

Report
on
Vith International Pineapple Symposium at Jaoa Pessao, Brazil

The Vith International Pineapple Symposium, organized by Embrapa Cassava & Tropical Fruits, BRAZIL under the auspices of the International Society for Horticulture Science (ISHS), the Brazilian Corporation for Agricultural Research (EMBRAPA), the Paraíba State Secretary of Agricultural Development and Fishery and other Brazilian organizations. was held at Hotel Tropical , Jaoa Pessao Pariaba State, Brazil *w.e.f.* 18-23 November, Inaugural session was held on the first day with Governor of Pariaba State as chief Guest

A field trip to Santa Rita, the largest pineapple producer in Pariaba State ,13 km away from Jaoo Pessao, was conducted on the second day with a host of experts. The first technical session started on the third day with Convenor of the symposium Dr. Haroldo giving general orientation of the symposium, followed by ISHS update highlighted by Dr. Jack Ganny, Chairman of ISHS. This first technical session on genetic research, breeding and micro..... damping was conducted with 9 speakers and about 50 papers were put up as posters. In the afternoon session , 8 papers were presented and about 50 papers as posters .I also presented my paper on “*Pineapple cultivation for upliftment of rural economy in Nagaland, India*” in this session.. On the 4th day, city tour was conducted and in the evening, an official symposium dinner was hosted at the beach side of the Hotel Tropical. On the 5th day , a session on “Crop management II” was conducted with 7 speakers, session on “Plant protection” with 7 speakers and a session on “Alternativeuses” with 4 speakers. There was a parallel session of posters with about 50 posters for review and discussion . On the last day, a session on “Post harvest management” was conducted with 5 speakers. Then another session on “Market and commercialization” was held with 3 speakers and a parallel poster session with over 40 posters .

Altogether, there were about 350 participants from 27 countries all over the globe. The official language used was English, Portuguese and French and there were translation facilities for all these languages. The participants of the symposium comprised of entrepreneurs, progressive farmers, academician, research and business cooperates.

The venue of the symposium Jaoa Pessao is in the North Eastern part of Brazil with clean environment and friendly warm hearted people. Brazil is the largest producer of pineapple in the world but as they are heavy consumer ,it is only sufficient for domestic consumption and hence not much focus is given to export market of pineapple. Their main thrust of research and development is to manage fusariosis disease, which is considered a national problem. Besides pineapple, they also grow on large scale other horticultural crops like banana, passionfruit cashewnut, as well as field crops like sugarcane, tapioca, etc.

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