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### Who should participate in IRC 2018?

**Students:** Get ahead in your future careers in science by supplementing your theoretical in-school knowledge with practical information based on real-world situations, straight from the biggest rock stars of rice research.

**Private and Public Sector Players:** The biggest gathering of the most influential thought-leaders and who's who of the rice world makes for an ideal networking and promotional platform. Discover and forge potential partnerships at the IRC 2018.

**Research Networks** – This conference might just have the answers to those research or development-oriented gaps. Pick your fellow researcher or scientist's brain in this massive get-together of some of the most brilliant minds in rice research science and development.

### Be an IRC 2018 Sponsor or Exhibitor

#### Let your Brands Speak

With an estimated 2,500 participants from the rice sector, the IRC 2018 presents unique and one-of-a-kind opportunities for relevant companies to showcase their newest products and services through Sponsorships or Exhibitions, all while enjoying the following benefits:

- Connection to the largest, globally organized event of the rice industry
- Access to key policymakers and industry leaders
- Access to hundreds of the world's leading rice scientists and researchers
- An opportunity to connect their company to the world's most important food crop

### IRC 2018 Sponsorship

Visit [ricecongress2018.irri.org](http://ricecongress2018.irri.org) for full information on Sponsorship Package inclusions and branding benefits.

#### Special Sponsorship Requests

The organizers are able to tailor a package suitable to the objectives of sponsors. If you have any particular requests on how you would like to present your company at the Congress, please contact the IRC2018 Secretariat at [info@ricecongress.com](mailto:info@ricecongress.com). All sponsors will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

Singapore is a city that offers unique and enriching experiences. Enjoy a range of world-class events from musicals to boisterous festivals. For culture enthusiasts, museums and art venues are top picks, and traditional Chinese operas have been and remain one of its must-see attractions.



**5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL RICE CONGRESS**  
SINGAPORE 2018

# Transformative Science for Food and Nutrition Security

15-17 October 2018 | Marina Bay Sands Singapore

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### About the International Rice Research Institute

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is the world's premier research organization dedicated to reducing poverty and hunger through rice science; improving the health and welfare of rice farmers and consumers; and protecting the rice-growing environment for future generations.

IRRI is an independent, nonprofit, research and educational institute, founded in 1960 by the Ford and Rockefeller foundations with support from the Philippine government. The institute, headquartered in Los Baños, Philippines, has offices in 17 rice-growing countries in Asia and Africa, and over 1,000 staff.

Working with in-country partners, IRRI develops advanced rice varieties that yield more grain and better withstand pests and disease as well as flooding, drought, and other harmful effects of climate change.

#### International Rice Research Institute

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## The 5th International Rice Congress (IRC 2018)

The IRC 2018 is the world's largest gathering of rice scientists, researchers, and rice industry experts and players. Held every four years, IRC 2018 brings together rice stakeholders to showcase the results of their work and share intelligence on market developments to learn about factors that affect the rice industry and technologies in the short or long term, market drivers, trends, and relevant developments.

The 4th International Rice Congress in 2014 was held in Thailand.



### What to expect in IRC 2018

The impact of rice research has reached heights far beyond agriculture. Engage in collaborative sessions with over 2,500 participants and get fresh insights on the role of rice research in tackling critical global challenges at the IRC 2018. The 4-day conference will feature conversations and interactions critical to deepen our collective impact to the world:



#### Innovative Showcases

Areas of rice science and technology that were once uncharted were explored and will be shared through back-to-back plenaries and exhibits.

#### Rice Talks

Listen to the next big rice science "pitch" in the conference's flash talks.

#### Collaborative Interactions

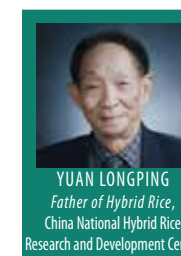
Pick a rice expert's brain and see what goes into some of the most advanced rice research of our time.

#### Local for a Day (Tour)

Let loose and enjoy the sights and sounds of IRC 2018's host country. You deserve it.

### IRC 2018 Speakers

We have invited thought leaders and innovators from various sectors as keynote and featured speakers, ensuring a plethora of diverse and rich insights on rice research and its impact to the world.



### Book Ahead

Planning your visit to IRC 2018? Enjoy preferential rates and the convenience of staying in a 5-star integrated resort with our Official Hotel Partner - Marina Bay Sands!

Visit [ricecongress2018.irri.org/accommodation](http://ricecongress2018.irri.org/accommodation) now to book your stay and enjoy discounts.



You can also choose from these alternative accommodations:

Name of Hotel	Room Category	"Estimate Distance to Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre"	Nearest MRT	Room rate in SGD (per room/per night) Single room with breakfast for one person	Class
Disclaimer: Please note that accommodation rates reflected below are subject to change.					
The Ritz Carlton Millenia	Deluxe	10 mins drive	City Hall MRT Station	SGD\$450++	★★★★★
Mandarin Oriental	Deluxe	10 mins drive	City Hall MRT Station	SGD\$379++	★★★★★
Pan Pacific	Deluxe	10 mins drive	City Hall MRT Station	SGD\$320++	★★★★★
Marina Mandarin	Deluxe	10 mins drive	City Hall MRT Station	SGD\$300++	★★★★★
Swissotel Singapore Stamford	Classic Room	15 mins drive	Clarke Quay MRT Station	SGD\$250++	★★★★★

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### Participate in IRC 2018!

#### Register

All participants of IRC 2018 are required to register officially. Visit [ricecongress2018.irri.org](http://ricecongress2018.irri.org) for complete registration instructions and available promos.

#### Registration Fees

TICKET CATEGORIES	PROMOTIONAL RATE <small>(VALID FROM APR TILL JUN 2018)</small>	ONLINE REGISTRATION RATE <small>(VALID FROM JUL TILL OCT 2018)</small>	ONSITE REGISTRATION RATE
Corporate delegate rate	USD 1,320	USD 1,540	USD 1,650
Delegate rate	USD 880	USD 1,100	USD 1,210
Student rate	USD 633	USD 660	USD 715
Low-income and Lower-Middle Income Economies	USD 880	USD 990	USD 1,100
Single day pass	USD 451	USD 506	USD 550
Bulk purchase rate	8% Discount	5% Discount	N/A

Promotional rates will be applicable from 1 May 2018 to 31 July 2018, 1800hrs (Singapore Time).

#### Submit an Abstract

The IRC 2018 features the International Rice Research Conference (IRRC 2018) and the 8th Rice Genetics Symposium (RG8). The IRRC and RG8 are organized around the following themes:

IRRC Themes	RG8 Themes
Systems Physiology	High through-put technologies: Genotyping, Phenotyping and Omics
Genetic Improvement	Genome biology: Structure, Function and Comparison
Disruptive technologies and innovations	Genetics of Yield: Grain quality and quantity
Sustainable and equitable farming systems	Genetics of Abiotic interactions: Stress tolerance and Mitigation
Climate change and environmental sustainability	Genetics of Biotic interactions: Stress tolerance, Mitigation and Microbiome
Pathways to health and nutrition	Genome and Gene editing: Novel tools and technologies
Social inclusion and gender equality	Genes for Hybrid Rice
Food systems for the future	

Abstracts may be presented in any of three categories\*:

- 15-minute oral presentations
- 3-5 minute 'flash talks' (science café style)
- Posters

\* Final presentation format for accepted abstracts will be determined by the IRC 2018 Steering Committee.

Visit [www.judgify.me/IRC2018](http://www.judgify.me/IRC2018) for full information and instructions on abstract development and submissions.