



CALL FOR PAPERS

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The following topics will be considered for publication:

- Biodiversity as the foundation for sustainable agriculture
- Biodiversity and food (nutrition, traditional diets)
- Soil biodiversity
- Preservation of rare stocks
- Indicators for agro-biodiversity
- Value of taxonomy to biodiversity and agriculture
- Pollination
- Bio-control
- Ecosystems and the value of adjacent protected areas to agricultural land.
- Plant genetic resources, management of wild stocks, farm animal genetics.

Other related topics will be considered. Please submit your abstracts (250 words or less) by November 16th, 2007 to the Managing Editor, Stephen Aitken (aitken@tc-biodiversity.org). Space is limited. For more information on *Biodiversity* please visit www.tc-biodiversity.org/. Final papers will be due January 7th, 2008, and the publication is scheduled for April 15th, 2008.

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