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Dear Sir

I wish to bring to your kind notice that an **International** symposium is being organized at Inst. of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, India on Viruses of ornamental and temperate fruits. I request you to kindly circulate among your colleagues and members of Genome India International so that interested persons may be able to join us for this meeting. Detailed message which describes importance and topics for the meeting is below:

Thanking you

sincerely

Zaidi

=====Message about symposium=====

A symposium is being organized at The Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, India in the month of December for two days, 17-18 December 2007. The symposium is entitled "Viruses of ornamentals and temperate fruits". Conference details are available on the website <http://www.ihbt.res.in/ivs/home.html>. The symposium is being organized as part of the international conference on Emerging and Re-emerging Viral Diseases of the Tropics and Sub-Tropics at New Delhi India organized by Indian Virological Society.

Ornamental and temperate fruit crops are pivotal to economy of the country. Livelihood of a number of farmers is solely dependent upon income generated from the sale of crop produce. Potential of these crops to yield is highly dependent upon their health which is a delicate balance of their know-how and emerging problems which the crops might encounter. This can be achieved by the regular discussions and sharing of ideas and experiences of leading workers in this area. This symposium is an effort towards gathering information and their dissemination in the form of deliberations during the symposia. A number of foreign and Indian scientists of repute working in the area of temperate fruits and ornamental plant viruses will be participating in this meeting. This will be highly useful from the point of view of understanding plant viral pathogens of these crops and developing control strategies benefiting farmers in the longer run. Topics which will be discussed during the symposium are:

- Quarantine and international trade
- Virus detection methods
- Transmission and epidemiology
- Resistance breeding
- Quality planting material, certification and diagnostic services
- Viroid and phytoplasma diseases
- New and emerging viruses and their hosts

During this symposium professors, scientists, researchers and officers from the plant protection and horticulture extension

wing (Progeny-cum-Demonstration Orchards/Nurseries), private registered nurseries, growers of ornamentals and temperate fruits especially apple, pear and stone fruits will be invited. They will be asked to bring out the problems that are prevalent in the field and how these can be sorted out will be discussed during deliberation in the symposium. Special attention will be given to what practices can be employed in the field for better yield and quality of marketable fruits. Overall, this symposium will give a platform for farmers and other officers from the state to directly interact with the scientists who are actual workers in the area, such an effort is rare and will be first of its kind in the state.

Quality improvement in the horticulture industry especially floriculture and fruit crops will be the main focus of the symposia. Information coming out of the deliberations will strengthen aforesaid industry in the country with special reference to virus disease management in fruits and ornamentals.

We request you to kindly participate and give wide publicity to this notification among plant virologists, floriculturists, pomologists and plant pathologists. A number of international scientists have already agreed to participate in the above symposium.

Yours sincerely

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