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DEAN PREFACE



Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

My heartiest congratulations go to the Committees for successfully organized PIMES September 2018. PIMES September 2018 enables lecturers and panels from strong industrial background to reflect and share significant ideas, experiences and research findings in the workplace and in partnerships. It is also hoped to encourage collaboration among the lecturers and enhance the quality and performance of the faculty. The research findings derived from this substantial event shall indicate the commitment of lecturers not only in teaching, but also in striving to unfold new knowledge and processes that will benefit the nation. The efforts of our lecturers need to be further extended to a wider audience so that the nation will benefit from the research findings. It is also hoped that, the proceedings will trigger serious thought and more robust research in the field of education as well as plantation and technology so as to help Malaysia achieve Vision 2020.

As we know, agriculture production has increased tremendously today because of the demand from various sectors in the world. To meet the challenges of increasing food demand, techniques and ways should be created to improve productivity, profitability and sustainability of the agricultural system. Industrial agricultural system has led to irretrievably changes in the landscape diversity, soil quality, environment integrity, and natural resource base. This has resulted major questions and curiosity worldwide in relation to the sustainability of agricultural production system. The most significant damage to natural ecosystems and the environment was caused by habitat conversion and corresponding climate change, loss of biodiversity and ecosystem functions, soil erosion and degradation, and pollution from fertilizers and pesticides. Concepts in plant protection have changed in past decades from exclusion or destruction of pest to pest management. Serious problems with pesticides, rapid development of pest resistance, environmental effects of pesticides, and high costs led to development of new approaches and techniques in pest management based on improved knowledge of pest dynamics and their natural enemies, and the interaction between the pest and the crop.

It remains only for me to thank all those who have helped to make this events such a great and wonderful success. Much appreciation is due to the board editor, and reviewers of all papers submitted as well as to all authors whose ideas and contributions ensured rich and lively discussion during the various sessions.

DEAN,

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INTRODUCTION

The PiMES committee and UiTM (Melaka), Jasin Campus residents are very pleased to welcome all participants in the Plantation and Management Seminar (PiMES) which is organized by Faculty and Agrotechnology.

PiMES aims to give an exposure to the students about the procedure to make a poster by extracting information from their final year project. This seminar will sharpen their communication skill as well as they can exchange and share their research result, projects, experiences and new ideas related to all aspects of studies in plantation management and agribusiness, plant sciences, soil sciences, plant protection, plant biotechnology and agricultural engineering. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy and return home with plenty of inspiration to improve agro-industry plantation practices and research activities.

ISOLATION OF EFFECTIVE BACTERIA FROM PADDY FIELD

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ABSTRACT

Phosphorus is a second essential element after nitrogen for plant growth and development. In the soil, it is generally existing in the fixed form that will make it unavailable to plants. This study is to evaluate either there is a significant difference between using isolation of effective microorganism from paddy field with P availability in soil or there is no significant at all. Two treatments are set up which are Merlimau soil (T0) and Merlimau soil with Phosphate Solubilizing Bacteria (PSB) (T1). Parameter has being taken to measure the availability of P for the treatment and the value of soil pH. In addition, the measurement of plant height, number of tillers and the number of leaves are also being taken to discover the performance of plant growth on weekly for five weeks. When treated with the PSB, the available P and soil pH was found that it have a significant increase as shown in the result of T1 in soil analysis. Besides, the plant analysis for the plants growth also shows that the soil that have been treated with PSB is better than soil without PSB. Thus, the result also show that the plants with PSB are increasing in the height of plant, development of tillers and the leaves of plants compared to the soil that without PSB. Therefore, the application of PSB to the rice soil can enhance P availability and also can improve the growth of plant. They convert the insoluble phosphate into soluble form through the production of organic acids and make it available for plant uptake and nutrition.

Keywords: Phosphate solubilizing bacteria (PSB), soil analysis, plant analysis, p availability, growth of plant