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Today more then ever before, increased food production, improved food guality, environmental protection and restoring renewable resources depend on the rational use of fertilizers. The Congress will provide a dynamic, timely opportunity for experts in this field to gather in an international forum to discuss the serious fertilizer related problems that must be confronted in the 1990s, and their potential solution.

Fertigation, foliar nutrient application, soil and plant testing, fertilizer characteristics and management, use of agricultural, municipal, industrial and solid wastes in agriculture, fertilization in agroforestry and reforestation, are the main topics to be considered during the Congress.

The Congress will provide a unique opportunity for addressing these issues through provoking plenary lectures, panel discussions and technical presentations.Well-known and respected authorities from International Organizations, Professional and Trade Associations, Research Institutions, Universities, Academies and Government Representatives from around the world will share their knowledge and expertise throughout the comprehensive five-day congress program and in working groups during which the ideas, conclusions and recommendations emanated from the plenary lectures, will be discussed.

We are lucky for your coming and active participation in this congess, supported by the diligent planning of the organizers, and we hope that Cypriot hospitality will contribute to a rewarding and memorable week in Cyprus.

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