

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
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Dear Colleagues:

The **XI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SUGAR AND SUGARCANE DERIVATIVES** will be held from October 18th to 22nd, 2010, at Jirahara Hotel, in Barquisimeto City, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

As in years before, I am pleased to invite you to participate in this Congress, which has been taking place every two years in the Republic of Cuba, and this time it will be organized in the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**. In the event, different interest topics allowing the promotion and spreading of knowledge and the development of sugarcane's wide possibilities are usually dealt with, starting from an active information, knowledge and experiences exchange of the selected subjects.

According to the proposal of Venezuelan authorities expressed in the Closing Session of the X Diversification Congress celebrated on October 2008 in Havana City, the celebration of the **XI Congress** was agreed to take place in the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**, under the regional integration activities that are being carried out with the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA).

Important programs for sugarcane diversification are now being developed in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which are going to be exposed all along the **XI CONGRESS "DIVERSIFICACION 2010"**, focusing on the topics with greatest interest for the sugar-producing countries of the Region.

In this occasion, the event is called and sponsored by the **research and development institutions of Sugar Ministry of the Republic of Cuba as well as PDVSA Agrícola and the Agricultural**

and Land Ministry of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and will be devoted to all the aspects related to "**Sugarcane Agriculture, Sugarcane Technology, Energy, Animal Feeding, Environment, and the Social Impact of PDVSA Agrícola Program**".

Visits to places where investments are being under execution for Animal Feeding, Energy and Environment Program conducted by PDVSA Agrícola, are also planned.

Parallel to the presentation sessions of Conferences and Workshops, an **Exposition of Technology and Machinery Supplying Enterprises** will be organized for sugarcane agro-industry sector, closely related to the topics to be dealt on the Congress, and to which producers and businessmen will be called.

Different **well-recognized national and international specialists** will participate in the Congress, who have been invited to expose the situation and the latest developments in their specialties' fields related to the event topics.

In further announcements, we will inform about the **Congress Program** and the instructions for the authors who would like to submit papers, the deadlines, and other organizational aspects that will be established and communicated by the Organizing Committee.

For additional information visit ICIDCA's website (<http://www.icidca.cu>)

With the objective to keep working on our common goal to contribute to the knowledge and the development of sugarcane potentials, I renew our invitation to meet in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Best Regards,

Dr. Luis O. Gálvez Taupier
President of the Organizing Committee

Launch Activity for the XI Congress “DIVERSIFICATION 2010” in Venezuela.



This activity was held at Jirahara Hotel in Barquisimeto, on Thursday November 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

It was led by Luis O. Galvez Taupier, Director of ICIDCA, as President of the Organizing Committee, Egly Ramírez, President of PDVSA Agrícola, and by Iván Gil, Vice-minister of Agriculture and Land Ministry, both as Honorary Presidents of the Event.

The Presidents of the activity explained the purposes of the Congress and the role everyone should play on it. Next, the answers to the questions of the 20 attending journalists representing 4 television channels and 10 radio stations were given.

Preliminary Program

Time	October 18th	October 19th	October 20th	October 21st	October 22nd
9:00	Accreditation and Poster Arrangement	Welcoming Words Opening Words Master Conferences	Conferences and/or Panels or Workshops	Field Visits	Conferences and/or Panels or Workshops
13: 00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Closing Lunch
14:00	Accreditation and Poster Arrangement	Conferences and/or Panels or Workshops	Conferences and/or Panels or Workshops		Closing Ceremony
17:00	Welcome Cocktail and y Opening of Exposition		Cultural Activity		