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Speaking Engagement and Site Visit in Bangalore India.

Report and Recommendations

October 27 to November 5, 2008

*United Planters Association of Southern India
&
Karnataka Planter Association- UPASI-KPA*

*Mr. Shaji Philip, Chairman
UPASI – Coffee Committee*



Objective of Bangalore Visit

A. Present paper at:

*United Planters Association of Southern India and
Karnataka Planters Association, UPASI-KPA*

Coffee Conference and Golden Jubilee

Bangalore, November 4th 2008

“Mechanical Approach to Quality Coffee Production”

**B. Tour the Karnataka Coffee Area,
Coorg and Chickmagalur**

C. Visit Producers and Plantations

D. Learn about Indian Coffee Production

E. Formulate Strategy towards Mechanization

F. Present Report of Findings

Summary

Mr. Daniel Kuhn from International Agro Consulting was invited by UPASI Coffee Committee to present a paper at the UPASI – KPA Coffee Conference on November 4, 2008 and thereafter tour the surrounding coffee areas with a view towards mechanization.

Observations

The most obvious impression is the beauty of the Indian coffee estates and plantings. The majestic shade trees add an exquisite dimension.

Other impressions:

- Often steep terrain with various slopes
- Heavy shade
- Dense coffee plantings with predominant canopy
- Little production below canopy
- Little or no obvious access between coffee trees
- Multi cropping with other crops growing on shade trees
- Excellent pulping and fermentation installations
- Extent of Robusta plantings
- Washed Robusta practices