

GLOBALG.A.P. Presents Innovations at SUMMIT 2014 in Abu Dhabi, UAE

GLOBALG.A.P., the leading global farm assurance system for Good Agricultural Practices, is holding the SUMMIT 2014, its 12th GLOBALG.A.P. Conference in Abu Dhabi on 27-29 October 2014 at the Hotel Jumeirah at Eithad Towers. Experts from more than 50 countries are attending this important event, which is under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE, Minister of Presidential Affairs and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority.

At this occasion, the GLOBALG.A.P. Board plans to introduce several certification innovations that address the need for continuous improvement in Good Agricultural Practices.

Delegates will discuss the proposed new additions and modifications to be put forward for public consultation during the revision process of the upcoming Version 5 of the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard. These include the added microbial risk assessment criteria for fruit and vegetable production, and enhanced environmental sustainability criteria for livestock and aquaculture production.

Group Certification for smallholder farmers will now include a feature to cover contract growing. The introduction of the New Crops for Processing Standard addresses the particular needs of the food processing industry to facilitate the adoption of farm assurance certification in their production processes.

The new GLOBALG.A.P.'s Chain of Custody Version 5 sharpens transparency and control mechanisms at both input and output channels at every stage of the supply chain. Within this framework, GLOBALG.A.P. seeks to intensify partnerships with other standards along the supply chain, including compound feed.

The GLOBALG.A.P. SUMMIT 2014 includes the G.A.P. Awards ceremony, where four producers will receive recognition for their high level of commitment to implementing GLOBALG.A.P. principles on their farms. For an overview of this year's winners, go to www.globalgap.org/gapawards.

This edition of the GLOBALG.A.P. conference also features the first-ever National Technical Working Group Award. Representatives of NTWG Argentina, this year's winner, will also be honored at a special ceremony. For more information, go to www.globalgap.org/uk_en/media-events/ntwg-award-2014/.

As a member-driven organization, 29 members that are attending the SUMMIT will be honored for their long-standing commitment and dedication in support of GLOBALG.A.P.'s mission for safe and sustainable agriculture.

A special ceremony will be held on 28 October to honor 100 Abu Dhabi farmers who have achieved GLOBALG.A.P. Certification with the support and training of the **Abu Dhabi Farmers' Services Centre (ADFSC)**.

On the same day, GLOBALG.A.P. will participate as a signatory and founding partner at the signing ceremony of **The Declaration of Abu Dhabi for Global Food Security through Good Agricultural Practices**, the joint initiative by the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform, the International Trade Centre (ITC) and GLOBALG.A.P. To learn more, please visit the website at www.declaration-of-abu-dhabi.org.

On 26 October 2014, GLOBALG.A.P. organized a one-day student event at UAE University Campus in Al Ain. The UAE University Students' Day gave students an overview of third-party certification systems and the importance of implementing Good Agricultural Practices in particular in livestock, aquaculture, and fruit and vegetable production.

On the last day of the conference, the event will begin with a GLOBALG.A.P. Member Q&A session with the GLOBALG.A.P. Board and finish with a keynote presentation by Prof. Franz Josef

Radermacher on industry trends and opens the discussion into the future of farm assurance systems in light of food security, climate change, and political and social unrest as well as opportunities through technological innovations.

About GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. is a leading global certification program whose mission is to bring farmers and retailers together to produce and market safe food, protect scarce resources, and build a sustainable future.

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