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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF COMMITTEES FOR THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL RICE CONGRESS (IRC)

The International Rice Congress (IRC), organized once every four years, is the world's largest gathering of scientists and experts from the industry, government, and non-governmental players in the global rice sector. The IRC 2023 is an event led by IRRI and co-organized by the Department of Agriculture.

In the interest of service, the following committees, who will be jointly working with the counterpart committees of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), are hereby designated as the Committees for the 2023 International Rice Congress (IRC):

HIGH LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairperson:	DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN Senior Undersecretary
Alternate co-chair:	MERCEDITA A. SOMBILLA Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations
Other members:	ENGR. ARNEL V. DE MESA, CESO III Assistant Secretary for Operations
	VENER I. DILIG OIC Director, Field Operations Service (FOS)

Co-chairs of the different committees

FUNCTIONS & ROLES

- Provide high level leadership and strategic direction on IRC;
- Provide high-level endorsement and promotion of the IRC; and
- Attend the IRC and deliver a potential keynote address.

OVERALL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairperson:	JOHN C. DE LEON Ph.D. Executive Director, Philippine Rice Research Institute
Other members:	ANTHONY B. OBLIGADO, Ph.D. OIC Assistant Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)



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PhilRice personnel (2)
NRP personnel (2)

FUNCTIONS & ROLES

- Provide overall IRC organizational management;
- Oversee all working committees;
- Oversee and decide on finance and budgetary matters/ concerns; and
- Interact with local organizing committee on matters that require high level advice/ action, such as but not limited to the following:
 - 'Recruitment' of High Level Advisory Committee members;
 - Invitation of VIPs and plenary speakers;
 - Interaction with Sustainable Rice Platform and other key networks for potential participation; and
 - Identification of potential sponsors and provide briefing to them.

**PROGRAM & SCIENCE (INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH CONGRESS-IRRC)
COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairperson: **JOHN C. DE LEON Ph.D.**
Executive Director, Philippine Rice Research Institute

Research Leads/Other members:

THEME 1: **Fast Tracking Genetic Solutions and Varieties**
DR. OLIVER E. MANANGKIL
Chief Science Research Specialist

DR. JONATHAN M. NIONES
Chief Science Research Specialist/Scientist 1

THEME 2: **One-Health and Nutritious Rice Value Chains**
DR. MARISSA V. ROMERO
Chief Science Research Specialist/Scientist 1

ALICE B. MATAIA
Supervising Science Research Specialist
DR. RONAN G. ZAGADO
Chief Science Research Specialist

THEME 3: **Digital Solutions Across Scales**
DR. EDUARDO JIMMY P. QUILANG
OIC-Deputy Executive Director for Research

THEME 4: **Nature Based Farming Solutions**
LEYLANI M. JULIANO
Chief Science Research Specialist



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DR. JENNIFER T. NIONES

Supervising Science Research Specialist

ENGR. EDUARDO V. ALBERTO

Officer-in-Charge, Chief, Soil Conservation
Management Division - BSWM

THEME 5:

Transforming Rice Landscapes for Climate Resilience

DR. RICARDO F. ORGE

Chief Science Research Specialist

DR. JASPER G. TALLADA

Supervising Science Research Specialist

ENGR. ERNESTO B. BRAMPIO

Chief, Water Resources Management Division-
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THEME 6:

Partnerships for Scaling and Impact

FIDELA P. BONGAT

Development Management Officer V

LEA DR ABAOAG

Chief Science Research Specialist

AILEEN C. LITONJUA

Senior Science Research Specialist

THEME 7:

Sustainable Global Rice Economy

DR. FLORDELIZA H. BORDEY

Director for Special Concerns/
Director for RCEF PMO

DR. JESUSA C. BELTRAN

Chief Science Research Specialist / Scientist 1

THEME 8:

Societal Equity, Equality and Prosperity

DR. JAIME A. MANALO IV

Supervising Science Research Specialist

DR. DIADEM G. ESMERO

Supervising Science Research Specialist

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The following functions and roles of the Program and Science Committee will be jointly performed by the DA and IRRI committee members:



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- Develop the overall IRC program with the assistance of other committees;
- Develop IRC themes with key words and the abstract and poster template;
- Review of the abstracts;
- Select oral presenters and poster presenters;
- Provide instructions to oral and poster presenters;
- Identify session chairs (rapporteurs);
- Identify keynote presenters;
- Develop poster sessions;
- Coordinate with the local organizing committee on information regarding the development of sessions (room assignment, date and time slot assignment); and
- Ensure availability of computers, audio-visual materials during sessions.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairperson:

ANTHONY B. OBLIGADO, Ph.D.

OIC Assistant Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

Other members:

CHERYL C. SUAREZ

Chief, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID)

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Acting Head, International R4D Relations Unit, BAR

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Acting Head, BAR- Research Program Development Division

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Head, BAR-Procurement Unit

ROBERTO S. QUING JR.

Chief Accountant, BAR

MARILOU C. OREN

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AFID personnel (4)

**Philippine Center for Postharvest Development
and Mechanization personnel (2)**

Bureau of Plant Industry personnel (2)

Agricultural Training Institute personnel (2)

**Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries
personnel (2)**


FUNCTIONS & ROLES

The above local organizing committee is organized into two sub-committees, as follows:

A. Sub-committee on Registration and Conference Management

- a. Coordinate day-to-day organization and on-site logistics with the event management group and other working committees;
- b. Provide inputs in the development of the registration system (including early bird registration);
- c. Assist in the management of the registration system and ensure the registration of speakers and VIP guests;
- d. Send itinerary and guidelines and souvenirs and thank you notes for all to speakers and VIP guests.

B. Sub-committee on Publicity, Design and Media Affairs

- a. Plan onsite equipment requirement;
 - b. Ensure audio visual and technical planning for plenary and side events;
 - c. Provide inputs on the conference brand identity, website and conference application;
 - d. Assist in the preparation of presentation holding slides;
 - e. Provide assistance/inputs in the development of press releases and articles for the website and conference app;
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- g. Ensure smooth media coverage reporting;
- h. Provide assistance/ inputs in the development of conference promotional videos (pre and post event), promotional kits for sponsors;
- i. Ensure conference photo and documentation;
- j. Send published event teasers; and
- k. Provide inputs/ assistance in the development of sponsorship packages and sponsorship management.

The various Committees shall schedule individual and/or joint meetings to discuss the progress and preparations for the event and update the high-level advisory committee on their work to ensure that tasks are accomplished in a timely manner.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 30th day of January 2023.


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Senior Undersecretary



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