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Research Associate Program for 2015/16

The Executive Director presents his compliments and, for the information of members, presents background material and application details for the Research Associate program for 2015/16.

ICAC Research Associate Program for 2015/16

The Research Associate Program of the ICAC provides an opportunity for stakeholders in member countries to receive additional training in cotton research, marketing, statistics and economics. Normally, this annual program is conducted in the USA, except during the year in which the World Cotton Research Conference is held. In these years, ICAC practice has been to use the funds of the Research Associate Program to assist the participation in the conference of researchers coming from member countries.

The World Cotton Research Conference-6 (WCRC-6) will be held in Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil from May 2-6, 2016. Accordingly, the ICAC Research Associate Program 2015/16 will provide partial support to 16 researchers to attend the conference.

The Conference will be held under the auspices of the International Cotton Researchers Associations (ICRA) and will cover all disciplines of cotton production research, transfer of technology, fiber quality, processing of cotton and economics of production and marketing. World-renowned cotton scientists will be invited to make plenary and keynote addresses, while concurrent specialized sessions and panel discussions will also be held. Two field trips are planned to view cotton production practices and research, and private companies will participate in the exhibition.

Consistent with practices during the previous five World Cotton Research Conferences, the Research Associate Program 2015/16 will cover the costs of the registration fee for the conference, accommodation in Goiania and the one-day field trip on May 7, 2016. These costs will be paid directly to the Organizing Committee on behalf of selected Research Associates. The selected Research Associates will be responsible for the cost of their travel to and from Goiania and all expenses other than the registration fee, hotel room rate (seven days) and field trip. Information about the Conference is available at <http://wcrc-6.com>.

Each Research Associate will be expected to present a paper at the Conference. Researchers from ICAC member countries are invited to apply for the Research Associate Program 2015/16 no later than September 15, 2015. Applications must be made through Coordinating Agencies or delegates to the Standing Committee and must include: name, complete address, position, title of the paper to be presented at the WCRC-6, email address and phone number. Applications should be addressed to the Executive Director of the ICAC and sent to the Head, Technical Information Section of the ICAC at Rafiq@icac.org. Researchers who have not benefited from ICAC sponsorship in the past will receive preference.

The Standing Committee will consider applications during its meeting scheduled for November 5, 2015, and researchers will be informed immediately of its decision.