## Second Announcement

## APSCO Second International Symposium on Food Security and

# Monitoring of Agriculture Through Satellite Technology

September 13 - 17, 2010 Islamabad, Pakistan

Food Security is a vital issue being faced by the Asia Pacific region due to scarcity of resources and natural disasters. APSCO Second International Symposium on Food Security and Monitoring of Agriculture Through Satellite Technology is being organized to address this issue with a specific emphasis on food security and use of space technology for monitoring of agriculture. This Symposium is being organized in Islamabad, Pakistan from September 13 to 17, 2010 by Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO) (<a href="https://www.apsco.int">www.apsco.int</a>) jointly with Pakistan Space and Upper Atmospheric Research Commission (SUPARCO) (<a href="https://www.suparco.gov.pk">www.suparco.gov.pk</a>).

Participation from Asia Pacific countries, other countries and relevant international agencies/organizations interested in addressing the theme of the Symposium are encouraged to join. Companies dealing with space technology and their applications may also participate and exhibit their products.

#### **Scope of the Symposium**

The Symposium will focus on the issue of food security and highlight the use of space technology for monitoring agriculture. It will provide a forum where representatives of different countries will share their knowledge and experiences in operational use of space technology in multiscale applications with particular reference to food security, agriculture and associated disciplines. Practical examples of application projects and R&D activities undertaken in respective countries will be encouraged. Also, research/theme papers around the topic may be submitted.

#### **Main Themes**

Food Security
Crop Estimation
Water Resource Management
Sustainable Agricultural Development
Satellite Technologies for Agriculture Monitoring
Other related topics

#### Call for Papers

Participants who wish to present paper(s) are invited to send extended abstracts of one page in English, including title, authors' names and affiliations, email and mailing addresses. The authors are also required to send their resume along with the abstract(s). Accepted abstracts will be printed in the "Abstract Book" and issued to the attendees at the symposium.

#### **Presentation**

Presentations are limited to 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes' questions and answers session. Multimedia and computer for aiding presentations will be available.

#### **Publication**

A full paper (electronic version) from participants who are going to give presentations will be asked to submit by 03 September 2010 for publication. All invited keynote speeches and presentations (electronic version) will be collected at the registration desk. The Symposium Secretariat will publish the proceedings after the Symposium and distribute the participants.

#### Language

English is the official language for the Symposium. No interpretation service will be provided.

#### Registration

All participants shall fill in the Registration Form attached herewith and send by facsimile or e-mail to the Secretariat of APSCO and SUPARCO along with the abstracts.

#### **Exhibition**

During the Symposium enough space will be available for exhibition. Those interested to display their products should contact the following before July 15, 2010.

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#### **Important Deadlines**

Submission of Abstracts13 may 2010Notification for Acceptance10 Jun 2010Deadline for Registration15 Jul 2010Submission of manuscripts03 Sep 2010Symposium13-17 Sep 2010

#### The Venue

The Symposium will be held in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan. Apart from all the modern amenities, Islamabad is neighbor to quite a few historical sites like Rawalpindi City, Margalla Hills, Faisal Mosque, ancient and historic city of Taxila with large number of Buddhist sits, Wah Gardens, Gurdawara Punja Sahib, Saidpur Village, Rawal Lake and Murree Hills etc. The nearby areas are rich in art, tradition and history as to offer a fitting backdrop for this event. There will be an ample opportunity for sight seeing during and after the Symposium.

## **Room Reservation**

SUPARCO, the local organizer, will make the hotel room reservation for all participants according to the Registration Form by 15 July 2010.

## Visa Application

SUPARCO, the local organizer, will provide the formal invitation letter to all participants for their visa application regarding to the Registration Form sent by the participants.

#### **Transportation**

SUPARCO, the local organizer, will provide transportation for all participants between the airport and hotel on their arrival and departure.

#### Contact person:

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# **Registration Form**

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# Outline Program of Symposium on Food Security and Monitoring of Agriculture through Satellite Technology

13 Sep 2010	15:00-17:00	Registration
14 Sep 2010	09:00-10:00	Registration
	10:15-11:10	Inaugural Session
	11:10-11:40	Hi-tea
	11:40-12:40	1 <sup>st</sup> Session (2 invited papers)
	12:40-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-15:40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session (5 papers)
	15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
	20:00	Banquet Dinner
15 Sep 2010	09:00-10:40	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session (5 papers)
	10:40-11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00-12:40	4 <sup>th</sup> Session (5 papers)
	12:40-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-15:40	5 <sup>th</sup> Session (5 papers)
	15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
	16:00-18:00	Technical Visit
16 Sep 2010	09:00-10:40	6 <sup>th</sup> Session (5 papers)
	10:00-11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00-12:40	7 <sup>th</sup> Session (5 papers)
	12:40-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-15:40	8 <sup>th</sup> Session (5 papers)
	15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
	16:00-19:00	Cultural Visit
17 Sep 2010	10:15-11:10	Closing Session
	11:10-11:40	Hi-tea