

International Rapeseed Congress Hosted by Canada

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is the site for "rapeseed in a Changing World", the 8th International Rapeseed Congress of the Groupe Consultatif International de Recherche sur le Colza (GCIRC), which is headquartered in Paris, France.

The Congress, which runs July 9 to 11, 1991, will focus on new developments in the international rapeseed and Canadian canola industries and provide some insight into the future for researchers, producers, processors, marketers and product users.

Three keynote speakers are on the Congress agenda: Dr. Alex McCalla from the University of California will address global issues which will affect rapeseed and canola markets in the future. German researcher, Dr. Gerhard Röbbelen, will present recent discoveries in breeding and biotechnology, and Roy Carr from the POS Pilot Plant will profile new processing techniques, nutritional developments and the direction of trends over the next decade.

President of the GCIRC, Dr. Milton Bell of the University of Saskatchewan, is looking forward to the event with great anticipation. "I am pleased that Canada has the opportunity to host this event. We have a lot to offer to international delegates, after all, Canada is the home of Canola. The Congress will give us a chance to discuss new developments in the Canadian Canola Industry and to share information on rapeseed improvements in Europe and Asia," Bell said.

While attending the Congress delegates will also be given opportunities to attend pre-Congress workshops on agronomy, diseases and analytical chemistry, and to be exposed to over 400 technical papers which cover seven research areas of the rapeseed and canola industry.

In the final session of the Congress eminent scientists in several disciplines will highlight the issues in their respective areas, including papers presented at the Congress.

Many attendees will be interested also in pre-Congress tours of the University of Saskatchewan Campus, including the National Research Council Laboratories, POS Pilot Plant, Agriculture Canada Research Station, a new Agricultural College building, etc. Several interesting post-Congress tours provide opportunities for more extensive sightseeing and viewing of canola production and processing.

The GCIRC was established to promote the development of rapeseed and its production through technological and scientific research and to encourage collaboration among industry researchers. On behalf of the GCIRC Board of Directors and the general membership, President Bell offers a warm welcome to all planning to attend the 1991 Congress.

Dr. Milton BELL
President of the G.C.I.R.C.