. Participants will be from the public and private sectors who deal with the aspects of the date from producer through to consumers. Examples of the participants are:

- Date Palm Growers
- Executive Management of Grower Organizations
- Market Managers and International Traders
- Scientists of all aspects of Dates and Date Palm Cultivation
- Government Agencies and Departments
- Specialized Research and Development Centres
- Processors and Agro-industrialists
- Suppliers of Packages, Transport Operators, Chemicals, Fertilizers, Planting Material, Farm Equipment and Requisites
- Nutrition Specialists
- Biotechnologists, Regulators and Consumers.

VIII. Booths

The following booths will be organized during the Conference:

1. Photo Gallery with all pictures and photos of the late President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, May His Soul Rest in Peace, along with sentences from His speeches.
2. Date Products and by-products.
3. Date Palm Extension Program illustrating modern cultural practices.
4. Control of the Red Palm Weevil.
5. Date palm research program in various fields.
6. National handicrafts made from date palm leaves and other by-products.
7. Modern Agricultural Machinery dealing with Date Palm Cultivation.
8. Date Palm Tissue Culture Propagation.
9. Date Palms and Food Security.

IX. Conference Committees

■ High Committee

Dr. Hadeef Bin Jouan Al-Dhahiri Vice Chancellor of UAEU, Conference, Chair.

Dr. Abdullah Al Khanbashi, Provost of the UAEU.

Prof. Abdelouahhab Zaid, Chief Technical Advisor, Director, UNDP-UAE University, Chair, Organizing Committee.

Prof. P. Vincent Hegarty, Dean, College of Food Systems, UAEU; Chair, Scientific Committee.

■ Scientific Committee

Prof. P. Vincent Hegarty, CFS, UAEU, Chair.

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Dr. E. Blumwald, University of California Davis, USA.

Dr. E. Arias, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy.

Dr. Fawzi Taher, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Egypt.

■ Organizing Committee

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Mr. Yacoub Youssef – Public & Cultural Relations Dept., UAEU.
Mr. Ali Mohamed Fadl – Public & Cultural Relations Dept., UAEU.

X. Language of the Conference

Arabic and English are the languages of the conference.

XI. Post Conference Tours:

- The Emirates Date Factory - Al Saad
- Al Ain Date Oasis
- UAE University and Date Palm Tissue Culture Laboratory
- Other important sites and historic places.

The participation to these post conference tours will be on a voluntary basis and will take a full day (Wednesday 22 February 2006).

XII. Conference Sponsors:

- **United Arab Emirates**
 - Ministry of Presidential Affairs
 - Ministry of Education, UAE University.
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
 - Abu-Dhabi Municipality - Al Ain Agriculture
 - Al Ain Municipality and Town Planning
 - Abu Dhabi Municipality – Abu-Dhabi Agriculture
 - Date Palm Friends Society
- **Date Palm Global Network**
- **Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

- **United Nations Development Program**
- **Secretariat Convention to Combat Desertification**

XIII. Host Country:

- **UAE / Abu Dhabi Emirates:** The United Arab Emirates is a federation of seven emirates or states, each with its own unique character and personality but yet united with a common goal and destiny. Abu Dhabi is one of the most modern cities in the world. It is the center of government and business life in the UAE and is the largest of the seven Emirates. The architecture of its modern buildings and sky scrapers is the finest in the Middle East. Large gardens and parks, green boulevards lining all the streets and roads, sophisticated high-rise buildings, state-of-the-art communication services and transport, the presence of all the international luxury hotel chains, rich shopping malls, cultural centers and events provide tourists a one-of-a-kind experience all the year round. Abu Dhabi stretches south to the oases of Liwa where some of the world's largest sand dunes can be found, and east to the ancient oasis of Al Ain. This makes Abu Dhabi the largest as well as the most populated of all the Emirates. The UAE population according to 1998 figures is: 2.8 mill. The official religion of the UAE is Islam, but other faiths are tolerated and freedom of worship privately is given.
- **Language:** The official language of the UAE is Arabic. Other languages spoken are English, Hindi and Farsi. A large number of the expatriate populations are from the sub-continent, Philippines, Iran, etc. So you will find Tagalog, Malayalam, Russian etc.
- **Currency:** The UAE currency is called the Dirham. Arab Emirate Dirhams (=Dhs. or AED) 100 Fils = 1 Dirham. Exchange Rate Dhs. 3.671 = US\$ 1.00.
- **Climate:** The sun shines all the year round in the UAE. February is a month of moderate climate. The average daily temperature of 26°C/15°C.
- **Clothing:** Dress code is informal on all occasions except during the Conference Opening Ceremony. All hotels have swimming pool facilities. The Organizing Committee also suggests that you bring sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes (mainly for the post conference tours, if interested).
- **Visas:** Participants arriving to the United Arab Emirates will need an entry visa except for GCC countries(Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and KSA). In regard to the following countries, they can obtain a visa upon arrival at the airport (UK, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norvege, Finland, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Monaco, Vatican, Iceland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Saint Marino). Others from countries not listed above will need an entry visa. It is their full responsibility to have an entry visa if required; however the Organizing Committee is willing to assist in this regard. A request of an

entry visa could be made by filling in the enclosed form and sending it along with a photocopy of your valid passport and any accompanied person to Mr. Ali Mohamed Fadl (Tel: +971 50 66 33 815 (mobile), +971 3 7131 622 / 575 (office), Fax: +971 3 754 33 55, E-mail: Alif@uaeu.ac.ae).

- **Travel and accommodation:** UAE University will provide local transportation for participants at arrival and departure, and to the Conference venue. Hotel reservation should be arranged in advanced by participants themselves or through the organizing committee.

XIV. Conveyors:

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Abstracts and Proceedings

Abstract Booklet

We will provide a booklet of the abstracts on the first day of the workshop. Please submit an abstract for both oral and poster presentations (one abstract per paper or presentation) to the Workshop Organizing Committee at zaid@uaeu.ac.ae. Guidelines on the abstract can be found in the enclosed attachment. Therefore, we strongly and urgently request you to submit the abstracts by **October 30, 2005**.

Proceedings

A proceeding of full papers will also be published after the workshop. You are encouraged to submit a full paper. Only selected and peer reviewed paper will be published. All presenters are requested to submit their paper camera ready (3 hardcopies and digital copy, preferably in Microsoft Word) at the same deadline as the abstracts (**November 30, 2005**) to Dr. A. Zaid; zaid@uaeu.ac.ae.

Details on submitting the manuscript

The International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) is an official co-sponsor of the Third International Date Palm Conference. Consequently, the conference's proceedings will be published by ISHS in Acta Horticulturae.

ISHS Authors Guide Preparing a Paper for publication in Acta Horticulturae

- Reading this page means that you are about to prepare an article to be presented at an ISHS Conference. Taking into account the following instructions will make the publication of your paper in Acta Horticulturae easier.
- Remember that only papers presented at ISHS Symposia and Conferences are published in Acta Horticulturae after being accepted, reviewed and edited by the editorial board of the Conference/Meeting involved. This is also why you should submit your contribution directly to the Convener of the Conference you will attend and NOT to the ISHS Secretariat.
- Papers should be submitted both as hard copy (printout on paper) AND on floppy disk. In the event of differences between the printout and the electronic copy, your printout will be used as reference.

GENERAL INFORMATION Length of the Printed Paper

All conference verbal and poster presentations are eligible for publication in the proceedings if a suitable manuscript is prepared according to this ISHS Authors Guide and submitted on time to the Convener of the meeting. The convener will send the manuscript to the Editorial Board for reviewing.

Manuscripts should be as concise as possible in order to reduce to a minimum the number of pages of Acta Horticulturae. As a general rule the maximum recommended

length of an invited paper is 16 pages and of a submitted oral paper or poster is 8 pages, including figures and tables. An average page of text will contain about 800 words. Manuscript reviewers will cut unnecessary information and will advise on the number of pages each manuscript should have taking into account its content and characteristics. For any length over the recommended number of pages the convener will have the right to charge 75,- euro per additional page.

Language

English is the official language of Acta Horticulturae. However, if the original contribution is presented at a bilingual conference, a manuscript in Spanish or French is also acceptable, provided it includes a one page extended abstract in English. An abstract in French or Spanish can be added to manuscripts in English.

Spelling

ISHS has no preference whether English or American spelling is used although uniformity within each paper is required. Latin words or phrases are in italics, with the exception of very common expressions such as "i.e.," "e.g.," "et al.," "in vitro," "ex vitro" and "etc. The expression "etc." for "and so forth" should be used only with series, such as 1, 2, 3, etc.

Units

Use the metric system exclusively. Use abbreviation L for liter, ml for milliliter, and t for tonne (metric ton). SI units can be used where appropriate.

Font and Type Size

Use Times New Roman font exclusively. Titles are printed in 14 point but the rest of the manuscript, including tables should be 12 point. When italic typeface is required use italic type, not underline.

Plant Names

Scientific names are to be included for all plant species and are to be in italic font except for the abbreviations "var.," "subsp.," "f.," etc. which indicate rank at infraspecific level (e.g., *Cedrus libani* subsp. *atlantica*, *Phytophthora parasitica* var. *nicotianae*).

Author citation should only be used when helpful for historical or taxonomic reasons, and then it should only be used when the name is first mentioned in the body of the text (do not use author citation in the abstract or title). Author names are to be abbreviated in accordance with the international standard provided by Brummitt, R.K., & Powell, C.E., "Authors of Plant Names", Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 1992. An on-line version of this work may be consulted via <http://www.rbgekew.org.uk/data/authors.html>.

Common names may be used for well-known plants once the scientific name has been provided (e.g., apple, pear, potato, rose, tomato).

Cultivated varieties which are the product of selection and/or breeding are to be referred to as "cultivars" and not "varieties". Cultivar names are to be written in accordance with the *International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants*. The current (2004) edition is obtainable from ISHS via

<http://www.ishs.org/sci/icracpco.htm>. In particular, the part of a name which denotes the cultivar is it be placed within single quotation marks. The abbreviation “cv.” is not to be used within a name (e.g., *Malus ×domestica* ‘Golden Delicious’, not *Malus ×domestica* cv. Golden Delicious).

If indicating hybrid status, the multiplication symbol should be used before the name of the genus or the species epithet as appropriate (e.g., *×Cupressocyparis leylandii*, *Mentha ×piperita*), or within the formula denoting the hybrid (e.g., *Mentha aquatica × M. spicata*). If the multiplication symbol is not available in your font set, use the letter “x” in lower case, but leave a space between it and the word to which it should be applied (e.g., x *Cupressocyparis leylandii*, *Mentha x piperita*). Neither the multiplication symbol nor the letter “x” are to be in italics.

Use the letter “x” to indicate a cross such as “red x yellow” and for the term “by” in measurements (2 cm x 4 cm). Use italic *n* and *x* when indicating sporophytic or basic chromosome number (e.g., $2n=4x = 48$).

Headings Ranks and Format

Papers contain one to four headings, all aligned at the left hand margin, as follows:

RANK ONE Use boldface and all capital letters. Use a space before this rank but subsequent paragraph(s) continue without a space. Subsequent paragraphs within this section are indented without spaces between paragraphs. Headings such as INTRODUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, RESULTS, DISCUSSION are Rank one headings. Do not use a period after this heading.

Rank Two This heading subdivides RANK ONE headings, thus there must be at least two or more Rank Two subheads. Titles are boldface with the first letter of important words in capital letters and the others in lower case. Rank Two headings are separated by a space above the heading as in RANK ONE headings. No period after Rank Two headings. The paragraph starts on the first line after the Rank Two heading and is indented.

1. **Rank Three.** This heading may be used to divide Rank Two headings. Initiate this heading with Arabic numerals (1,2,3 etc.) with numbers and title in boldface with the beginning of each word in capital letters. The subheading ends with a period. The paragraph continues on the same line. Do not separate this heading with blank lines.

Rank Four. This heading subdividing Rank Three headings will be used rarely. Align left, end with a period, and continue on same line. The font is *italic*, non-boldface, with the beginning of each word in capital letters. Do not separate with blank lines.

Paper

Use first quality white paper for your printout. The printable area on your sheet of paper is strictly fixed (15.3 x 23.5 cm = 6.02 x 9.25 inches) irrespective of paper size. For A4 size paper this printable area is obtained by entering following margin settings in the "page set-up" of your word-processor: top: 2.7 cm (1.06"); bottom: 3.5 cm (1.38"); left: 2.8 cm (1.10"); right: 2.9 cm (1.14").

Papers should be printed preferably on laser-writers but Ink-jet printers also give satisfactory results. *Papers produced on a type-writer will not be accepted.*

Spacing and Indentations

The final text should be single spaced but a double spaced manuscript may be submitted for editing by the convener. Titles of subheadings should not be underlined. Text should be "justified" in order to fill the entire printable area. Provide a hanging indent (0.6 cm) on the second line of the Keywords and Literature Cited references. First lines of all paragraphs should have a 1.25 cm indentation except those that immediately follow rank three and rank four subheadings. Do not include blank lines between paragraphs within a section.

ORGANIZATION OF A RESEARCH PAPER

Title

Titles are printed in boldface in 14 point type. If the paper is in Spanish or French with extended English abstract, (see Language above) the title is in boldface in English and not in boldface for other languages. Use capital and lower case for the first word in the titles except for articles ("a" and "the"), prepositions ("of," "in" "on." "during," "between"), and conjunctions ("and" and "but"), except when they are the first word. Gene symbols, which normally begin with lower case letters are not capitalized in titles nor is the first word of specific epithets in binomials. Do not include authorities for binomials in titles. Keep titles as concise as possible. Binomials will be in boldface Italics.

Bylines

The byline under the title includes the name of author(s) (without titles) and affiliations. The given name of authors may be either written out in full or listed by initials. Initials are followed by a period. If two initials are listed, do not include a space between them but provide a space before the family name. The family name is always presented after the given name, even for those countries that use a different sequence (Spanish names are alphabetized by the paternal family name. Accents should be kept in names so as not to violate their spelling rules). The affiliation or address of author is included below the name. The address of the author may be in the language of the country, but spell out the country name in English.

For multi-authored papers keep the affiliation of each author separately; when space permits, these can be listed side by side; if not, underneath each other. If there are two authors, separate the author name by "and," e.g. A.B. Smith and C.D. Jones; three authors would be A.B. Smith, C.D Jones and E.F. Brown. Do not use footnotes in the bylines.

Footnotes should be avoided in bylines. They might be appropriate when there are two departments in one institution.

Journal Paper Numbers

Journal paper numbers, or reference numbers, if needed, are placed in the Acknowledgement section (see below).

Keywords

This is a rank 2 heading followed by colon (Keywords: apple, pear). List five to seven key words not used in the title. Remember that electronic search engines focus on Title and Keywords. The second line of keywords is a hanging indent (0.6 cm).

Abstract

Use a rank 2 heading for Abstract. An abstract in English, limited to 200-300 words in a single paragraph, all boldface, is required in all cases. Indent the first line of the abstract. The abstract should contain a concise but comprehensive statement of the problem and results. The entire abstract should be in boldface. *The title and abstract will be freely available on the ISHS website and should be considered an advertisement for the paper as it may be all that most viewers will read. Thus, it should be carefully and accurately written.*

Introduction

This should include a statement of the problem, a brief survey of previous work, and the scope and purpose of the investigation. References to previous work should be included.

Materials and Methods (Experimental Procedures)

This section should be included in papers describing experiments but may not be required in review papers. Describe concisely the plant materials, the growing technique, methods used, and lay-out of experiments. Include the name of all chemicals and compounds. An indication of the statistical methods used to analyze data should be included

Results and Discussion

This is the heart of the paper. The section(s) may either be presented as a single section or divided into separate Results and Discussion sections. If separate, describe experimental results in the Results section and reserve interpretations, speculations, and conclusions for the Discussion section. At the end of the paper attempt to answer questions formulated in the introduction and conclude with a summary of results and an assessment of future research or prospects.

Acknowledgements

This is reserved for journal paper numbers, source of funding, and name of project, if required. Acknowledgement of help from colleagues or professional associates is appropriate but avoid acknowledgement of routine secretarial help or family members.

Citations and Literature Cited

1. Format. Citations to references in the text are listed chronologically surrounded by parentheses with the following format: (Peters, 1950; Jones and Smith, 1990; Brown et al., 1999a). If there are two authors with the same name that have published in the same year, initials may be used to avoid confusion. Note: "et al." is used for three or more authors.

Citations to personal communications include the surname or initials of the person and are only to be included within the text, not in the Literature Cited section. The date is optional. Thus: (A.B. Peters, pers. commun.) or (A.B. Peters, pers. commun., 2001).

Consider Literature Cited as a Rank 2 heading,. Literature cited should only include references used in the paper. List the authors in alphabetical order, letter by letter, and in chronological order for publications of the same author(s). Do not use a comma

before "and" after the penultimate author. Do not use an issue number if the journal uses consecutive numbers for each volume. In the format that follows, note that in all cases the given name or initials follow the family name.

Journal Paper:

Navazoi, J.P. and Simon, P.W. 2001. Diallel analysis of high carotenoid content in cucumber. *J. Amer. Soc. Hort. Sci.* 126:100-104.

Van Os, E. and Benoit, F. 1999. State of the art of Dutch and Belgian greenhouse horticulture and hydroponics. *Acta Hort.* 481:765-767

Book:

Darrow, G.M. 1966. *The Strawberry: History, Breeding and Physiology.* Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York.

Chapter in Book:

Daubeny, H.A. 1996. Brambles. p.109-190. In: J. Janick and J.N. Moore (eds.), *Fruit Breeding, Vol. 3, Nuts.* Wiley, New York.

Chapter in Conference Proceedings:

Aviram, M. and Fuhrman, B. 1998. Tomato lycopene and (-carotene inhibit LDL oxidation. *Proc. Tomato and Health Seminar.* Pamplona, Spain 25-28 May. p. 45-52.

Website:

Food and Agricultural Organization. 2002. www.fao.org

2. Abbreviations. Do not abbreviate single word journals. Do not abbreviate states or provinces of countries.

Tables and Figures

Tables and figures are normally included at the end of the article in that sequence. Prefix the table section with the word Tables and the figure section with the word Figures. Captions are provided directly above each table and below each figure with hanging indents. They are numbered consecutively with Arabic numbers, and aligned with the width of the Table or Figure, or to the full width of the page if the figure or table occupies more than half of the width of the page. Thus, Table 1, Table 2 etc. and Fig. 1, Fig. 2. etc. If the table or figure is not original, give the source at the end of the caption, e.g. Source: Jones et al. 2001.

1. Tables. Use tables sparingly. Titles of tables go above the table. Place all headings to the center of their column. The size of the table should not exceed the standard page width and length, but tables may be placed portrait or landscape format. Solid lines are used in the heading and in the bottom of the table but are to be avoided in the body, but, if necessary, use dotted lines. The units of the data must be indicated in parentheses in the table headings. If table footnotes are needed, use superscript Arabic numbers 1, 2, 3, etc. The sources of tables should be in the caption (see model).

Proper format for tables in *Acta Horticulturae* should include 4 parts:

(1) caption, (2) masthead, (3) body, and (4) footnotes. This can best be demonstrated with two examples, listed as Table 1 and Table 2 in the [sample article](#) file.

Caption. The caption should be understandable without recourse to the paper itself. The caption has only the first word capitalized (except for proper names) and ends in a period. The caption may be more than a single sentence. The source of the table, if necessary to include, is indicated in the caption (see Table 2).

Masthead. In general, tables are best read up and down. Each column of the table must be explained by a masthead heading. The masthead is enclosed top and bottom by two lines extending to the each edge of the table (see Table 1 and 2). Horizontal lines within the masthead can be used to separate groups under a common heading (see Table 2). The units of each column need to be clearly indicated, e.g., No. fruit; Fruit wt. (g); Harvest index (%). Masthead headings should be located on the bottom of the masthead cell.

Body. Avoid internal lines in the body of the table. Center values under the masthead heading. Use rounding to avoid unwarranted precision. Means may be separated by using lower case letters (5% significance) or upper case letters (1% significance). Indicate statistical tests and significance by footnotes, preferably superscript 1, 2, 3, etc. [If letters are used, start at the end of the alphabet (z, y, x, etc.).] The body of the table is enclosed in a line.

Footnotes. Footnotes go underneath the body of the table. Put each footnote on a separate line.

2. Figures. Titles of figures go underneath the figure. Figures may be submitted electronically but provide a hard copy since resolution may be imperfect. If a figure is outsized it may be reduced photographically. Be sure to include clear, sharp pictures. Figures, graphs and drawings normally should be all in black and white, not color. Color photographs can only be printed after a special agreement with the conveners and ISHS Secretariat and there will be a charge to authors.

SUBMISSION AND REPRINTS

Submission

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am pleased to inform you that UAE University will be organizing the Third International Date Palm conference, which will be held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahayan, President of UAE, during the period February 19-21, 2006. The previous two international date palm conferences were both organized in UAE during March 8-10, 1998 and March 25-27, 2001, respectively.

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