

ISOPA₂₀₁₂ Agroseminar - “Agronomists- Mind the GAP!”

International Society of Oil Palm Agronomists (ISOPA), MPOB and IOPRI had jointly organised this Agroseminar mainly to address the expanding role of agronomists as human resources in dealing with enhanced food production, and at the same time planning the strategies for the sustainability of oil palm plantation by optimal conservation of environment and implementation of good agricultural practices (GAP).

Report

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The International Society of Oil Palm Agronomists (ISOPA), Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) and Indonesian Oil Palm Research Institute (IOPRI) had jointly organised this field clinic which was held on 16 June 2014 in Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Bali, Indonesia in conjunction with International Oil Palm Conference 2014 (IOPC-2014). This is the first event organized by the society after it was reregistered on 28/5/2013. With the theme of “Agronomists - Mind the GAP!”, the seminar was aimed to be an important platform for discussions among the oil palm agronomists around the world for the development of oil palm industry.

Dr Norman Kamarudin, the Director of Biological Research Division, MPOB cum the President of ISOPA, officiated the opening of the Agroseminar. He mentioned that the world demand for food is expanding more rapidly than ever, mainly to increasing affluence. Thus, the major challenge is by continuing sufficient food production while balancing between agricultural development and environmental sustainability. Therefore, agronomists have important roles to play at both global and national levels. Numerous success stories also attest to the contributions of agronomists in augmenting oil palm production as food source in the developing countries.

This event successfully attracted 36 participants from companies and institutions who have strong commitments in effective management of oil palm on peat. A total of four papers were presented by the invited speakers during the Agroseminar:-

Paper 1 : The role of agronomists in international oil palm development for enhancing global food security by Dr. Norman Kamarudin, MPOB

Paper 2 : The role of GAP in minimizing pest and disease problem in oil palm plantation by Mr. Tjut Ahmad Perdana Rozziansha, IOPRI

- Paper 3 : Paper 3: The role of crop physiology to realize yield to their potential by Dr. J. P. Caliman and Ms Reni, SMARTRI
- Paper 4 : The role of fertilizers in sustainable palm oil production by Mr. Arif Sugandi, AARSB



Welcome remarks by Dr Norman Kamarudin, the President of ISOPA2012



Among the speakers (from left to right): En Arif Sugandi (AARSB), **???? (Session Chairman)**, Mr. Tjut Ahmad Perdana Rozziansha (IOPRI), Dr. J. P. Caliman and Ms Reni (SMARTRI).



Participants during seminar session



Question & Answer Sessions



ISOPA₂₀₁₂ Agrosemnar participants