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**Subject:** Re: Invitation to participate and deliver a talk in V NGGIBCI, Feb 18-20, 2015- Jackson  
**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:40:01 AM

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Rajeev, it seems there are many flight options from Hyd to Abu Dhabi so this might work. I won't know for sure until I see the Abu Dhabi meeting schedule. What time would the meeting on the 17th conclude? I may not be able to make a final decision until I see where they have placed me on the speaker schedule in Abu D.

-scott

On Oct 10, 2014, at 10:27 PM, Varshney, Rajeev (ICRISAT-IN) <[R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG)> wrote:

Thanks, Scott. Is it possible for you to miss 17th in Abu Dhabi and come to Hyderabad on 16th?

Many thanks and kind regards

Rajeev

On Oct 9, 2014, at 9:09 PM, Scott Allen Jackson <[sjackson@uga.edu](mailto:sjackson@uga.edu)> wrote:

hi Rajeev, Unfortunately, the meeting in Abu Dhabi is 17-20 February, so I don't think I will be able to make it this year. I regret this. If you have dates of future meetings/advisory boards, please let me know so I can block my calendar. HOPE all is well with everyone there.

Best, Scott

On Sep 25, 2014, at 1:50 PM, Varshney, Rajeev (ICRISAT-IN) <[R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG](mailto:R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG)> wrote:

Dear Scott

Greetings from ICRISAT!

We are pleased to share with you that in continuation of our earlier meetings (like the IV NGGIBCI, <http://www.icrisat.org/gt-bt/NGGIBCI/home.htm>), we have a plan to organize **5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Next Generation Genomics and Integrated Breeding for Crop**

**Improvement (V NGGIBCI)** during February 18- 20, 2015 in Hyderabad. We are expecting about 30-40 talks by eminent speakers (like you) with some discussion sessions on contemporary topics in this conference. We are expecting to have about 150- 200 delegates in this meeting.

In view of your eminence and extensive experience in the area of next generation genomics and modern breeding, we have a pleasure to invite you to participate and deliver a talk in this conference. We will be happy to take care of your registration fee, travel expenses(economy class airfare by the shortest route) and local hospitality (local transportation, accommodation, lunch/dinner, etc.) during your stay in India.

We are also planning to have the 3rd Annual Meeting and Project Advisory Committee meeting of the pigeonpea project on **Feb 17, 2014** so that you can participate in the project meeting as well as NGGIBCI meeting.

We request you to kindly confirm your participation in the above mentioned meetings soon.

Looking forward to hear from you on above soon.

Thanking you very much in anticipation for accepting our invitation.

Kind regards

Rajeev

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