



The Organizing Committee of the First International Congress of Tobacco Research invites you to participate in the first edition, which will be held in Havana, Cuba, December 9-13, 2019. Research and innovation - oriented contributions that show opportunities for the continuous improvement of processes associated to the tobacco network, that help for perfecting their understanding from science and allow an adequate response to the climate change, the regulatory environment and the consumers' demands will be preferably accepted. The widest possible scope within the specific area of knowledge in which they develop is further desired. Experiences dealing with social, historical, cultural and marketing perspectives, treated with a scientific and/or innovative approach, which show novelty and efficiency in the positioning of tobacco and its related products in the market will be also welcome. The Congress will include a day visit to the "Estación Experimental del Tabaco" in "San Juan y Martínez", located in the Vuelta Abajo region. Founded in 1937, this was the first scientific institution in Cuba dedicated to tobacco research and the second one committed to agricultural researches. There will be a workshop with the Cuba's leading tobacco growers and several Habano man in the same place.

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The deadline for abstracts submission is **May 30th 2019**. The Organizing Committee will report on acceptance or rejection and the form of presentation by **September 30th, 2019**.

#### EDITORIAL STANDARDS

The abstracts (in Spanish or English) should include: Title (bold uppercase letter) summary of a maximum of one sheet and key words. Font type: Arial 12, with 1.5 spacing between lines. Page design: Letter 8 ½ X 11, 28-30 lines per page, 2.5 cm upper and lower margins and 3.0 cm right and left. We encourage authors to publish a complete article in a special issue of our journal Cuba Tabaco

The specific topics of the Congress are the following:

**I. Plant breeding and pathology. Conservation of the Germplasm Collection:** Management and conservation of Nicotiana species. Sources of resistance in Tobacco. Resistant cultivars. Integrated pest management. Leaf integrity. Plant-pathogen interaction. Biotechnology.

**II. Agricultural Practices and Plant Physiology:** Soil management, Good Agricultural Practices, Phytotechnics, Environmentally friendly production alternatives, Challenges associated to the climate change, Forestry studies, Authenticity of the Cuban tobacco Appellations of origin.

**III. Tobacco pre-processing: curing, sorting and classification, stripping, and storing:** Design of curing barns and curing programs, optimization of the methods for sorting, classification and stripping. Fermentation efficiency. Systems for packaging and baling. Moisture handling. Chemical changes during pre-processing.

**IV. Industrial processing of conventional (combustible) and the emergent products. Utilization of tobacco different from smoking.**

Characterization of the raw materials, Product development and optimization, Quality control, Aging and shelf life of raw materials and products, Post-harvest tobacco infestation control, Analytical procedures applied for tobacco and its smoke, Tobacco and health, Tobacco as a scientific tool, and Tobacco utilization different from smoking.

**V. Scientific approach about social, historical, cultural and marketing aspects of tobacco and related products:** History of the tobacco science and the agro-industry, Managing of the scientific information, Tobacco culture and artistry, Tobacco in gastronomy and services. Trends in the marketing, acceptance and consumption of tobacco.



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The registration fee includes accreditation and participation in the Congress and its activities. It also covers the delivery of materials, certificate of participation, scientific program, and flash memory with the summaries of all the contributions. It also includes the cost of the launches and coffee breaks during the Congress.

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**December 9-13, 2019**

**Official languages:** Spanish and English

**Place:** Havana International Conference Center, Cuba

**Modality of work:** Work in plenary and commissions

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