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## Translational Research-Extension for Sustainable Small Farm Development

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The role of Land to Land (farmer to farmer learning) and Lab to Land (scientist-farmer interaction) in enhancing the productivity and profitability of farmers is significant. In this context, the translational research-extension designed to convert scientific findings into field level application assume immense importance. Translational Research-Extension (TRE) is the umbrella term for all of the activities involved in moving research from the laboratory, the research journal, and the academic conference into the hands of people and organizations who can put it to practical use. TRE is not an action, but a spectrum of activities which will change according to the type of research, the time frame, and the clientele being targeted.

Looking into the significance of small holders and their farming complexities and priorities, the United Nation has declared the year 2014 as International Year of Family Farming which aims to raise the profile of smallholder farming by focusing attention on its significant role in eradicating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development particularly in rural areas.

Small holder farming includes all family-based agricultural activities, and it is linked to several areas of rural development. It is a means of organizing agriculture, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production which is managed and operated by a family and predominantly reliant on family labour.

In developing countries, small holder farming is now recognized as the predominant form of agriculture in the food production sector.

There are a number of factors that are key for a successful development of small farm production system, such as: agro-ecological conditions and territorial characteristics; policy environment; access to markets; access to land and natural resources; access to technology and extension services; access to finance; demographic, economic and socio-cultural conditions; and availability of specialized education among others.

The North Eastern region of India is one of the 12 'bio diversity hotspots' in the world. The region is highly rich in natural resources by virtue of its extensive forest cover and extremely high species, genetic and ecological diversity. The farmers being predominantly small to marginal, 'slash and burn' system of cultivation has been a traditional practice of agriculture in the region. The disadvantageous topography, fragile ecology and extreme remoteness hinder developmental activities of agricultural in general and extension in particular. Apathy of the farmers towards use of external farm inputs further aggravates the problem. As a result, yield and production of a majority of the agricultural commodities in the region remain below the national average. Traditionally processed food materials, meat and fish predominantly possess the platter of the local masses in the region. Hence promotion of several secondary agricultural activities utilizing the indigenous technical knowledge of the farmers serves to be a prospective proposition not only to complement but to enhance the income level of the farmers and thereby ensure security and sustainability of rural livelihood.

With this background the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> NECC-2014 invites scholars, scientists, students, agripreneurs, innovative farmers, field functionaries, administrators and policy makers to share their experiences on the different themes as detailed below.

## Themes of the Congress

- Small farm complexities and priorities for sustainable economic development,
- Technology dissemination approaches for small farm production system environment,
- Farmer to farmer knowledge sharing and community initiatives,
- Research and development models for hill and tribal farmers,
- Integration of public-private support systems for profitable and sustainable small farm enterprises.

## PARTICIPANTS:

The Congress is open to scientists, scholars, teachers, extension professionals, field functionaries, administrators, policy makers, farmers, students, corporate and media representatives and other stake holders involved in agricultural and rural development from public and private sectors.

**DATES :** November 08-11, 2014

**VENUE :** ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umroi Road, Umiam, Meghalaya. Pin - 793 103.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/ PAPERS

The participants may submit conceptual, review, research and case study based papers relevant to the above themes. An abstract of about 400 words may be sent only through email: [seeagra@hotmail.com](mailto:seeagra@hotmail.com) latest by June 30, 2014. Not more than two abstracts from a participant will be entertained.

The full length paper (3000 words) needs to be submitted latest by July 30, 2014 along with registration fee. Needless to mention that themes based papers will be screened for publication after the congress is over. Registration form is available on the website of the Society.

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## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for the participants will be arranged in Guest Houses / nearby Hotels only on their confirmation for the participation. Looking the rush of tourists in Meghalaya especially during congress period. Please confirm your participation well in advance so as to make necessary arrangements at our end.

REGISTRATION FEES	Up to May 31	June 01-Sept 30	Spot registration
Member of the SEE :	₹ 4000/-	₹ 4500/-	₹ 5500/-
Non-members :	₹ 4500/-	₹ 5500/-	₹ 6000/-
Students & Farmer :	₹ 2000/-	₹ 2500/-	₹ 3000/-
Corporate :	₹ 5000/-	₹ 6000/-	₹ 7000/-
Foreign delegate :	₹ 300/-	₹ 450/-	₹ 500/-

**Note :** The delegates should confirm their participation in the Congress by August 20, 2014 through e-mail for comfortable arrangement. Registration fee is to be sent through D.D./NEFT drawn in favour of the 'Society of Extension Education' payable at Agra.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of abstract (400 words)	: June 30, 2014
Submission of award application	: June 30, 2014
Submission of full length paper	: July 30, 2014
Submission of travel & accommodation requirement	: August 20, 2014

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