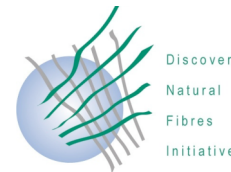




70TH PLENARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 4-10, 2011 BUENOS AIRES (Argentina)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

8:00 Registration

9:00 **Inaugural Session**

- Welcoming Remarks (Government Officials):
 - Ing. Agr. Carla Campos Bilbao, Secretary of Rural Development and Family Farming (MAGyP)
 - Mr. Patrick Packnett, Chair of the Standing Committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC
 - Lic. Débora Giorgi, Minister of Industry
 - Mr. Julián Domínguez, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
- Welcoming Remarks (Industry Officials):
 - Mr. Celso Muchut, Secretary, Association for the Promotion of Cotton Production (APPA)
 - Mr. Juan Carlos Núñez, President, Association of Cotton Ginners of Argentina
 - From spinners: representatives of FADIT-FITA, Fundación Pro-Tejer
- Welcoming Remarks on behalf of all delegates by South Africa, host of the 68th Plenary Meeting
- Recognition of the ICAC Researcher of the Year
- Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr. Patrick Packnett, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC
- Report of the Executive Director, Mr. Terry Townsend
- Approval of the Agenda of the 70th Plenary Meeting

11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:30 **First Open Session: The Roles of the State and the Private Sector in Technology Change**

Chair: Ing. Agr. Carla Campos Bilbao, Secretary of Rural Development and Family Farming (MAGyP)

- Presenters
 - Mr. Patrick Packnett, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Report from the Standing Committee on a Proposal to Create an International Center for Cotton Research
 - Ing. Luis Basterra, Vice-president, National Institute for Agricultural Research (INTA)
 - Dr. Erik Reinert, Dean, University of Oslo
 - Dr. Charudatta Mayee, President, Indian Society for Cotton Improvement

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Second Open Session: Farmers' Associations, Farmers' Organizations and Cooperatives: What are the Success Factors?**

Chair: Mr. Vladislao Romachevsky, President, Union of Cotton Agrarian Cooperatives UCAL, Argentina

- Presenters
 - Mr. Mario Rodríguez, President of Conalgodón, Colombia
 - Mr. Andrew Macdonald, ABRAPA, Brazil
 - Mr. Abelardo Firpo, Manager, Agrarian Union of Avellaneda, Argentina
 - Mr. Karim Traoré, Union nationale des producteurs de coton du Burkina Faso, (UNPCB)

- Mr. Michaël de Groot, Rabobank Foundation representing the CFC/ICAC ProCotton Producer Support Program
- Mr. Adam Kay, Cotton Seed Distributors (CSD), Australia

15:45 Coffee/Tea

16:15 **Second Open Session: Farmers' Associations, Farmers' Organizations and Cooperatives:
What are the Success Factors? (Continued)**

17:30 Adjourn

EVENING OPEN

During the day, there will be various events sponsored by the Province of Santa Fe, showcasing local products particularly, its cotton production