

# 9th ISSAAS Philippine National Convention and Annual Meeting 2009

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*Promoting Energy, Economy, Environment and Education in Agriculture*

## Organized by:



International Society for Southeast Asian Agricultural Sciences—  
Philippines (ISSAAS Philippines)

## In Collaboration with:



Philippine Association of Agriculturists (PAA)

## CONFERENCE RATIONALE

Agriculture remains a vital sector of the national patrimony and well-being, as the Philippines transcends various crises affecting the global setting. While many factors should be considered for the country to emerge viable from these crises, agriculture is easily the melting pot of several practices and conditions that could impact on the whole gamut of our national survival.

The use of energy in agriculture as input to production can either be directly through the use of fuel or electricity to operate machinery and equipment or indirectly, in terms of the utilization of fertilizers and pesticides produced off-farm. High fuel and fertilizer prices and increasing energy import dependence for petroleum fuels and nitrogen fertilizers have caused some concerns about their impact on agriculture such as reduced farm profitability and driving resources away from the sector.

Environment and agriculture exercise a profound influence over each other. While many valuable habitats are maintained by extensive farming, agriculture practices can also have an adverse impact on natural resources. Pollution of water, soil and air, fragmentation of habitats and loss of biodiversity can be the result of inappropriate agricultural practices and land use.

In view of the fact that the Philippine economy is still largely dependent and based on agriculture, the country's economic growth would be linked strongly to sustainable agricultural practices, enabling agricultural policies, viable markets and strong agricultural support system, both from the government and the private sector.

Lastly, the role of education on agricultural development cannot be ignored in the light of global competitiveness and the need for an able agricultural manpower. It must be a continuing effort to provide necessary skills and knowledge to the farmers coupled with an enduring commitment to promote quality agricultural education in the schools.

From the above, this year's ISSAAS national convention will try to expound and address issues related to the 4Es, energy, environment, economy and education, focusing on how they affect or enhance agriculture and vice-versa.

## FINAL CALL FOR PAPER/POSTER ABSTRACTS

The International Society for Southeast Asian Agricultural Sciences and the Philippine Association of Agriculturists are inviting scholars and researchers to submit papers or posters that will address the following thematic areas:

- Alternative & Bio-energy Sources
- Natural Resource Management and Conservation
- Enterprise Development and Farm Productivity
- Community Empowerment and Information Dissemination

However, papers dealing with topics on other agricultural issues may be submitted.

1. The abstracts submitted should follow the following basic requirements:
  - Title in bold capital letters and centered on the page width
  - Names of authors and affiliations centered on the page width
  - Contains not more than 300 words

2. Submission of abstracts will be accepted on or before September 25, 2009 through the e-mail address:

**issaas\_phil@yahoo.com**

3. Selected papers that will compete for the Best Paper will be notified by October 2, 2009 and must submit a full paper on or before October 16, 2009.

**Note: Other information regarding Convention Fees, Program and Accommodation will be posted in the website ([www.issaas.org](http://www.issaas.org)) sometime in October 2009.**

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