

XXIX ISSCT CONGRESS

The XXIX ISSCT Congress will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 5 to 8 December 2016. The Pre-Congress Tour will be held from 2 to 3 December and the Post-Congress Tour from 8 to 11 December. Please refer to Newsletter No. 4 at <http://www.issct.org/pdf/NewsletterNo4XXIXCongress.pdf>

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Technical Program of the Congress is under preparation. It will consist of paper and poster presentations. It will start on Monday 5 December afternoon with sessions in the morning and in the afternoon on Tuesday 6 December, Wednesday 7 December and Thursday 8 December. Plenary Sessions will be held at the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning and after coffee on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Originally there were about 400 expressions of interest for presentations at the Congress. After selection based on various criteria, some 290 papers and posters have been accepted. The peer review process is almost completed.

The official Program will be available in mid-October 2016.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary sessions will be held on each day of the Congress. At the Opening Ceremony the topic will be **Issues of sustainability in sugarcane cane production**. On subsequent days the topics will include: producing sugarcane under changing environmental conditions; changing economic conditions; and changing policy and management regimes.

The speakers will elaborate on the 'Effect of global warming on sugarcane', 'Production cost analysis across Thailand, Vietnam, South Africa and Brazil', 'Sugarcane research, development and extension, over-managed and under-performing' and 'On dynamics of the global sugar industry'.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register for the XXIX ISSCT Congress 2016 and associated activities (Pre-Congress Tour, Congress-Day Excursion and Post-Congress Tour) ISSCT members should access the registration form available on the Congress Website and enter their ISSCT membership number, fill in all required details, choose the activities in which they would like to take part and make the payment by credit card or bank transfer.

Online registration please visit www.29issctthailand.com/?page_id=684

ISSCT Membership

Attendance at and participation in the congress and workshops are restricted to ISSCT members only. Technologists/scientists/managers or employees of member organizations must join as individual members to participate in ISSCT activities. Each corporate member is entitled to one free individual member as its corporate representative.

ISSCT membership covers the period of about three years from the end of one Congress to the end of the next. Members will continue to receive newsletters and announcements after membership expires.

Individual membership (Congress participants) USD 140
Corporate membership (Exhibition participants) USD 2,000

Please visit the ISSCT website to register at www.issct.org/member.html



Congress Registration Fee

Type	Rate (USD)	Deadline
Early Bird Rate	1,350	Until 31 May 2016
Standard Rate	1,500	1 June to 30 September 2016
Late Registration	1,700	1 October to 30 November 2016
Onsite Registration	1,900	3-8 December 2016

Congress registration fee excludes, but requires, ISSCT Membership.

The registration fee includes:

- Entry to all congress sessions.
- The exhibition and poster areas.
- Congress Materials.
- Opening Cocktail party on 4 December 2016.
- Two coffee breaks per day during the congress.
- Lunches from 5-8 December 2016.
- Transportation from airport-official hotels-congress venue.
- Gala Dinner on 6 December 2016
- Farewell Dinner on 8 December 2016.

*** Transportation will available from official hotels only.

Details of accommodation at official hotels are on the Congress Website at www.29issctthailand.com

Accompanying Person Fee (USD 500)

Any accompanying person **should be included at the registration of a delegate**. One delegate can only register up to **five (5)** accompanying persons.

The registration fee for accompanying persons include;

- Entry to the exhibition and posters area.
- Opening Cocktail party on 4 December 2016.
- Two coffee breaks on 5 December 2016.
- Lunch on 5 December 2016.
- Transportation from airport-official hotels-congress venue.
- Gala Dinner on 6 December 2016
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Cancellation & Refund Policy

1. Cancellation must be notified to the congress secretariat by e-mail at issct2016reg.th@gmail.com or fax to (662) 229-3346.
2. All refunds will be made after the congress for administrative reasons and an administration fee will be charged.
3. In case of cancellation due to bad weather or other factors, no refund will be considered.
4. All fees will not be refunded when withdrawal is due to the registrant being unable to make his / her own travel arrangement, such as problems in application for a visa or other travel documents.
5. Cancellation schedule as follows:



On or before 30 September 2016

50% Reimbursement

After 30 September 2016

No Refund

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PRE-CONGRESS TOUR

2-3 DECEMBER 2016

The Pre-Congress Tour will take place in Khon Kaen Province in the North-Eastern part of Thailand. The tour comprises factory and agricultural visits on 2-3 December 2016.

Price per person USD 350

Includes

- Airport transfer to official hotels on **1 December 2016** (only for those who use the official hotels)
- Local transportation to places to be visited as indicated in the program
- Flight transfer to Chiang Mai on 4 December 2016 and transfer to official hotels
- Travel Insurance

Excludes

- **Flight to Khon Kaen. See below on ways to reach Khon Kaen.**
- **Hotel accommodation in Khon Kaen. The names of the official hotels are given below**

Ways to reach Khon Kaen

Delegates need to make arrangements to be in Khon Kaen on 1 December 2016. They may transfer at either Suvarnabhumi Airport or Don Muang Airport in Bangkok and take a domestic flight to Khon Kaen at Don Muang Airport. Suggested airlines are: Nok Air, Thai AirAsia and Thai Smile. Estimated flying time from Bangkok to Khon Kaen is 1.15 hours.

How to get to Don Muang Airport

- The free shuttle bus from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Don Muang Airport is provided on the second floor between gates 2 and 3. (Please check the time table at <http://suvarnabhumiairport.com/en/122-transfer-bus-between-suvarnabhum-don-muaeng>)
- Taxi service at Suvarnabhumi Airport is provided on the first floor between gates 4 and 7. The estimated driving time from Suvarnabhumi Airport to Don Muang Airport is 1 hour.
- Domestic check-in and baggage drop counter close at least **30 minutes** before your scheduled departure time.

Note: Flight to Khon Kaen **is not included** in the Pre-Congress package.

Recommended Official Hotels for Pre-Congress

Hotel accommodation **is not included** in the Pre-Congress package. Delegates need to make their own hotel accommodation reservations. There are three official hotels as follows:

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| • Pullman Khon Kaen Raja Orchid | THB 2,500 – 5,700 |
| • Kosa Hotel Khon Kaen | THB 1,500 – 1,600 |
| • Charoen Thani Khon Kaen | THB 1,400 – 1,500 |

***These 3 hotels are located in the same area and are in walking distance from one another.**

By using the official hotels, delegates will get free transfer service from airport to the hotels on 1 Dec 2016

The official hotels offer special rates only for the participants of ISSCT Pre-Congress Tour 2016. These special rates are net rates inclusive of service charge and government taxes.



Note: Delegates are advised to reserve accommodation for 3 nights (In: 1 Dec / Out: 4 Dec). The program will start on 2 December 2016 at 7 am, and will end on 4 December 2016 when all delegates will be transferred to Chiang Mai by air.

*Participants are to arrange their own booking by visiting ISSCT website at:
http://29issctthailand.com/?page_id=1374

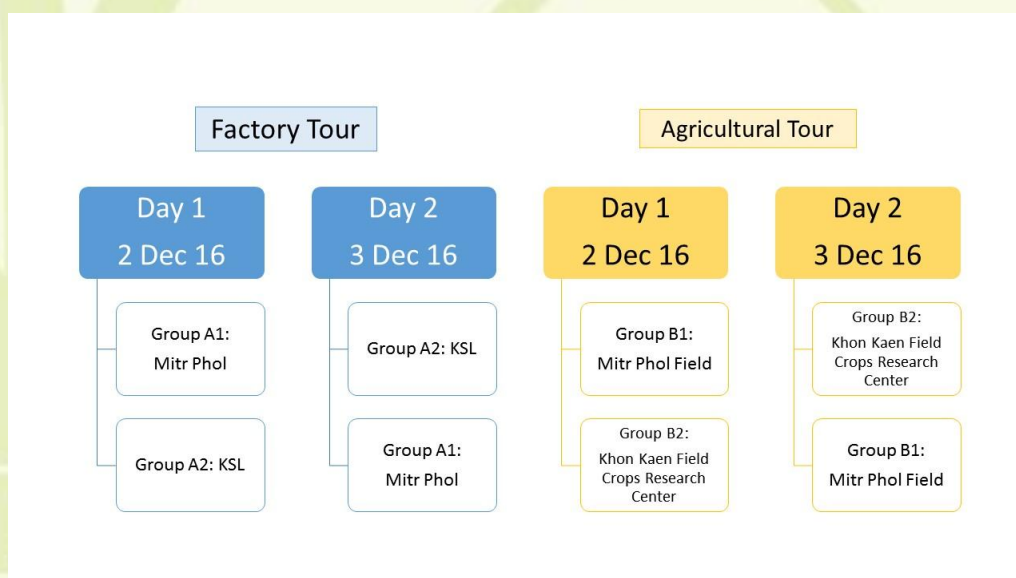
[Click here for the map to the recommended hotels for the Pre-Congress Tour.](#)

Pick-up and Drop-off Point

- On 2-3 December 2016, buses for pre-congress tours and accompanying persons program will be leaving from Charoen Thani Khon Kaen Hotel at 7 a.m. Participants will be taken back to the same hotel in the afternoon.
- On 4 December 2016, buses to Khon Kaen Airport will be leaving from Charoen Thani Khon Kaen Hotel in the morning.

Note: The specific time will be communicated later.

VISITS ON 2-4 DECEMBER 2016



The highlights of the programs are:

- Factory**
 - Mitr Phol Group** (the biggest sugar group in Thailand), Phukieo Campus factory tour showcasing their innovative technologies “zero waste sugar and bio-energy park” for sustainability with three elements: economy, environment, and society. The highlights of the tour are:
 - Sugar Plant:**
 - Factory Management & Energy Saving
 - GPS Control System from sugar cane field to factory
 - Full Automation Warehouse
 - Bio-Power Plant:**
 - Large Stock Bagasse Management: Mitr Phol has the unique bagasse stock management. It stockpiles bagasse in heaps more than 18 m high



- Ethanol Plant:
 - How to manage the biggest factory in Thailand
 - Ethanol and Benzene Blending Plant: Producing gasohol for vehicles to replace imported fossil fuel.
- **Khon Kaen Sugar Industry or KSL Group** (the first sugar company in the Stock Exchange of Thailand), factory tour showcasing the state-of-the-art diffusion plant ahead of other cane processing plants in Thailand. The highlights of the tour are:
 - The First Chainless Diffuser in Thailand. (Year 2013)
 - The Largest Bagasse Diffuser in Thailand (20,000 TCD)



- Agriculture
 - Pre-Congress Agricultural Tour showcasing how Thai sugar cane farmers coordinate with factories while achieving enhanced productivity and sustainability. The highlights of the tour are:
 - **Mitr Phol Group**
 - Contract Farming System: Support to small farmers to improve their quality of life
 - Management of contractors on small farms
 - Enhancement in productivity by small farming
 - Technology Transfer centre to raise cane productivity
 - Sustainable Sugar Cane Production: Whole Farm Self-Management by Small-Scale Farmers
 - Soil Health Management
 - Planting Method
 - Sugar Cane Treatment
 - Economic feasibility
 - Cane Loading Station:
 - All processes from harvesting to loading and transport to the factory
 - **Khon Kaen Field Crops Research Center**
 - Sugar cane varieties for the production of sugar, energy and forage in Thailand
 - Soil and water management in post rainy season planting under limited resources
 - Small mechanical equipment for small-scale farmers
 - Sugar cane white leaf disease: causative agents, disease vectors and management



On 4 December 2016, all delegates will be taken to the airport from the official hotels in Khon Kaen and on arrival in Chiang Mai they will be transferred to their respective hotels.

PRE-CONGRESS TOUR FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSON **2-3 DECEMBER 2016**

Price per person USD 400

Available for accompanying persons who do not wish to join the main factory and cane field tour. This program offers the opportunity to participants to learn about the culture of the Khon Kaen region.

Includes

- Airport transfer to official hotels on 1 December 2016 (only for those who use the official hotels)
- Local Transportation to places to be visited as indicated in the program
- Admission fees to places to be visited as indicated in the program
- Activities as indicated in the program
- English speaking guide
- Two lunches at Zab Nour Krua E-San Restaurant, and Bua Restaurant (food and drinking water)
- Drinking water and cold towels
- Flight transfer to Chiang Mai on 4 December 2016
- Travel Insurance

Excludes

- Flight to Khon Kaen. See above on ways to reach Khon Kaen.
- Hotel accommodation. The names of the official hotels are given above.

The Pre-Congress program for accompanying person is as follows:

2 December 2016	
08.00	Departure from hotel in Khon Kaen to Wat Chai Si.
08.30	Arrival at Wat Chai Si. ▪ Traditional local welcome ceremony called "Bai Sri Su Kwan"
11.30	Lunch at Zab Nour Krua E-sarn Restaurant.
13.00	Departure for Ban Paeng, Maha Sarakham Province.
14.00	Arrival at Ban Paeng. ▪ Reed Mat Weaving. ▪ OTOP quality products shopping.
16.00	Departure for Khon Kaen.
17.00	Arrival at the hotel.

3 December 2016	
09.00	Departure from hotel in Khon Kaen to Wat Nong Waeng.
09.10	Arrival at Wat Nong Waeng, the most famous temple in city.
10.00	Departure for Sala Mai Thai (Thai Silk Pavilion).
11.00	Arrival at Sala Mai Thai, the silk-weaving museum where you can learn about the entire silk-making process.
12.00	Departure for Bua Restaurant.
13.00	Arrival at Bua Restaurant. Enjoy lunch.
14.15	Departure for Hong Moon Muang.
14.20	Visit Hong Moon Muang. The museum where historical articles of Khon Kaen are preserved.
15.20	Departure for hotel
15.30	Arrival at the hotel.

4 December 2016	
AM time	Breakfast at hotel and check out (individual). ▪ Departure for Chiang Mai



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4. All fees will not be refunded when withdrawal is due to the registrant being unable to make his / her own travel arrangement, such as problems in application for a visa or other travel documents.
5. The deadline to register for the Pre-Congress program is 15 October 2016. **After this date, those who register for Pre-Congress have to make your own arrangements to travel back to Chiang Mai on 4 December.**
6. Cancellation schedule as follows:

On or before 31 October 2016 50% Reimbursement

After 1 November 2016 No Refund

For further inquiries, delegates contact the congress secretariat at issct2016reg.th@gmail.com

CONGRESS-DAY EXCURSION

6-8 DECEMBER 2016

Price per person (1 day) USD 120

Price per person (3 days) USD 300

Includes:

- Transportation
- English speaking guide
- Lunch
- Drinking water and cold towel
- Admission fee to places visited as indicated in the program
- Travel Insurance

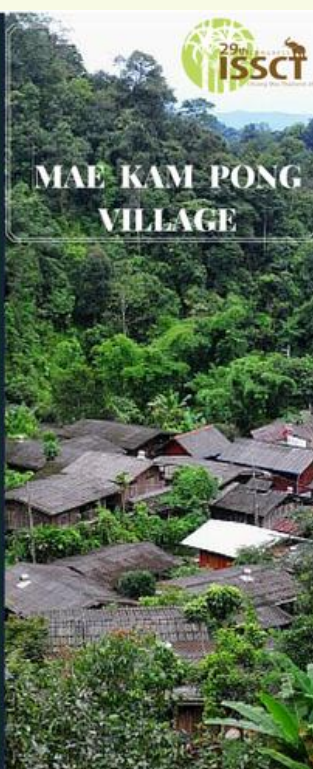


Program A

Green Destination

For the eco-tourists who want to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, traffic, noise pollution, air pollution, and most of all other tourists. We proudly present this program as you will be surrounded by the nature and culture of Chiang Mai.

Visit 'Ban Mae Kam Pong' and absorb the traditional way of life of the villagers, then admire the genuine Northern beauty of 'Wat Kantha Phrukka', and check out 'Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center', where you will be embraced by a refreshing and verdant ambiance.





PROGRAM B

" The Program is of special relevance to those interested in arts."

See the making of the famous and unique handmade Thai Celadon Kiln and high-fire stoneware at 'Sankampaeng' and the lacquerware, colorful paper, and parasol markers at 'Bor Sarng', visit the well-known mural paintings in 'Wat Buak Khrok Luang' and its main Buddha image 'Pra Prathan Wat Buak Khrok Luang', and enjoy your lunch with High Tea at 'Dhara Dhevi'.



PROGRAM C

Explore the once-under-water city due to big floods 'Wiang Kum Kam' and learn its terrific history taking a pony carriage or open-air tram, try local food at 'Kao Mao Kao Fang', visit one of the rare wooden temples 'Wat Ton Kwen', and be astonished by the local exquisite wood carvings and sculptors at 'Ban Tawai'.



POST-CONGRESS TOUR

9-11 DECEMBER 2016

Twin share, price per two persons USD 850

Single, price per person USD 700

Includes

- Transportation from Chiang Mai to Bangkok
- Food and Beverages
- Hotel accommodation (3 nights)
- Travel Insurance

Traveling southwards from Chiang Mai to Bangkok over three days, stopping by the picturesque historical provinces of Sukhothai and Nakhon Sawan. The program includes a technical tour in Sukhothai at Thip Sugar Sukhothai Factory (Cristalla Co., Ltd.), and in Nakhon Sawan at Kaset Thai International Sugar (KTIS Group) in addition to various cultural aspects.

Cultural Tour in Sukhothai, the capital city of the first kingdom of Siam established over 800 years.

- **Wat Phra Borom That Thung Yang** – the ancient temple commemorating the myth of Lord Buddha's visit to the area.
- **Sathorn Gold Textile Musuem** exhibiting old woven textiles and visits to shops selling gold in Sukhothai.
- **Sukhothai Historical Park** showing the historical significance of Sukhothai by tram, the last stop before heading to Nakhon Sawan where dinner will be served on a floating restaurant with a view on Chao Phraya River.

Thip Sugar Sukhothai Factory (Cristalla Co., Ltd.), featuring the 36 MW-capacity biomass power plant., The generated power is used in factory for sugar production, and is supplied to the Provincial Electricity Authority. The factory received an outstanding award: "Thailand Energy Awards 2015" and was the winner of "ASEAN Energy Awards 2015 - Co-generation Category."

The prime objective of the company is to develop an integrated complex with sugar and value added products, with an awareness of the environment and improved quality of life of the producers.

KTIS Group is the world's largest sugar mill, milling more than 55,000 tons of cane per day and producing sugar cane juice and sugar for local and international markets.

Besides sugar as the company's major product, KTIS Group produces various materials such as paper pulp from bagasse, ethanol from molasses and electrical energy from biomass.





The deadline to register for the Post-Congress program is 15 October 2016 on account of the logistics to be put in place for the Tour with 3 hotel nights in different locations in three provinces.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Delegates have already registered from the following countries:

Argentina / Australia / Belgium / Brazil / Cambodia / China / Colombia / Ecuador / France / Germany / Guatemala / India / Indonesia / Iran / Ivory Coast / Japan / Mauritius / Mexico / Pakistan / Reunion Island / Senegal / South Africa / Sweden / Thailand / Uganda / The Netherlands / United Kingdom / United States / Vietnam

EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIPS UPDATE

The XXIX ISSCT Congress 2016 Trade Exhibition is well advanced with more than 98% of exhibiting space sold!

The participants at the Exhibition will consist of sugar manufacturers, plant management companies, heavy equipment suppliers, research & development equipment, consultants, and supply chain managers.

The Trade Exhibition is an excellent business-matching opportunity unseen anywhere in the sugar cane and sugar world. The congress draws decision makers, researchers, users, millers from all over the world. Information on the full list of exhibition participants, floorplan, and mode of registration is available at www.29issctthailand.com

Each exhibition participant requires the mandatory ISSCT Corporate Membership (USD 2,000) as given on the ISSCT website at www.issct.org/member.html

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