

Peer Review

Review of: "Disruption, Diversity, and Due Diligence: Charting the Course for Coffee's Future—Key Takeaways from the International Coffee Convention 2024 (ICC2024)"

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The paper provides a comprehensive summary of ICC24 and therefore gives an overview for both newcomers and specialists. It presents both current and future challenges relating to the coffee industry. Topics from research, sustainability, and economic aspects are covered, which opens a broad scope for the reader. The paper emphasizes the fact that the conference brings together representatives from different disciplines and sectors (business and science) in a unique way. As such, it offers a promising platform for the future to address complex challenges around the topic in an interdisciplinary and collaborative way.

The article is well-structured. It provides important references and gives pointers to in-depth content and experts on various topics.

Some minor suggestions for improvement:

- 1) Some of the subtitles are very long. For example, section 3 "Satellite Workshop on Advancing Coffee Genetic Resource Conservation and Exchange: Global Perspectives and Strategies" could be shortened to "Satellite Workshop on Advancing Coffee Genetic Resource Conservation."
- 2) The article would benefit from some more references, especially to legislation such as the Nagoya Protocol or the EU Regulation on Deforestation.
- 3) Naming coffee species could be unified between the various sections (C. liberica or Liberica).

4) The structure/placement of the subsection describing the Kaldi Award could be reconsidered. For example, it could be included in the section “Venue and Highlights” under a specific subheading. In general, the section “Venue and Highlights” could be moved to the end of the paper. In this way, the content-related contributions get more emphasis than the organisational topics, which fits the scientific, academic nature of the conference.

Declarations

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