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**Research Training Workshop on Facilitating uptake by SMEs of Research on New Processing Technologies for Underutilised Fruits**

**13th - 15th May, 2013, Kandy, Sri Lanka.**

**Introduction**

The Centre of Underutilised Crops (CUC) at the University of Southampton, the Agriculture Education Unit of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and ICRAF – Sri Lanka Program are jointly organising a three day (13-15 May, 2013) research training workshop funded by the Leverhulme Trust, UK and ICRAF Sri Lanka program. The workshop will focus on approaches and tools to facilitate uptake by SMEs of new processing technologies for fruits and their derivatives. It is targeted at members of the International network on preserving safety and nutrition of indigenous fruits and their derivatives and Sri Lankan participants from the food technology sector (research, SME and policy).

**Workshop objectives**

The workshop objectives are:

1. To enable participants to exchange best practices on how to ensure uptake by SMEs of fruit processing technologies through:

* Engaging SMEs in research planning
* Collaborative research with SMEs
* Targeted dissemination and transfer of technology to SMEs

1. To support network participants in writing funding proposals
2. To draft dissemination outputs based on the network’s previous workshops targeted at different audiences

**Workshop venue:**

The workshop will be held at the Board Room of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

**Accommodation for participants**:

The participants will be accommodated (bed and breakfast basis) at the Hotel Topaz, Kandy, Sri Lanka. Lunch and tea will be served at the workshop venue.

**Training Workshop Program**

**Day 1: 13th May 2013 (Monday)**

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| **TIME** | **INAGURAL SESSION** | **SPEAKER/CHAIR** |
| 10.00-10.30 | **Registration and Tea** | |
|  | Lighting of the oil lamp |  |
| 10.30-10.40 | Welcome address | Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara  Chairman of the Session |
| 10.40-10.50 | Introduction to the workshop | Dr Kate Schreckenberg |
| 10.50-11.00 | Address by Agriculture education Unit | Prof. Buddhi Marambe |
| 11.00-11.10 | Address by Dean/Agriculture | Prof. K Samarasinghe |
| 11.10-11.20 | Address by Vice Chancellor of University of Peradeniya | Prof. Athula Senarathne |
| 11.20-11-25 | Vote of thanks | Dr. KH Sarananda |
|  | **5 Min. Health Break** | |
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| 11.30-13.30 | **TECHNICAL SESSION I:**  **ENGAUGING SMEs IN RESEARCH PLANNING IN PARTNER COUNTRIES**  **Chairman: Prof. HPM Gunasena**  **Rapporteur: Dr. MA Hamid/Prof DAN Dharmasena** | |
| 11.30-11.50  11.50-13.00  13.00-13.30 | Engaging SMEs in research planning and research related to fruit and vegetables in Sri Lanka  Engaging SMEs in research planning and research in other partner countries (Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, Cambodia)  Discussion | Dr. KH Sarananda  Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara  Prof. DAN Dharmasena  Mr. CR Gunawardena  Members from partner countries  SMEs (Tropical Health Food, Lanka Kings Food, |
| 13.30-14.00 | **LUNCH** |  |

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| 14.00-17.00 | **TECHNICAL SESSION II:**  **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH WITH SMEs IN PARTNER COUNTRIES**  **Chairman: Prof. HPM Gunasena**  **Rapporteur: Dr. MA Hamid/Prof DAN Dharmasena** | |
| 14.00-15.00 | Collaborative research with SMEs in Sri Lanka (30 min presentation and discussion)  Presentations from partner countries and discussion. | Prof. DAN Dharmasena, and Mr WMCB Wasala and Mr. CR Gunawardena of Institute of Postharvest Technology  Members from partner countries and SMEs (Tropical Health Food, Lanka Kings Food, V & J Industries) |
| 15.00-15.30 | Commercialisation of technology and promote SME: Economic Perspectives and discussion | Mr. Vajira Balasuriya,  Department of Agriculture Economics and Business Management |
| 15.30-17.00 | A breakout group with SME partners to discuss product development lifecycle and at which point SMEs need research input, and how they go about obtaining it | Facilitate by Dr Kate Schreckenberg and Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara and a few SME members.  Group work followed by presentations and discussion |
| 17.00 | Closure of the first day |  |
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| 19.30-22.00 | **WORKSHOP DINNER** | Roof Top, Hotel Topaz, Kandy |

**Day 2: 14th May 2013 (Tuesday)**

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|  | **TECHNICAL SESSION III:**  **TRAINING ON HOW TO WRITE RESEARCH PROPSALS**  **Chairman: Dr. MA Hamid**  **Rapporteur: Prof. DAN Dharmasena** | |
| **TIME** | **SESSION** | **SPEAKER/CHAIR** |
| 09.00-10.00 | Training in how to write research proposals | Dr. Kate Schreckenberg  Dr. Nazmul Haq  Prof. HPM Gunasena |
| 10.00-10.30 | **TEA** | |
| 10.30-12.30 | Training in how to write winning research proposals | Dr. Kate Schreckenberg  Dr. Nazmul Haq  Prof. HPM Gunasena |
| 12.30-13.30 | **LUNCH** | |

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|  | **TECHNICAL SESSION IV:**  **DISSEMINATION OF NETWORK ACTIVITIES**  **Chairman: Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara**  **Rapporteur: Prof DAN Dharmasena** | |
| **TIME** | **SESSION** | **SPEAKER/CHAIR** |
| 13.30-15.30 | Network dissemination: Presentations on potential outputs  Discussions | Dr. Kate Schreckenberg  Dr. Nazmul Haq |
| 15.30-16.00 | **TEA** | |
| 16.00-18.00 | Group work to develop various dissemination outputs | Dr. Kate Schreckenberg |
| 18.00 | Closure of the second day |  |

**Day 3: 15th May 2013 (Wednesday)**

**Field Visits**

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| **TIME** | **SESSION** | **SPEAKER/CHAIR/RESPONSIBILITY** |
| 08.30-12.00 | 1. Linking SME with government interventions: Hela Bojun (DOA Initiatives as a success) 5 km from the workshop venue  2. Visit to Gannoruwa A Park, DOA Food, Fruit and Vegetable Processing Centers. 5 km from the workshop venue  **(Tea will be served here)**  3. Discussion at Juizees (CIC Outlet) at Peradeniya on technology transfer  5 km from the workshop venue **(Health drink will be served at this location)** | Dr. KH Sarananda  Rapporteur: Mr. CR Gunawardena  Dr. KH Sarananda  Rapporteur: Mr. CR Gunawardena  Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara Rapporteur: Mr. CR Gunawardena |
| 12.00-13.00 | **LUNCH** | |
| 13.00-14.30 | Visit to Pallekele Industrial Estate on success case on Fruit Processing after Technology Transfer  15 km from workshop venue | Prof. DAN Dharmasena  Rapporteur: Mr. CR Gunawardena |
| 14.30-15.00 | **TEA** and Closure of the workshop and Sightseeing in Kandy and Peradeniya | Prof. DAN Dharmasena  Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara  Dr. KH Sarananda  Mr. CR Gunawardena |

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