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## ***The Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use***

### **Production Conference Added to the Plenary Meeting Agenda**

The 65<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the ICAC since 1939 will begin in six weeks. The deadline to make hotel reservations in order to guarantee rates and availability is Friday, 11 August 2006.

An innovation in the agenda of the plenary meeting this year is the addition of a Production Conference organized by the host country. The Production Conference is intended primarily for the benefit of the private sector, and in particular cotton producers. The five sessions of the Production Conference will be conducted in the same International Convention Center in Goiânia where the plenary meeting is being conducted, and each session is open to all participants. Simultaneous translation between English and Portuguese will be provided. The five topics of the Production Conference include:

#### **Marketing and Quality of Brazilian Cotton**

Chair: Peter Graham, National Association of Cotton Exporters (ANEA)

#### **Demand Enhancement**

Moderator: Andrew Macdonald, Brazilian Cotton Association (ABRALG)

#### **Production Conference (Room Lago Azul): Improving the Competitiveness of Brazilian Cotton**

Chair: Sergio de Marco, Cotton Board

#### **Production Conference (Room Lago Azul): Biotech Cotton in Brazil**

Chair: Osvaldo Pinto Fiuza, Management Council Coordinator of Fialgo

#### **Production Conference (Room Lago Azul): Price Risk Management for Cotton**

Chair: Plinio Penteadó, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros (BM&F)

Registration for the 65<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting is available on-line at [www.ICAC.org](http://www.ICAC.org) or by contacting the Secretariat for a registration booklet.

(Press releases are available via e-mail. To register for this free service, go to the ICAC web page at <http://www.icac.org/netforms/icac/lists/subscriptionform.html>)

The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 41 governments of countries with an interest in cotton. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$170 per year via email, \$210 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$265 per year. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$420 per year. Access Secretariat reports at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).