

Report from ISSAAS Secretariat

ISSAAS Board of Directors Meeting 2023

Date: 7 November 2023 (Tues), 19:00 –21:00

Venue: Arvore Room, Acacia Hotel Manila, Philippines

AGENDA

(Presided by ISSAAS Secretary General Hironobu Shiwachi)

1. Greetings by ISSAAS President
Prof. Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. (UPLB)
2. Activities Report 2023 (October 2022-September 2023): Approved
 - (a) International Congress 2022
Date: 3-5 November 2022
Venue: IPB International Conference Center, Bogor, Indonesia
Theme : *Smart Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities*
Note:
 - 1st Face-to-Face International Congress after Covid-19 pandemic
 - 210 participants (International participants 90; Indonesian nationals 120)
 - 170 oral and 26 poster presentations
 - (b) Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 2 November 2022, 20:00 pm –21:30 pm
Venue: Taman Koleki Café, IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia
Decisions made:
 - Journal of ISSAAS
 - ISSAAS Philippine National Congress extended abstracts will be included in Vol.29, No.1 June 2023 issue.
 - Purchase of printer for editorial activities has been approved.
 - International Congress
 - Philippines (2023), Japan (2024; *30th Founding Anniversary*), Vietnam (2025), Malaysia (2026), Thailand (2027), Indonesia (2028)
 - (c) Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda: Call for ISSAAS Award Recipients
Date: 17 April 2023
Venue: Online Conference
Status: One nomination from the Philippine Chapter for the ISSAAS Young Scientist Award was received and undergone screening process.
 - (d) Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda: Granting of ISSAAS Matsuda Award and ISSAAS Young Scientist Award
Date: 24 August 2023
Venue: Online Conference
Status: In accordance with the recommendation from the Award Screening Committee, the Members of the Executive Board have approved the granting of the following:

ISSAAS Young Scientist Award to Ms. Melissa P. Montecalvo (The Philippines) in recognition of her distinguished and profound contributions to crop protection research and extension, focusing on crop disease diagnosis and protective solutions, in the Philippines, and significant involvement in the improvement and growth of ISSAAS since 2021

The Certificate and Token was given during the ISSAAS General Assembly 2023 to be held at Acacia Hotel Manila, Philippines on 8 November 2023.

- (e) Board of Directors Meeting
 Agenda: Confirmation of ISSAAS Officers to be invited by SAEDA
 Date: 25 July 2023
 Venue: Online Conference
- (f) Publications of Journal
 Vol.28, No.2: Published in December 2022
 Vol.29, No.1: Published in June 2023
 Available online (SCOPUS; <http://issaasphil.org/issaas-journals/>)

Table 1. Contribution by Chapter

Chapter	Vol. 28 (2) December 2022	Vol. 29 (1) June 2023 Issue	Total
Indonesia	1	2	3
Japan	1	5	6
Malaysia	0	0	0
Philippines	7	2	9
Thailand	1	2	3
Vietnam	0	1	1
Total	10	11	21

Chapters are encouraged to invite members to actively publish in J. ISSAAS. Review papers are also highly welcome. Scopus rating of J. ISSAAS also increased from 0.7 to 1.1. Uploading published papers in ResearchGate and other similar sites is highly recommended to increase visibility and number of citations.

- (g) Others

IOP indexed full papers for the International Congress

- Indonesian chapter mentioned that its members are more encouraged to participate if the international conference offer the opportunity to publish IOP Scopus Indexed full papers. Thus, ISSAAS Congress 2022 Indonesia published an IOP Scopus Indexed conference proceeding with 60 full papers in April 2023.
- Upon consultation with other chapters, it was clarified that only Indonesian members require IOP Scopus indexed full papers to receive more points (i.e. IOP 30 points, ISSAAS 15 points). Other chapter members only require Scopus indexed papers for participation.
- In case the ISSAAS Congress host wishes to offer IOP Scopus, the IOP contract will be made by the host chapter. It should be noted that IOP requires a minimum of 40 full papers.

Scopus Indexed Journal of ISSAAS

- Members are always welcome to submit their full manuscript to J. ISSAAS.
- A special issue with title of the international congress may also be published within six months after the international congress. Tentative schedule and details for abstract and full paper submission, review process by chapter and technical editor assistance are required.
- A special issue for the national congress may also be published upon the chapter request.

3. Financial Report 2023: Approved

4. Auditors' Report for 2023: Approved

5. Business Plan for 2024 (October 2023-September 2024)

(a) Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 7 November 2023, 19:00 pm – 21:00

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(b) International Congress 2023

Date: 8-10 November 2023

Venue: Acacia Hotel Manila, Philippines

Theme: *Integrated Management of Southeast Asian Agricultural Landscapes*

(c) Publications of Journal

Vol.29, No.2: To be published in December 2023

Vol.30, No.1: To be published in June 2024

(d) Others

Technical Editors

- Dr. Susan May F. Calumpang (100,000 Japanese yen per issue)
- Dr. Carla Lenore F. Calumpang (50,000 Japanese yen per issue)
- Japan Society for Tropical Agriculture (JSTA) will finance the technical editorial fee for Dr. Carla Lenore F. Calumpang for December 2023 and June 2024 issues.

New ISSAAS Chapter

- Establishment of New ISSAAS Chapter in Cambodia in 2024

6. Budget 2024: Approved

7. ISSAAS Awards

ISSAAS Young Scientist Award: Ms. Melissa P. Montecalvo (The Philippines)

8. Letter of Appreciation: No Issuance

9. Donations: None

10. Activities Report for 2023 by Each Chapter

Indonesia Prof. Dr. Suwardi (Chapter President; ISSAAS VP)

Japan Prof. Dr. Kenji Yokota (Chapter Vice-President)

Malaysia Prof. Dr. Nur Azura Adam (Chapter President; ISSAAS VP)

Philippines	Prof. Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. (ISSAAS President; Chapter President)
Thailand	Prof. Dr. Sukanya Rattanatabtimtong (Regional Secretary)
Vietnam	Prof. Dr. Pham Van Cuong (Chapter President; ISSAAS VP)

11. Plan for 2024 International Congress

30th Founding Anniversary Celebration & International Congress and General Meeting

Theme: *ISSAAS in 2024 and Beyond: Agricultural Science for Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia*

Dates: 9 -11 November 2024

Venue: Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) Setagaya Campus,
1-1-1 Sakuragaoka, Setagaya, Tokyo, Japan

12. Other Matters

ISSAAS International Congress 2024

- Joint congress with Japanese Society for Tropical Agriculture (JSTA)
- Promotion of JSTA Activities, including free one-year registration and free publication within one year.

ISSAAS General Meeting 2023

Date: 8 November 2023, 10:30-12:00

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Acacia Hotel Manila, Philippines

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Schedule:

November 8 (Fri)	Arrival of Participants (Board Meeting in the Evening)
November 9 (Sat)	Opening Ceremony, General Meeting and Symposium
November 10 (Sun)	Individual Presentations, Closing Ceremony
November 11 (Mon)	Congress Tour (Optional)
November 12 (Tues)	Departure of Participants