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WCRC6 & ICRA

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ICRA Objectives

- Advising host countries in managing and running the WCRC
- Promoting and strengthening networking among cotton researchers
- Serving as an international voice on cotton research
- Enhancing the competitiveness of cotton
 - ◀ dissemination of cotton research findings and outputs
- Fostering interest in ICRA and its objectives amongst cotton researchers.




WCRC6 in Brazil, May 2016

- Joint conference with the International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI)
- 2 keynote speakers, 8 plenary speakers, 28 specialized concurrent sessions
- 471 participants
 - 46 sponsored
- [Highlights](#) in detail published by ICAC
- Online Proceedings in prospect



Activities/achievements so far

- Official establishment of ICRA
- Set up of ICRA's website, operational since early 2012
- Mentorship in the organization of the 6th World Cotton Research Conference in Brazil
- WCRC7 on the agenda: June 2020, Izmir, Turkey
- A first online survey about members' opinions and desires
- A new version of ICRA website



More at Icara website


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- Organisation, rules
- Advanced website
 - Enriched content on members' profiles
 - An advanced function of forum for interaction
 - A wiki function to enable generational transfer of knowledge



Expectations

- Be an association for members and by members
- Increase membership
- Enlarge activities in line with financial resources



Ambition or utopia?

- Have more interaction between cotton researchers
 - and being displayed, accessible
- Have researchers dare doing business unusually
 - a critical condition for innovations
- Have researchers being heard, particularly out of the research sphere
 - → cotton stakeholders to value research



How to?

- Join ICRA! It's free.
- Be active on its website
 - <http://www.icracotton.org>
- Make ICRA yours!

