

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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Thank you for the opportunity to review this conference report.

It is very good and provides a reader who hasn't attended, and maybe someone who has attended, with direction for finding more information about specific topics associated with what the ICC considers as topical and for future directions for the coffee industry. It also gives a reader some motivation for attending the conference in the future. The report indicates that the themes are comprehensive and reflective of up-to-date and future trends.

The key themes addressed—cultivation, farming and coffee species, and sustainability considerations; then the processing, cupping, and nutritional benefits and risks—are all explained as studied and presented about. The summary of each theme does give good citation of examples and topical presentations from the conference.

The species selections and landscape planning and allocation for robusta compared to arabica, and specific coffee varieties, alongside climate considerations and the Nagoya protocol, are significant and good to have included in the abstract. The selected examples and citations are also quite representative of significant findings and advances that are likely to continue for research and influence the coffee industry, by farming, processing, roasting, cupping, and consumption practices.

The awards and themes awarded give a good indication of aspects of the coffee industry that the ICC is focused on and interested in. It looks to be a good information resource for coffee specialists and

researchers, maybe even for anyone influential in future planning for the coffee industry, particularly for improved or maintained sustainability.

For publication, it might require:

1. Some improved structure, with the themes covered in the conference paragraphed and subheaded. For example, the report provides 9 themes and the awards; there are 8 themes explained in conclusion. These 8 themes could be the subheadings, with future directions and maybe key takeaways for each subsection presented.
2. The summary for each theme could be more summative at the beginning or end of each subsection, and the conclusion could ensure a reader knows that circular economy and sustainability aspects are part of the processing and trade themes.
3. The report could ensure a paragraph or two on future directions for each theme, in addition to the summaries of selected presentations and publications.
4. Provide key takeaways as a subsection as per the heading. The key takeaways could include the presentations selected as included for this report as indicative of significant findings, and the topics that seem most important for presenting findings about and for future research. This would be different from listing each theme as a subsection.

Declarations

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