



5TH INTERNATIONAL RICE CONGRESS

SINGAPORE 2018

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THIS YEAR'S THEME:

TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCE FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

For the first time, we're bringing together key players from the rice research and development and technology sectors to solve critical global challenges affecting the agriculture space.



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HOW CAN A GRAIN OF RICE FEED THE WORLD?

On its own? It can't.

The IRC 2018 opens unique possibilities for other key economic players to help unlock the full potential of rice and the entire agricultural sector.





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UNCHARTED TERRITORY

Plenaries to bridge groundbreaking rice research with urgent global social and economic objectives.

DISRUPTIVE
TECHNOLOGIES FOR
GREATER IMPACT

SDGS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LATEST ADVANCEMENTS IN
RICE GENETICS

THE FUTURE OF HYBRID
RICE





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OBJECTIVES

Sustain

Build on the learnings from
IRC 2014

Collaborate

Spark partnerships among
farmers, scientists, private
sector companies, investors,
and policymakers

Catalyze

Foster a new age in agriculture





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A nighttime photograph of Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. The hotel's three towers are illuminated with warm yellow lights, and the skybridge connecting them is lit with blue. In the foreground, a canal with several purple fountains flows through lush greenery. In the background, the Singapore skyline is visible, including the Singapore Flyer and the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay.

THE VENUE

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Bringing agricultural innovators to Singapore: Asia's Innovation Hub



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