

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OIL PALM PROTECTION (ICOPP)

Innovate, Adapt and Strategise

Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
21–22 November 2025

TIME	PROGRAMME
DAY 1 (21 November 2026)	
7.30 am – 8.00 am	Registration, Poster Placement, Arrival of Participants and Guests
KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chairperson: Dr. Meilina Ong Abdullah Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)	
9.00 am – 9.40 am	Paper 1: Soil Microbiome: Holistic Pathways to Healthy, Disease-Resilient Crops Dr. Pankaj Trivedi Texas Tech University, USA
9.40 am – 10.00 am	Arrival of VIPs
10.00 am – 10.10 am	National Anthem 'Negaraku' Recitation of Doa
10.10 am – 10.30 am	Welcome Remarks YBhg. Datuk Mohamad Helmy Othman Basha Chairman of Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)
	Remarks YBhg. Izzana Salleh Secretary General Council of Palm Oil Producing Countries (CPOPC)
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Opening Address YB Datuk Chan Foong Hin Deputy Minister of Plantation and Commodities
	Launching of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP): - Guidelines for Managing <i>Ganoderma</i> Disease in Oil Palm - Guidelines for Bagworm Control
	Sponsorship Recognition Ceremony
11.00 am – 11.20 am	Photo Session/Press Conference/Poster Viewing/ Coffee Break
SESSION 1: PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT Chairperson: Dr. Norman Kamaruddin ENTOMA Malaysia	
11.20 am – 11.35am	Paper 2: Benefits of Helicopter Aerial Application in Oil Palm Plantation Nurhana Fatimah Ab Zulkfli Altus Aviation Services Sdn. Bhd.
11.35 am – 11.50 am	Paper 3: TBC TBC Corteva Agriscience (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
11.50 am – 12.05 am	Paper 4: Mobilizing Native Raptors and Kingfishers: Universal Perches as a Nature-Based Strategy Against Rodent Pests Dr. Kamil Azmi Tohiran MPOB
12.05 am – 12.20 noon	Paper 5: Red Palm Weevil (<i>Rhynchoporus ferrugineus</i>): Current Status and Control Strategies Dr. Wahizatul Afzan Azmi Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia
12.20 noon – 12.30 pm	Question and Answer Session
12.30 pm – 12.40 pm	Lightning Talk Polar Star Space Co. Ltd.
12.40 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch Talk Council of Palm Oil Producing Countries (CPOPC)

CONT. (DAY 1)

TIME	PROGRAMME
KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chairperson: Dr Ramle Moslim MPOB	
2.30 pm – 3.10 pm	Paper 6: Implications of DNA Barcoding and Genomics on Biosecurity and IPM Challenges Dr. Wee Tek Tay CSIRO Australia
SESSION 2: BIOSECURITY/EMERGING P&D Chairperson: Dr. Wee Tek Tay CSIRO, Australia	
3.10 pm – 3.25 pm	Paper 7: The Emerging Diseases of Oil Palm in Malaysia: A Silent Threat? Dr. Maizatul Suriza Mohamed MPOB
3.25 pm – 3.40pm	Paper 8: Research on Lethal Wilt in Colombia Dr. Hernan Mauricio Romero PT SMART Tbk, Indonesia
3.40 pm – 4.00 pm	Question and Answer Session
4.00 pm – 4.15 pm	Poster Viewing/Coffee Break
4.15 pm – 4.30 pm	Paper 9: Key Pest and Disease Threatening Indonesia's Oil Palm Industry: Current Status and Management Strategies Dr. Hari Priwiratama IOPRI, Indonesia
4.30 pm – 4.45 pm	Paper 10: Invasive Alien Species: An update on Quarantine policy and Biosecurity Plan Ms. Laila Jumaiyah Saleh Huddin Department of Agriculture Peninsular Malaysia
4.45 pm – 5.00 pm	Question and Answer Session
5.00 pm – 5.10 pm	Lightning Talk Bayer Co. (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
5.10 pm – 6.00 pm	Inaugural Meeting of the International Society of Oil Palm Protection (ISOPP)
7.30 pm	Dinner (elected committee ISOPP and ICOPP committee members)
DAY 2 (22 November 2025)	
SESSION 3: ROLE OF BENEFICIAL INSECTS Chairperson: Prof. Angharad MR Gatehouse Newcastle University, United Kingdom	
8.30 am – 8.45 am	Paper 11: Poor Oil Palm Fruit Set Formation and R&D Efforts to Address the Problem Dr. Saharul Abillah Mohamad MPOB
8.45 am – 9.00 am	Paper 12: Long-term Changes as Oil Palm Plantation Age Simplify the Structure of Host-parasitoid Food Web Dr. Akhmad Rizali Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia
SESSION 4: ADVANCES IN <i>Ganoderma</i> RESEARCH Chairperson: Dr. Tristan Durand-Gasselin Palmelit, France	
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Paper 13: <i>Ganoderma</i> Basal Stem Rot: Advances in Identification and Understanding the Complexity of Disease Dynamics Dr. Shamala Sundram MPOB
9.15 am – 9.30 am	Paper 14: From Monitoring to Management: Sustainable Approaches to <i>Ganoderma</i> Control in Oil Palm Across PNG and Solomon Island Dr. Emad Jaber Head of Crop Protection Dep. PNG OPRA
9.30 am – 9.45 am	Paper 15: Advancements in Basal Stem Rot (BSR) Detection and Management in Oil Palm: An Indian Perspective Dr. Amrutha Lakshmi M ICAR-IIPR, India

CONT. (DAY 2)

IMPORTANT DATE

Abstract deadline	15 August 2025
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	30 August 2025
Early bird registration	from now until 30 June 2025

SESSION TOPICS

- ✓ PEST MANAGEMENT
- ✓ BIOSECURITY / EMERGING PEST AND DISEASE
- ✓ ADVANCES IN *Ganoderma* RESEARCH
- ✓ ROLE OF BENEFICIAL INSECTS
- ✓ AI DRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS
- ✓ RESISTANCE AGAINST *Ganoderma* PROGRAMMES
- ✓ WEED MANAGEMENT

REGISTRATION FEE

Local Participant	RM1500
Early bird (from now until 30 June 2025)	RM1300
Local Student	RM1000
International Participant	USD 360
Early bird (from now until 30 June 2025)	USD 320
International Student	USD 240

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9.45 am – 10.05 am Question and Answer Session

10.05 am – 10.15 am **Lightning Talk**
Pascal Biotech Sdn. Bhd.

10.15 am – 10.30 am Poster Viewing/Coffee Break

SESSION 5: AI DRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS

Chairperson: Dr. Chandran Gunalan
Council of Palm Oil Producing Countries (CPOPC)

10.30 am – 10.45 am **Paper 16: Multi-pronged AgTech Solutions for Integrated *Ganoderma* Management**
Dr. Chong Mei Ling
ACGT Sdn. Bhd.

10.45 am – 11.00 am **Paper 17: From Bioinformatics to AI: Leveraging Multidimensional Data for Oil Palm Disease Management**
Dr. Lee Wei Kang
Codon Genomics Sdn. Bhd.

11.00 am – 11.15 am **Paper 18: Harnessing HPE Private Cloud AI for Precision Agriculture**
Mr. Kannan PNV
Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Malaysia

11.15 am – 11.30 am **Paper 19: The use of RNAi-Based Technologies for Sustainable Crop Protection: Advantages and Limitations**
Prof Angharad MR Gatehouse
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

11.30 am – 11.50 am Question and Answer Session

11.50 pm – 12.00 pm **Lightning Talk**
Geospatial AI Sdn. Bhd.

12.40 pm – 12.30 pm **Lunch Talk**
All Cosmos Industry Sdn. Bhd.

SESSION 6: RESISTANCE AGAINST DISEASES

Chairperson: Dr. Hernan Mauricio Romero
PT SMART Tbk, Indonesia

2.00 pm – 2.15 pm **Paper 20: Strengthening Oil Palm Resilience through *Ganoderma* Resistance Screening: Towards Sustainable Management of Basal Stem Rot**
Dr. Mohd Hefni Rusli
MPOB

2.15 pm – 2.30 pm **Paper 21: Screening for Resistant Oil Palm Materials**
Dr. Sri Wening
Indonesian Oil Palm Research Institute (IOPRI)

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm **Paper 22: Screening Disease Resistant for Vascular Wilt (Fusarios)**
Dr. Tristan Durand-Gasselini,
Palmelit, France

SESSION 7: WEED MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Dr. Maizatul Suriza Mohamed
MPOB

3.00 pm – 3.15 pm **Paper 23: From Compliance to Competitiveness: Smarter Pesticide Management for Malaysia's Oil Palm**
Ts. Mohammad Nazrul Fahmi Bin Abdul Rahim,
Department of Agriculture Peninsular Malaysia, Malaysia

3.15 pm – 3.30 pm **Paper 24: Herbicide Resistance: An Emerging Threat to Oil Palm Productivity**
Dr. Muhammad Saiful bin Ahmad Hamdani,
University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm Question and Answer Session

3.45 pm – 4.00 pm Best Photography and Poster Awards Presentation
Closing Ceremony
President of ISOPP