

5th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture INCORPORATING 3rd Farming Systems Design Conference

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Invitation

Themes

Australia, host for the 5th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (WCCA5) and 3rd Farming Systems Design Conference (FSD3), will welcome scientists and practitioners to Brisbane to discuss current and future developments of sustainable agriculture in September 2011.

The co-location of WCCA5 and FSD3 provides a great opportunity to explore the application of conservation agriculture practices and principles in a systems context. The common objective is the design of more productive, economic, and sustainable farming systems to meet the challenges of expanding population, global change, and environmental degradation.

Conference program options and tours will cater for different interest groups, and take advantage of Brisbane's proximity to intensive, extensive and sub-tropical farming, as well as to world leading research groups and facilities.

We look forward to meeting you in Australia!



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Theme 1: More efficient management practices for Conservation Agriculture to improve livelihoods / profitability / food security and to reduce environmental footprint

- 1.1 Striking the balance between efficiency and trade-offs in input use (carbon, nutrients, water, pesticides, labour, energy, green house gas emissions)
- 1.2 More integrated solutions for crop, residue and weed management, including permanent raised beds, controlled traffic and site-specific management
- 1.3 Cost-effective and fit-for-purpose implements and machinery (small-holder implements, raised bed machinery, heavy residue seeders)
- 1.4 Reducing off-site impacts (soil ecology, runoff, erosion, groundwater pollution, GHG emissions)

Theme 2: Designing productive farming systems that integrate solutions and balance trade-offs

- 2.1 High value and lower input farming systems
- 2.2 Designing more robust and resilient farming systems in face of change (climate, markets, technologies, and policies).
- 2.3 More integrative and interdisciplinary approaches to support complex farming systems (multi-objective, new crops and genetics, multi-cropping, agroforestry)
- 2.4 Maximising environmental services and biodiversity outcomes

Theme 3: Achieving impact through more effective consultation, participation and knowledge sharing

- 3.1 Industry-farmer-science-policymaker consultative platforms and the role of systems tools
- 3.2 Adoption and innovation / learning systems (extension, farmer's experimentation)
- 3.3 Landcare and participatory natural resource management
- 3.4 Global institutions and platforms (conventions, UN, CGIAR)

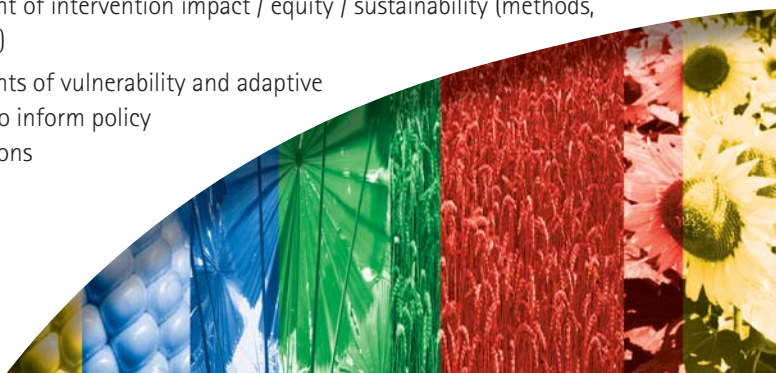
Theme 4: Informing policy development and supporting market effectiveness

- 4.1 Carbon and water markets (C sequestration, water saving technologies, institutional arrangements)
- 4.2 Policies and regulation (subsidy regimes, national/local and cross-sectoral harmonisation)
- 4.3 Assessment of intervention impact / equity / sustainability (methods, indicators)
- 4.4 Assessments of vulnerability and adaptive capacity to inform policy interventions

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Paper Submission

Condensed paper submissions are invited for the 5th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (WCCA5) incorporating 3rd Farming System Design Conference (FSD3).

Early paper submission will allow early notification of acceptance, which will be important for overseas delegates needing time to arrange Visas, travel and financial assistance.

The 3-page condensed paper format will provide delegates with a concise record of all papers. It is important that authors follow the Congress paper submission format, which can be downloaded from the Congress website: www.wcca2011.org/condensed.htm

Early bird registration closes on **30 April 2011**. **Final date** for paper submission is **15 June 2011** but earlier submission is advisable for authors particularly seeking oral presentations, or requesting financial assistance.

All inquiries regarding condensed papers for WCCA5 & FSD3 2011 should be emailed to: infowcca5@icmaust.com.au.

Workshop Proposals

Workshop proposals are invited to promote debate on important issues of CA and FSD. Details on the website: www.wcca2011.org/Workshop.htm

Mid-Congress Field Day

This will be held at University of Queensland Gatton campus on 28 September, featuring demonstrations of high and intermediate-technology conservation agriculture equipment and techniques. It will be combined with CA and FSD workshops, and conclude with the Congress dinner.

Venue

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is a world-class purpose-built venue renowned for its operational and service excellence. The Centre is located

in a unique urban cultural and entertainment precinct in the heart of Brisbane known as South Bank.

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Queensland's art and culture and hosts one of the world's most important collections of indigenous art. Located on a one kilometre stretch of the Brisbane River, South Bank is home to the only sand and swimming beach in the heart of an Australian city. You'll be surprised at the diversity of attractions, with rainforest walks, more than 30 restaurants, cafes and bars, stylish shops, symphony orchestras, state opera companies, performing arts theatres and art culture including Australia's newest and largest Gallery of Modern Art.

Brisbane is an alive and bustling city of 1.6million people that features all the requisite offerings of the nation's fastest growing capital -world-class facilities and ever-expanding infrastructure, and unparalleled support services, shopping and entertainment. Brisbane also combines traditional Australian informality and friendliness with a multicultural atmosphere. Restaurants offering menus from many different parts of the world can be found within 10 minutes walk of the Congress venue.

The WCCA5 venue of choice is a central city location, convenient for visitors with easy and direct access to an efficient citywide transport network of buses, trains, taxis and the river's high-speed regular catamaran service. The city to airport Air Train is also very convenient and operates from the South Brisbane train station, adjacent to the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Registration

Key dates for registration

Close of Early Bird Registrations	30 April 2011
Close of Standard Registrations	30 August 2011

Registration fees (AU\$) (cost includes field day and dinner)

Delegates	OECD	Non-OECD
Early Bird	850	650
Standard	1050	750
Day registrations	400	400

Full time students

Early Bird	450	400
Standard	750	600

Contact Us

All enquiries including registration, accommodation, sponsorship and exhibition should be directed through the Congress secretariat.

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