

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Food Security & Food Safety:
Towards a One World, One Health Approach

We are very pleased to make the final announcement that 7th Annual Scientific Conference of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) will be jointly organized by CVASU and One World, One Health: Bangladesh Initiative (One Health Bangladesh) during 17-19 March 2009 at Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong. Since food security, food safety and health are intimately inter-linked and recent crises associated with food security and safety have created unprecedented attention to the global food systems, we will examine the application of “One World, One Health” approach in dealing with the emerging food crisis. It has been therefore decided to have a theme entitled “Food Security and Food Safety: Towards a One World, One Health Approach”.

Food systems issues including food production, processing and distribution are in a profound transformation. The culture of growing good food is being transformed into corporate industrial activity. This transforms food from essential nutrition to a globally traded commodity. Foodborne illness spreads across political boundaries and occasional intentional contamination threatens the trust of consumers. One billion people on the planet are hungry and another two billion are suffering from food related diseases. Those who are not getting access to food are victims of the malnutrition related to being poor and those who can buy foods are victims of bad foods. On a global scale, new diseases are emerging and more virulent forms of old diseases are growing as globalization spreads factory farming and industrial processing. Disease epidemics and food hazards can affect millions because of the centralization of food production and processing. Furthermore, global warming and climate change has started to affect the world food supply. In such situation, while genetic engineering technology has opened new opportunities for increasing food production, concerns are growing that this technology might introduce new food hazards. As food hazards grow, food safety laws in many countries are being shaped which deregulate large corporations and over-regulate the small scale self organized

economy. In search of finding alternatives, we are confronted with questions: 1) Can biodiverse sustainable organic farming feed a world population which is growing at an unprecedented rate, 2) Can we achieve food security without sacrificing the food safety, 3) Does globalization of the food supply mean that we all countries share responsibility for food safety throughout the entire food supply chain from producers to consumers? We will examine all these questions and other related issues in this conference in a frame of “One World, One Health Approach”. Professionals, scientists, academicians, policymakers, industrialists, entrepreneurs and development practitioners from home and abroad will attend the conference to deal with all these cutting-edge issues in this conference.

CVASU has been organizing its annual scientific conference (ASCon) for the last seven years and this tradition has not only become a part of the CVASU’s activities but also has created a network of passionate individuals and organizations who are dedicated to the cause of science and development. Furthermore, One World, One Health movement in Bangladesh was initiated through the 6th ASCon of CVASU. This movement has now taken a shape and already attracted a wide range of people including physicians, vets, agriculturists and environmentalists. I am taking this opportunity to invite you all to attend this conference. It will be a unique opportunity to share knowledge, ideas and experience and to create opportunity for future networking.

We look forward to welcoming you to wonderful city of Chittagong.

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&
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Objectives

- ⌘ Review the status of plant, animal and fish-based food security.
- ⌘ Discuss the threats to food security.
- ⌘ Discuss the consumers’ concerns of food safety and food security.

- ⌘ Discuss the issues of food safety and their impact in Bangladesh.
- ⌘ Discuss the risk management associated with food safety.
- ⌘ Review the status of food science education, research and development.
- ⌘ Framing recommendations for achieving food security and food safety in Bangladesh using One World, One Health Approach.

Programmes

Inaugural and Closing Sessions: A brief inaugural ceremony will be held on 17th March 2009 afternoon which will be opened by Dr. Abdur Razzaque, Honourable Minister for Food, Relief and Disaster Management, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, as chief guest. Other dignitaries representing the policy makers, civil society, academic and scientific community from home and abroad will be present on that occasion. Similarly, a closing ceremony will be held on 19th March 2009 evening to present the recommendations of the conference and we are expecting that Professor Dr. A.F.M. Ruhul Haque, Honourable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh will grace the occasion as chief guest.

Scientific Sessions: During 18-19 March 2009, both plenary and research presentations will be made on food security, food safety and on One Health approach for shaping research, education and development of food science and technology in Bangladesh. While plenary speakers will get 20 minutes time followed by 10 minutes for question and answer, research presentations will get 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes for question and answer. Space for poster presentations will be made available. We are expecting some highly reputed international academic and research leaders including Dr. P. Thangaraju, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Professor Katherina Staerk, Royal Veterinary College, London, Professor Birgit Norrung, University of Copenhagen, Alasdair J. Cook, Veterinary Laboratory Agency, UK, Dr. M. A. Jabber, Ex-ILRI scientist as plenary speakers. While an abstract of presentation will have to be submitted by 28th February, full paper will be required during or before conference as proceedings will be published soon after the conference.

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