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Programme for InterDrought-III (October 11-16, 2009)

Sunday, October 11

08:30-24:00 Registration

Monday, October 12

08:20 Opening Ceremony

Opening address by VIP from MOA of China

Welcome address by VIP from Shanghai Municipal Government

Welcome address by Abraham Blum

Group photo

10:00 Coffee and Tea

Session 1 Introduction and setting the scene.

Chairs: Abraham Blum and Weihua Wu

10:30 Graham Farquhar (RSBS Canberra) Climate change and its likely effects on food production

11:00 Qifa Zhang (HAU) Maintaining food production under environmental challenge: the biologists response

11:30 Shiqi Peng (Ministry of Agric, China) Water resources and agriculture in China

12:00 Rowan Sage (Univ. Toronto) The engineering of C₄ Photosynthesis into C₃ crops: Implications for water use efficiency.

12:30 Lunch

Session 2 Managing crop production under water-limited conditions.

Chairs: Jianhua Zhang and Bill Davies

- 14:00** ***Pasquale Steduto** (FAO) **Water scarcity and the FAO model AquaCrop***
- 14:30** ***John Kirkegaard** (CSIRO Canberra) **Managing efficient use of water in extensive dryland wheat farming systems***
- 15:00** ***Finn Plauborg** (Univ. Arrhus) **SVAT modeling of crop physiological response to drought in potatoes under different types of deficit irrigation***
- 15:15** ***B. K. Ramachandrappa** (Univ. Ag. Sci., Bangalore) **Productive performance and response of green chilli (*Capsicum annum l.*) to drip irrigation schedules under water limited conditions***
- 15:30** ***Coffee and Tea***
- 16:00** ***Lun Shan** (NWAFU) **A new stage for development of dry land farming on the Loess Plateau: An opportunity for breakthrough***
- 16:30** ***Elias Fereres** (Univ. Cordoba) **Deficit irrigation in fruit trees and vines***
- 17:00** ***Shaoyong Kang (Taisheng Du)** (China Agric. Univ.) **Water saving agriculture in NW China***
- 17:15** ***Ejaz Ahmad Waraich** (Univ. Agric., Faisalabad) **Crop management strategies to improve water use efficiency in wheat under water limited conditions***
- 17:30** ***Yoichiro Kato** (Univ. Tokyo) **Adaptation of rice to uplands in the temperate monsoon region in Japan***
- 17:45** ***Close***
- 18:30-20:30** ***Social Dinner (VIVAsa Resort Hotel)***

Tuesday, October 13

Session 3 Plant growth and the formation of yield under water-limited conditions.

Chairs: Wensuo Jia and Manuela Chaves

- 08:30** **Francois Tardieu** (INRA Montpellier) *Genetic variability of growth maintenance under drought : from phenotyping platforms to the field*
- 09:00** **Jianchang Yang** (Yangzhou Univ.) *Management techniques to enhance harvest index*
- 09:30** **Xiangwen Fang and Neil C Turner** (Univ. W Australia) *Flower and pod production and abortion in two chickpea cultivars under terminal drought*
- 09:45** **Len Wade** (Charles Sturt Univ.) *Root signals, regulation of water use, and implications for adaptation and selection*
- 10:00** **Fulai Liu** (University of Copenhagen) *Can partial root-zone irrigation improve both water and nitrogen use efficiency?*
- 10:15** **Coffee and Tea**
- 10:45** **Bob Sharp** (Univ. Missouri) *Root growth at low water potentials: complexity and coordination of cellular responses*
- 11:15** **Frank Hochholdinger** (Univ Tubingen) *Genetic and genomic dissection of maize root system development*
- 11:45** **Akira Yamauchi** (Nagoya Univ.) *Plastic root system development and its contribution to plant growth under drought stress in chromosome segment substitution lines in rice*
- 12:00** **Andrew Thompson** (Warwick Univ.) *Improving water use efficiency and water capture in Solanum and Brassica: transgenic and QTL approaches*
- 12:30** **Ian Dodd** (Lancaster Univ.) *Modelling chemical signalling when soil moisture is heterogeneous*
- 12:45** **Radomira Vankova** (Inst. Exp. Bot. AS CR, Prague) *Comparison of cytokinin and auxin roles in the response to drought and combined drought and heat stress and their potential utilization in elevation of stress tolerance*
- 13:00** **Lunch and Posters**

Session 4 Molecular and physiological bases of plant adaptation to drought (I).

Chairs: Qifa Zhang and David Bergvinson

- 15:00** **Yves Gibon** (INRA, Bordeaux) *Ecophysiology meets metabolic profiling: an integrative approach of Arabidopsis thaliana responses to drought*
- 15:30** **Martin Parry** (Rothamsted Research) *Metabolic traits related to drought tolerance*
- 16:00** **Jiankang Zhu** (UC Riverside) *Understanding and manipulating ABA biosynthesis and signaling for improving drought resistance*
- 16:30** **Coffee and Tea**
- 17:00** **Wensuo Jia** (China Agric. Univ.) *What genes should we clone for water saving agriculture*
- 17:30** **Adam Price** (Univ. Aberdeen) *From QTLs and MAS to candidate genes for root growth and drought avoidance in one rice mapping population*
- 18:00** **Chengbin Xiang** (China Sci. & Tec. Univ) *Arabidopsis EDT1/HDG11 confers drought tolerance with improved root system and increased biomass in both dicots and monocots*
- 18:15** **Close**

Wednesday, October 14

Session 4 Molecular and physiological bases of plant adaptation to drought (II).

Chairs: Bob Sharp and Jianchang Yang

- 08:30** **Manuela Chaves** (UTL) *Photosynthesis and carbon metabolism under drought – early warnings and ultimate constraints*
- 09:00** **Renu Munjal** (CCSHAU, Hisar- Haryana, India) *Evaluation of diverse wheat genotypes for drought tolerance using intrinsic mesophyll efficiency and cell membrane stability*

- 09:15** *Jose Luis Araus (CIMMYT) Heterosis in maize is the result on differences in water status*
- 09:45** *Eduardo Blumwald (Univ. Cal Davis) Cytokinin-dependent photorespiration and the protection of photosynthesis during water deficit*
- 10:15** *Bingru Huang (Rutgers Univ.) Identification and functional analysis of unique proteins associated with drought tolerance in C₃ and C₄ perennial grass species*
- 10:45** *Coffee and Tea*
- 11:15** *Christophe Maurel (INRA Montpellier) Aquaporins: molecular gears for adjusting root and leaf hydraulics to a changing environment*
- 11:45** *Mel Oliver (USDA) Exploiting the genomes of dehydration/desiccation-tolerant species in crop improvement strategies*
- 12:15** *Dimah Habash (Rothamsted Res.) Integrating genomic , genetic and physiological approaches to study durum wheat responses and adaptations to drought in the Mediterranean*
- 12:30** *Kameswara Rao Kottapalli (Texas Tech Univ.) Physiological genomics of the abiotic stress response in peanut (Arachis sp.)*
- 12:45** *Lunch and Posters*

Session 5 Applied genomics and genetics of drought resistance.

Chairs: Greg Rebtzke and Ruilian Jing

- 14:30** *Zhikang Li (CAAS) Epigenetic and genetic control of drought tolerance in rice*
- 15:00** *Lijun Luo (SAGC) Improving the drought tolerance of rice*
- 15:30** *Andrew Borrell (Queensland Primary Industry) Fine-mapping candidate genes for 'stay-green' in sorghum: Are we there yet?*
- 15:45** *Grafi Gideon (Israel) Unique epigenetic means displayed by Zygophyllum dumosun Boiss growing in variable desert environments*
- 16:00** *Coffee and Tea*
- 16:30** *Jacqueline E. Heard (Monsanto) Improving crop productivity in water-limiting environments: Translational research for sustainable agriculture*

- 17:00** **Henry Nguyen** (Univ. Missouri) *Transcriptomics and proteomics of root responses to drought in soybean*
- 17:30** **Zhizhong Gong** (China Agric. Univ.) *ABA regulates plant development*
- 17:45** **De-Long Yang** (Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences) *Genetic dissection of QTL for RWC, RWL and CTD associated with drought tolerance in wheat*
- 18:00** **Roberto Tuberosa** (Univ. Bologna) *Fine mapping of two major durum wheat QTLs for grain yield identified under different water availabilities*
- 18:15** **Close**

Thursday, October 15

Session 6 Breeding for water-limited environments (I).

Chairs: Mel Oliver and Lizhong Xiong

- 08:30** **Greg Rebetzke** (CSIRO Canberra) *Water-use efficiency in wheat – the use of surrogate traits for breeding improved biomass and yield under drought*
- 09:00** **Gary Atlin** (CIMMYT) *Using information from managed-stress drought environments in practical cultivar development*
- 09:30** **Yehoshua Saranga** (Hebrew Univ. Jerusalem) *Evaluation of cotton near-isogenic lines introgressed with QTLs for drought resistance*
- 09:45** **Dion Bennett** (ACPFPG) *Bread wheat and cyclical drought: the genetics and traits behind productivity*
- 10:00** **Coffee and Tea**
- 10:30** **Rui-Lian Jing** (CAAS) *Wheat drought breeding in China*
- 11:00** **Rattan Yadav** (IBERS) *Genetics, physiology, breeding and multi environment testing of a major QTL contributing to yield of pearl millet in drought stress environments*
- 11:30** **Anthony G. Condon** (CSIRO) *Wheat yield and water use: What do they have to do with carbon isotope discrimination?*
- 12:00** **H. E. Shashidhar** (Univ. Ag Sci Bangalore) *Development and release of drought*

resistant aerobic rice 'ARB6' in India

12:30 ***Lunch and Posters***

Session 6 Breeding for water-limited environments (II).

Chairs: Henry Nguyen and Lijun Luo

14:30 ***Venuprasad Ramaiah (AVRDC- ICRISAT) Large-effect QTL influencing yield under water-limited conditions in rice: detection and potential use in breeding***

15:00 ***Yunbi Xu (CIMMYT) Large-scale phenotyping and genotyping of global maize germplasm and integrated linkage-linkage disequilibrium mapping for drought tolerance in maize***

15:15 ***Jianbing Yan (CIMMYT) Development of informative markers through association mapping in maize to improve drought tolerance in cereals***

15:30 ***Nese Sreenivasulu (IPK Gatersleben) Complementary integrative genomics approach for exploring seed quality traits and yield under drought prone environment in barley***

15:45 ***Coffee and Tea***

16:15 ***Scott Chapman (CSIRO) A simulation platform to study QTL detection and breeding response to selection***

16:45 ***Idupulapati M. Rao (CIAT) Physiological basis of improved drought resistance in common bean: the contribution of photosynthate mobilization to grain***

17:00 ***Rao C N. Rachaputi (Queensland Primary Industries) More efficient breeding of drought resistant peanuts***

17:15 ***Baffour Badu-Apraku (IITA) Performance of early maturing maize varieties and hybrids in drought stressed and well-watered environments***

17:30 ***Close***

19:00-20:30 ***International steering committee meeting and informal expert consultation on interaction between InterDrought and international organizations like FAO***

Friday, October 16

Session 7 Integrated approaches to crop improvement under water-limited conditions.

Chairs: Francois Tardieu and Yang Zhong

- 08:30** **Graeme Hammer** (Univ. Queensland) *Designing crops with improved water productivity by modelling G*M*E interactions*
- 09:00** **Charlie Messina** (Pioneer) *Integrated approaches to crop improvement under water-limited conditions*
- 09:30** **Rachid Serraj** (IRRI) *Drought resistance improvement for increased rainfed rice production : progress and perspectives*
- 10:00** **John Foulkes** (Univ. Nottingham) *Identification of physiological traits to improve water capture and yield of rain-fed wheat*
- 10:15** **Karine Chenu** (Qld Prim Ind) *Revealing the yield impacts of organ level QTL associated with drought response in maize*
- 10:30** **Coffee and Tea**
- 11:00** **Bettina Berger** (ACPFPG) *High throughput phenotyping*
- 11:30** **Lizhong Xiong** (HAU) *Combining facilitated and in-field screening methods for basic and application studies of drought resistance in rice*
- 12:00** **Chunyuan Huang** (ACPFPG) *Quantification of root systems of field-grown wheat and barley using DNA technology*
- 12:15** **Rana Munns** (CSIRO) *New phenotyping methods for screening wheat and barley for water stress tolerance*
- 12:30** **Eric Ober** (Rothamsted Research) *Composite trait scores based on physiological traits as selection indices for improved drought tolerance in wheat*
- 12:45** **Llorenç Cabrera-Bosquet** (Univ. Barcelona) *Oxygen isotope enrichment ($\Delta^{18}O$) reflects yield potential and drought resistance in maize*
- 13:00** **Lunch**

Session 8 Future challenges and opportunities in drought research.

Chairs: Pasquale Steduto and Zhikang Li

14:00 ***Peter Langridge** (ACPFPG Adelaide), **New tools in plant improvement***

14:30 ***Bill Davies** (Lancaster), **Laboratory to field delivery: understanding plant soil interactions***

15:00 ***Bram Govaerts** (CIMMYT) **Conservation agriculture: laying the ground for increased drought resilience***

15:30 ***Coffee and Tea***

Session 9 Closing Session.

Chair: Roberto Tuberosa

16:00 ***Closing Summary: Abraham Blum** (Plantstress.com). **Epilogue: enhancing plant production under drought Stress – what’s working and what’s not***

16:30 ***Closing Keynote: John Boyer** (Univ. Delaware) **New approaches for drought research***

Social Program

Social Dinner, 18:30pm, 12 October

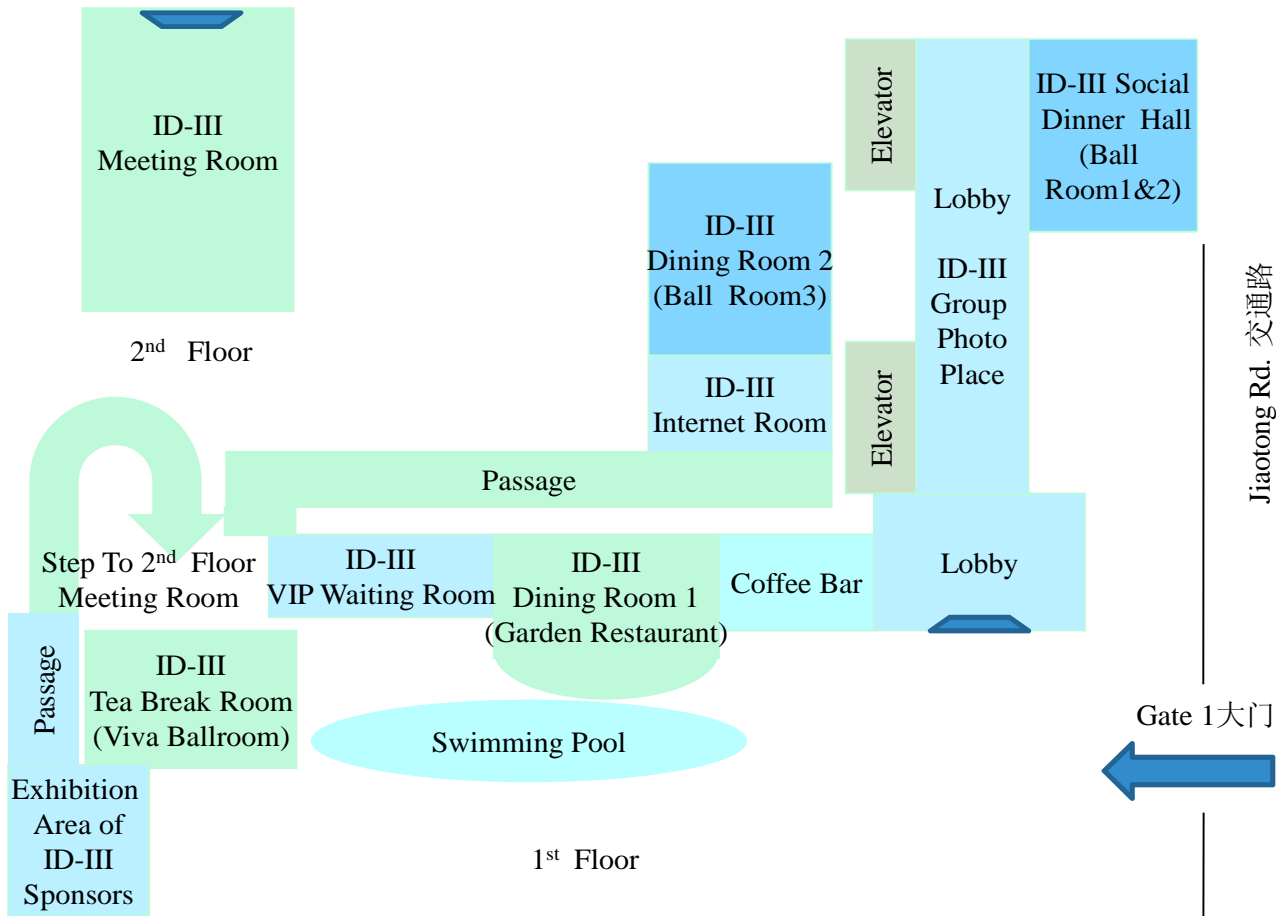
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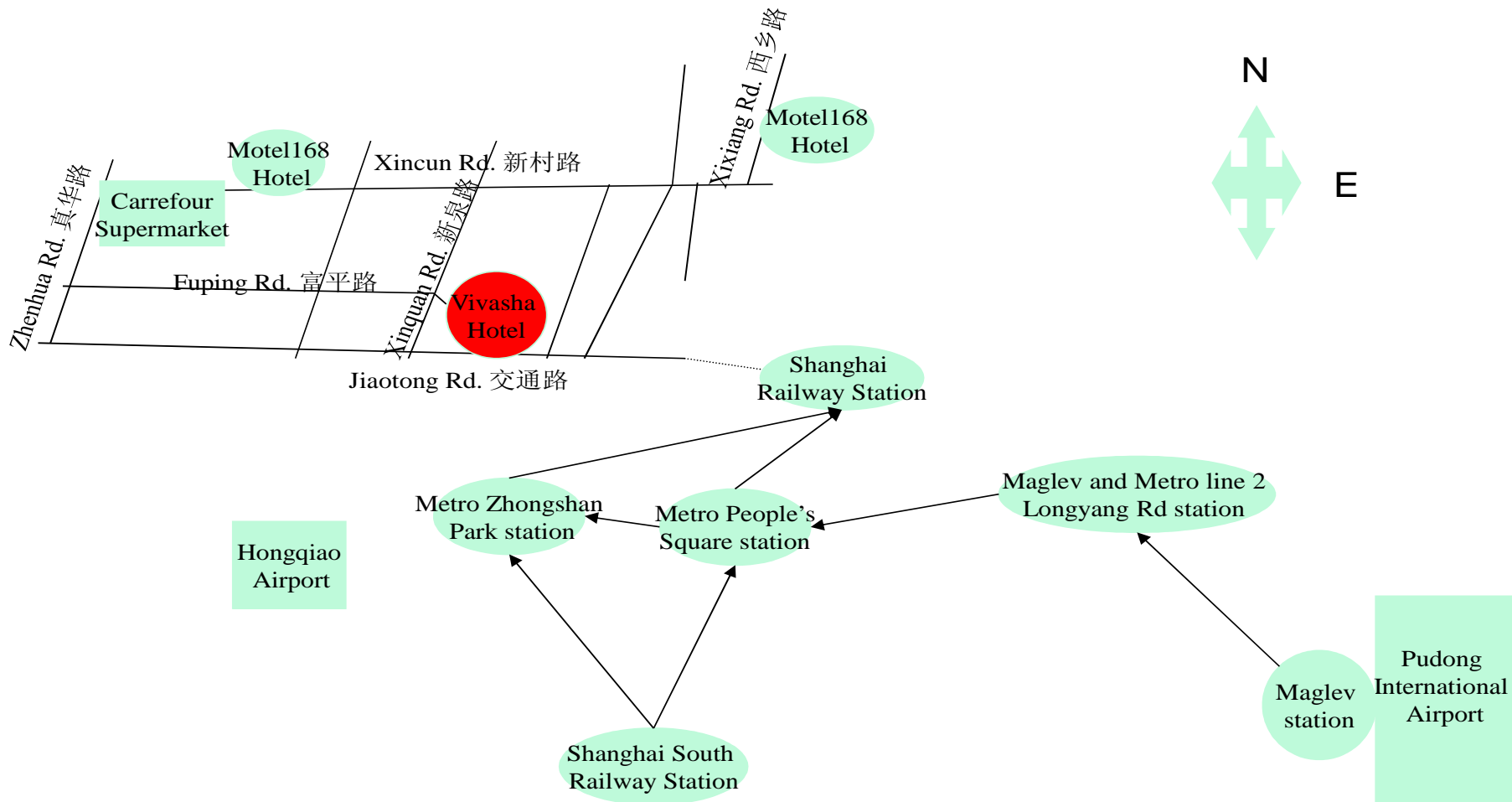


Diagram Showing the Venue Position (rough) and the Venue Surroundings (exact)

Directions from Vivasha hotel to Motel 168 at Xincun Road

Please See the Diagram Showing the Venue Position (rough) and the Venue Surroundings (exact).

Turn right at the front of the Vivasha hotel lobby (or from gate near golf court). Walk pass the tennis courts through a small lane. When you come to the main road of Xinquan Road, turn right. Walk along Xinquan Road for 2 blocks until you come to Xincun Road. Turn left at the traffic lights. You will find Motel 168 on the right hand side of the second block.

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