

A summary report about the 12th International Rapeseed Congress
sent by the Secretariat
of the Rapeseed Congress in Wuhan

1. The 12th International Rapeseed Congress was successfully held in Wuhan, China on March 26-30, 2007, with the theme of Sustainable Development in Cruciferous Oilseed Crops Production. Delegates of 875 from 31 countries and more than 100 Chinese auditors participated in the congress, in which 373 delegates from China, the rest 502 from other countries. The congress published 5 volumes of Proceedings, 1 of abstracts, 1 disc of the papers and abstracts as well as a program book and a participants' list. In addition, the congress published a copy of abstracts in Chinese for the Chinese delegates specially.
2. The vice minister of Agricultural Ministry of the People's Republic of China, the Governor of Hubei Province, the Mayor of Wuhan Municipal City attended the opening ceremony and gave an interview to the 5 Eminent Scientist Award receivers of GCIRC and Mr. Andre Pouzet, the general secretary of GCIRC. Hui Liangyu, vice premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, sent his congratulation letter to the congress and more than 20 other units and organizations also sent their congratulation letters to the congress. During the opening ceremony, Dr. James K. Daun from Canada was awarded the Eminent Scientist Award of GCIRC. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Eminent Scientist Award of GCIRC, the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China issued an Honorary Certificate to all the awardees of the award (Professor Fu Tingdong, China, in 1991, Dr. K. Downey, Canada, in 1995, Dr. G. Röbbelen, Germany, in 1999, Dr. J. Krzymanski, Poland, in 2003, Dr. J. Daun, Canada, in 2007), and the congress awarded them souvenir. More than 1000 people attended the opening ceremony including delegates, staff, journalists, students and volunteers.
3. More than 200 delegates visited the rapeseed production field in Jingzhou, Hubei Province on March 26, 2007.
4. The congress received 689 papers, in which 10 were selected for plenary presentation and 202 were chosen for parallel session presentation and the rest 477 were presented in poster for the whole congress period. And workshops on 8 topics were conducted.
5. The congress provided welcome reception, banquet, acrobatic show, Chime Bell performance, and a visit to Huazhong Agricultural University and Oil Crops Institute of Chinese Agricultural Academy.
6. During the congress, International Scientific Committee meeting, GCIRC Board meeting, and GCIRC Assembly meeting were organized with great success.
7. Lifetime Achievement Award of Indian MRPC was awarded to Prof. Fu Tingdong, China and Ian Christian, UK, during the congress.
8. The congress was regarded a great successful one according to the feedback information. The major reasons for the success lies: First, the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China and the local government paid great attention to the congress, the news press reported the congress in great amount, and the visit of rapeseed production field was fully supported by the local government. Second, all the major rapeseed institutes in this country were organized as a team to work together for the preparation and operation of the congress, and an International Scientific Committee was formed and support was received from the experts all over the world. Third, a lot of experiences were absorbed from the previous congresses. During the 11th IRC in Copenhagen, we distributed Enquiring Letters on how to hold the 12th IRC successfully to the participants. And we received quite a lot letters with very useful suggestions, which provided very good help to the congress.

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