

## INTRODUCTION

Salinity and sodicity are the global problems that spread in all continents except Antarctica. Out of 230 million ha irrigated land of the world 45 million ha (19.5%) are salt affected. The badly hit countries are India, Pakistan, Iran, Russia, USA, Egypt, Thailand, Australia, Argentina and South Africa. The extent of these problems in Pakistan has been estimated as 6.8 million ha. About 26% of the irrigated agricultural area has been hit from salinity / sodicity. Hence, soil and water salinity/sodicity have become acute problems of the present agriculture of the country. Various research institutes are putting their best efforts to solve these problems. Integration of this struggle, sharing of experience and joint action of future will help a lot to identify where we stand, what are the unaddressed corners, deficiencies and what will be the future plans. The presence of international scientists will guide our struggle and put it on right direction through sharing their experience and techniques. In depth deliberations will be a tremendous support to solve the problems in global scenario. To achieve these targets, this conference is being organized at Soil Salinity Research Institute, Pindi Bhattian, the sole institute of Punjab Province of Pakistan dealing with the problems through multi-disciplinary approaches in an integrated manner. These efforts will be strengthened through participation and sharing knowledge that the global scientific community is having presently especially that developed in the last decade.

## PINDI BHATTIAN CITY

It is a historical city on bank of Chenab River and is famous due to a traditional story of Dullah Bhatti. It is situated at the junction of motorway from Lahore to Islamabad and Islamabad/Lahore to Faisalabad. It is 70 Km away from Faisalabad and 106 Km from Lahore. This city is connected with all areas of the country through motorway and is at 35 minutes drive from Faisalabad, 01 hr drive from Lahore and 03 hrs drive from Islamabad. Five star hotels and other medium quality hotels (Rs.700 - 2000 per night) are available at Faisalabad and Lahore in addition to rest houses. Soil Salinity Research Institute is a sub-station of Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad located in the town of Pindi Bhattian. The Institute is serving the farmers to tackle salinity/sodicity problems.

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