

Foreword

To commemorate the Sixth Cycle Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the King of Thailand, the Office of the Royal Development Projects Board, with support from the Chaipattana Foundation, organized the Second International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-2) with the theme of “Vetiver and the Environment”, on 18-22 January 2000, in Cha-am, Phetchaburi, Thailand.

The program of the Conference included a keynote address, ten plenary lectures, four panel discussions (a total of 18 papers), three concurrent sessions (a total of 46 papers), one paper for closing remarks, 46 poster papers, exhibition of 24 agencies in Thailand, and two study tours to five sites.

According to Mr. Richard G. Grimshaw, the then President of The Vetiver Network, “This conference has brought together vetiver users and promoters from 30 countries and has successfully demonstrated and confirmed that Vetiver Grass Technology (VGT) based on the Vetiver System (VS) is being adopted at accelerated rates for a wide range of environmental applications”.

With dedication and support from various agencies and individuals, the Conference was considered a grand success. As the Chairman of the Technical Committee, the Editor wishes to express his sincere thanks to each and everyone who has contributed so much to the success of this Conference.

Prior to the Conference, the Editor has taken the responsibility of compiling all papers to be presented at the Conference and publishing them as a pre-conference publication, called the “Preceedings”. It was very appreciated by the participants. During the Conference, attempts to consult with all authors were not quite successful as only a few of them showed up for consultation. Soon after the Conference, the Editor started to compile and edit the Proceedings. Due to the daily commitment of his work, progress was initially slow. With technical support from the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific editorial consultant, Mr. Marcel Barang, acting as the Assistant Editor, good progress was made.

Because of the difficulty in contacting authors for technical clarification, the best the Editor could do was to try to use common sense. Although every attempt has been made to make the volume consistent in the style of scientific manuscripts, it was most difficult to do so. The Editor accepts the blame for not being able to all authors for such a delay, as well as for the errors, typographical and factual, which may appear in the Proceedings.

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