



## **Agenda**

### **RALF Symposium on Medicinal Plants: Research, Cultivation, Conservation, Processing and Marketing**

**Saturday, November 19, 2005, 8:15-4:30, RAMP Conference Room, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food (MAAHF), Kabul**

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| <b>8:15-8:30</b>    | <b>Registration</b>  |  |
| <b>8:30-9:00</b>    | <b>Introductory Remarks:</b>   |  |
|                     | <b>ICARDA</b>  | <b>N. Wassimi, N. Malik</b>                      |
|                     | <b>DFID-UK</b>   | <b>E. Shamal</b>                                 |
|                     | <b>MAAHF</b>   | <b>H. E. Deputy Minister Sharif 's Designate</b> |
| <b>9:00-9:20</b>    | <b>The Medicinal Flora of Afghanistan</b>  |  |
|                     | <b>Prof. G. Naqshband Nasery, Faculty of Agr., Kabul Univ.</b>   |  |
| <b>9:20-9:40</b>    | <b>The Role of Medicinal Plants in Afghanistan's Trade</b>   |  |
|                     | <b>A. Majid Wafeq, Ministry of Commerce</b>  |  |
| <b>9:40-10:00</b>   | <b>The Impact of Decades of Wild Collection Without Conservation</b>                                       |  |
|                     | <b>Eng. H. Hussain Khaurin, Forestry &amp; Rangeland Dept, MAAH</b>  |  |
| <b>10:00- 10:10</b> | <b>Tea Break</b>   |  |
| <b>10:10- 10:40</b> | <b>Discussion Session; Theme: Cultivation vs. Wild Collection</b>  |  |
|                     | <b>Discussion Session, Lead by:</b>  |  |
|                     | <b>A. R. Manan (ICARDA) and Prof. Y. Mohsini (Faculty of Agr., Kabul Univ)</b>                             |  |
|                     | <b>Rapporteur: Dr. Ali Gohar (DACAAR)</b>  |  |
| <b>10:40-11:10</b>  | <b>Overview of Activities of the Medicinal Plants Division, Research Institute of Forest and Rangeland</b> |  |
|                     | <b>Dr. Mohammad Bagher Rezaee Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture, Tehran</b>                                  |  |
| <b>11:10-11:40</b>  | <b>Advances in Saffron Production in Khorasan Province</b>   |  |
|                     | <b>Dr. Abdullah Mullah Filabi, Khorasan Science Research Park, Mashhad</b>                                 |  |
| <b>11:40-12:10</b>  | <b>Overview of Activities of Qarshi Herb Research Centre in Haripur, Pakistan</b>                          |  |
|                     | <b>Dr. Mohammad Khan Asrar</b>   |  |
| <b>12:10-13:10</b>  | <b>Lunch Break at Conference Room of Forestry &amp; Rangeland Dept., MAAHF</b>                             |  |

- 13:10-13:40**      **Industrial Processing of Medicinal Crops by GTB Group in Kashan: Extraction of Essential Oils/Plant Extracts, Production of Herbal Medicines, Production of Distillation Equipment**  
**Mahandes Hussein Hejazy, GTB Group President**
- 13:40-14:25**      **Lessons Learned Session: Technology Transfer from Our Neighbors**  
**Lead by: N. Malik, Prof. Omaid (Herat Univ) and Dr. A. Osmanzai (MAAHF)**  
**Rapporteur: Dr. Javed Rizvi, ICARDA**
- 14:25 -14:35**      **Tea Break**
- Project 02-02: Saffron as an Alternative to Opium Poppies in Herat Province**
- 14:35-14:50**      **Introduction of Saffron to Herat**  
**Dr. Ali Gohar, B. Wedge and M. H. Aslami, DACAAR**
- 14:50-15:05**      **Global Markets: Update from Saffron Traders Meeting in Dubai**  
**Dr. Peter Wyeth, Washington State University**
- 15:05-15:20**      **Project 02-07: Natural Active Ingredients for Food, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics: Market Research, Value Chain Analysis**  
**Bert-Jan Ottens (Profound) and Lucas Bakker (Novib-Oxfam)**
- 15:20-15:35**      **The Role of Faculty of Pharmacy as an Implementing Partner**  
**Prof. M. Osman Babury and Prof. Seddiqui**
- 15:35-15:50**      **Project 02-11: Cultivation of Mint as an Alternative to Opium Poppies**  
**J. Rizvi, ICARDA**
- 15:50-16:20**      **Discussion and Concluding Remarks**  
**Discussion Lead by: Dr. Geof Dolman (Mercy Corps), Dr. F. Fazl (MAAHF) and Prof. Bawary (Nangarhar Univ)**  
**Rapporteur: Bert-Jan Ottens (Profound)**
- 16:20-17:00**      **RALF-DFID Business Meeting**
- M & E Plan**      **N. Malik**
- Documenting Project Impact (Even if Anecdotal); Number of Communities/Households/Farmers Reached/Will be Reached by RALF**      **N. Malik**
- Next Quarterly Report, Annual Report**      **N. Malik, E. Shamal**
- DFID Mid-Term Review**      **E. Shamal**
- Next Workshop**      **N. Malik**