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Call for Papers/Posters

Pleasantries from the Philippine Rice Research Institute!

On 29 November to 1 December 2023, DA-PhilRice will spearhead the **Ugnay Palay: The 35th National Rice Research for Development (R4D) Conference**.

This year's theme is "**Better Rice Communities**". It aligns with our new strategic plan for 2023-2028. The plan emphasizes the use of advanced science and technology to create prosperous rice communities. It focuses on improving their productivity, profitability, and well-being. The focus on farmers' well-being is deliberate, as they are key to keeping vibrant and happy rice communities.

The Conference welcomes research for development and extension initiatives across the country for oral (concurrent sessions) and poster presentations focusing on integrated topics in four thematic areas:

1. **Climate change adaptation.** Research studies that center on strategies to combat the impacts of climate change on rice cultivation. It is encouraged that papers cover both the technological and social angles of adaptation. Indigenous practices in relation to climate change adaptation may also be presented.
2. **Farm clustering and consolidation.** We contend that if farmers work as one, they can achieve more! This session will present papers on the achievements of clusters, such as in accessing services of the government. Mechanization-related papers on rice and rice-based farming systems and nutrition-motivated studies may also be presented.
3. **Farmer-entrepreneurs in the rice value chain.** Various studies and actual experiences have shown that through agro-entrepreneurship, farmers can better improve their livelihood outcomes. This session is interested in studies and actual experiences of successes and challenges of farmer-entrepreneurs. The aim is to document techniques for a farmer to be successful in his/her business ventures.
4. **Digital Transformation.** DA-PhilRice aims to fully harness the capabilities of digital transformation to increase rice yields and overall income of rice farmers. This session is interested in studies on the use of various information and communications technology for development that could be adopted in rice cultivation. The papers may discuss finished or work-in-progress ICT tools.

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If you have a paper/poster on rice or rice-based farming systems but you doubt if it fits in any of the thematic areas cited above, just send it for our evaluation. Below are the important dates in relation to the Conference:

Deadline for abstract submission: 6 October 2023

Notification of acceptance or rejection: 13 October 2023

Paper submission (for accepted abstracts only): 3 November 2023

The ricesecretariat@gmail.com will respond to your queries.