

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT:**The 6th International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-6)****5th-8th May 2015****VETIVER SYSTEM: EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

The Organizing Committee of the Sixth International Conference on Vetiver has the great pleasure of extending invitation to you to join us in the significant event which is to be held in **5-8 May 2015** in Danang City, Vietnam..

With the theme “*Vetiver System: Empowering Sustainable Development*”, ICV-6 aims at promoting the application of vetiver in the global task of sustainable development of agriculture, civil engineering, environment (including water and land improvement and rehabilitation) and other possible areas. Continuing the success of ICVs in the past years, ICV-6 promisingly creates an effective forum for those interested in, passionate about and experienced in vetiver system’s applications, provides opportunities for networking, business, professional growth and learning.

The followings are confirmed schedule of the conference program:

May 5:

- Registration
- Set up of Exhibitions and Posters
- International Training of Vetiver Handicraft Making. (People attending this one-day course have to arrive the day before)
- Welcome Dinner attended by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Patron of TVNI.

May 6:

- Registration
- Inauguration of ICV-6
- Keynote addresses
- Presentation of the King of Thailand Vetiver Awards by the Princess and TVNI Awards by Dick Grimshaw, TVNI Founder
- Presentation of the Awards Winning Papers
- Invited paper presentations

May 7:

- Plenary presentation of invited papers (if required)
- Concurrent Sessions presentation of papers
- Concluding remarks and Panel discussion on issue of great interest
- Farewell dinner

May 8:

- Field day: visiting Vetiver planting sites near Danang and Hue

AWARDS

We are pleased to announce the good news that both The King of Thailand Awards and TVNI Awards have been extended to cover more subjects and prizes.

KING OF THAILAND AWARDS

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, as the Chairperson of His Majesty the King of Thailand's Chaipattana Foundation, has approved of granting US\$ 15,000 from the Chaipattana Foundation for "The King of Thailand Vetiver Awards" for six most outstanding works on vetiver (prize money of US\$ 2,500 each) in the following categories:

1. Outstanding Vetiver Research
 - Agricultural Application
 - Non-agricultural application
2. Outstanding Dissemination and Application of the Vetiver System
 - Dissemination and Technology Transfer
 - Application of Vetiver System
3. Outstanding People Participation
 - On-farm Applications and Socio-economic Impacts
 - Disaster Mitigation or Environmental Protection

The six winners will receive the awards from HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the Patron of TVNI, on His Majesty the King of Thailand's behalf, at ICV-6's Opening Ceremony. The recipients of the awards will present their papers at the Conference and be covered with the cost of participation at ICV-6 as well as the international travel between their home country and the conference venue and accommodation during the conference period.

The deadline of paper submission for these Awards is 31st January 2015. Awards winners will be announced on ICV-6 website on 1st April 2015.

Please refer to the ICV-6 website (Thread "King of Thailand Awards") for the details of Application forms, Specifications for abstract and full paper, Awards Criteria for Consideration and Selection Committee, and also to TVNI website

http://www.vetiver.org/THA_kingsaward1915.pdf

- *Please note that the same submission can be used for both Awards but they have to be submitted to separately.*

TVNI AWARDS

The Vetiver Network International Awards will be offered in the following categories:

1. Basic vetiver plant research
2. Bioengineering

- (a) Research
- (b) Application
- 3. Agriculture – Soil and Water Conservation
 - (a) Research
 - (b) Application
- 4. Mitigation of Contaminated Land and Water
 - (a) Research
 - (b) Application
- 5. Advancing vetiver application in community development
- 6. Innovation – anything new, tested but not yet adopted widely
- 7. **Vetiver Champion** - This is open to nomination for individuals who have been instrumental, either in their country or region or technical area in effective and dedicated promotion, investigation, improvement, etc., of the use of the Vetiver System over the last 4-5 years. (Please note that individuals may not nominate themselves.)
- 8. **Global Vetiver Champion** - This is for recognition of individuals who have made exceptional contributions over the long term for the advancement of Vetiver System and have achieved global impacts. This award is dedicated to exceptional contributors and may not be given out at every ICV. (Please note that individuals may not nominate themselves.)

In addition, the following **Vetiver System** related monetary awards will be made by the Committee based on selections from the submissions for all the above Categories

Monty Yudelman Award (\$2 500) - For contributions in agriculture and food security.

Mark Dafforn Award (\$1 500) - For contributions in science and research

Nick Dolphin Award (\$750) - For contributions in community participation.

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Please refer to the ICV-6 website (Thread “TVNI Awards”) for the details of Application forms, Specifications for abstract and full paper, Awards Criteria for Consideration and Selection Committee, and also to TVNI website http://www.vetiver.org/TVNI_Awards_2015.pdf

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

Researchers, engineers, specialists and other professionals are invited to submit papers compatible with the conference theme. Well-documented case studies and experience in applying vetiver system in the practice of sustainable development are highly encouraged.

Abstracts should be submitted in the prescribed format, which will be provided later through the ICV-6 website (Thread “Paper Presentation”).

The authors of accepted abstracts, which are selected by the Advisory Board, will be informed via email on 10 February 2015 and be asked for extended abstracts or full papers.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

In addition to the plenary session on 6 May, there will be 4 concurrent sessions on 7 May:

1. Bioengineering
2. Environmental Protection (including water and land)
3. Socio-economic and community participation
4. Innovation

Due to time constrain, oral presentation of all submitted papers may not be possible, in this case the Editorial Committee will select the most appropriate papers for oral presentation. But all submitted papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for the collation of all abstracts, papers and posters submitted to the Conference, selection of papers for oral presentation if needed and preparation of the Conference Proceedings. Committee members will include Dr Paul Truong, TVNI, Mr Man Tran. Co-Chairman Organizing Committee and Dr Samran Sombatpanit, Thailand.

All submissions should be sent to:

- Dr Paul Truong <P.truong@veticon.com.au> and Cc to
- Man Tran <man.trandn@gmail.com> and
- Dr Samran Sombatpanit <sombatpanit@gmail.com>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

01 July 2014	Online registration
10 January 2015	Submission of presentation paper's or poster's abstract

10 February 2015	Notification of accepted abstracts
10 March 2015	Submission of extended abstract or full paper or poster
5 April 2015	Application for exhibition
June 2014 – January 2015	Early registration
February 2015 – May 2015	Normal registration
5-8 May 2015	Conference

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND FEE

Registration should be made online via ICV-6 website (www.icv6.org) or by sending form to the conference secretariat (email: icv6info@gmail.com).

Early registration (before 31 Jan 2015)	300 USD
Normal registration (after 31 Jan 2015)	350 USD
For authors of accepted papers	250 USD
For Vietnamese students (excluding banquet)	50 USD
Group registration (from 3 people upwards)	20% discount on the price

The above fee includes the conference proceedings including materials, lunches, coffee breaks, banquet dinner and field trip costs.

Students have to attach a copy of their student IDs or a letter from their supervisor confirming their student status when they submit the registration form. An additional banquet dinner ticket is 50 USD.

Online Registration will be available on July, 2014.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants should make hotel room reservation on their own directly at the hotel of their choice. The Organizing Committee can recommend and assist in hotel booking upon participant's request.

For more detailed information on hotels in Danang, please contact the Conference Secretariat via email icv6info@gmail.com.

FIELD TRIP

A one-day field trip will be held on 8 May 2015. Due to time restriction and distance, 2 sites will be visited:

- (1) **Laguna Resort South of Hue.** Extensive applications of VS were carried out on the access road to the Resort, where comparison can be made between VS by itself and VS in association with conventional hard structures. At the resort itself, vetiver was also widely used for cut and fill slopes as well as for landscaping around various facilities.
- (2) **Son Tra Peninsula:** To show case the incredible survival instinct of vetiver under extremely hostile environment including ocean salt spray

POST CONFERENCE TRIP

9 May Day trip: For those who wish to stay on to visit Danang City; Hoi An, the first commercial trading post between Vietnam and the West in 18th Century; and Hue the ancient and historical capital of Vietnam with several Imperial tombs.

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