

OIP News & Views

The IPM Collaborative Research Support Programs



In the OIP column in the November 2003 issue of *Phytopathology News*, the origins and goals of the USAID-funded Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs) were discussed, and the Bean/Cowpea CRSP was featured. In the current column, the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) CRSP is highlighted.

As in the other CRSPs, experts from U.S. universities and host country institutions collaborate on mutually beneficial projects. The goals of the IPM CRSP are to reduce crop losses due to pests and increase food production and farmer income using IPM technologies that exert a negligible impact on the environment. Major emphases are placed on fruit, vegetable, and field crops. Host countries include Albania, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Eritrea, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Mali, the Philippines, and Uganda; U.S. institutions include Montana State University, The Ohio State University, The Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, University of California Davis, University of Georgia, North Carolina A&T University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, and the USDA. Virginia Tech is the managing institution.



Given the large number of countries and institutions that are part of the IPM CRSP, it is not surprising that numerous plant pathologists participate. Through their involvement with this CRSP, the following individuals provide their time and expertise in solving pressing agricultural problems internationally: **Ekwamu Adipala**, Makerere University, Kampala (Uganda); **Ronaldo Alberto**, Central Luzon State University (Philippines); **Lowell Black**, formerly AVRDC (Philippines and Bangladesh); **Anton Baudoin**, Virginia Tech (Uganda), **Mercedes Doyle**, Zamarano (Honduras); **Mike Ellis**, Ohio State, Wooster (Ecuador); **Greg Forbes**, CIP (Ecuador); **Dave Geiser**, Penn State (Uganda); **Ruben Gapsin**, Leyte State University (Philippines); **Bob Gilbertson**, UC Davis (Bangladesh and Mali); **Georgina Hakiza**, National Agricultural Research Organization, Kawanda (Uganda); **John Halbrendt**, Penn State (Philippines); **Ray Martyn**, Purdue (Guatemala, Central American site chair); **Sally Miller**, Ohio State, Wooster (Bangladesh, Philippines, Southeast Asian site chair, and Uganda); **M. S. Nahar**, BSMR Agricultural University (Bangladesh); **Jose Ochoa** (Ecuador); **Nenita Opina**, University of the Philippines Los Baños (Philippines); **M. A. Rahman**, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (Bangladesh); **M. H. Rashid**, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (Bangladesh); **Willie Sanchez** (Guatemala, Central American site coordinator); **Carmen Suarez-Capello**, INIAP, Pichilingue (Ecuador, Latin American site coordinator); **Beth Teviotdale**, UC Davis, Kearny (Mali); **Judy Theis**, USDA (Jamaica); **Sue Tolin**, Virginia Tech (Jamaica, Caribbean site chair); and **Herman Warren**, Virginia Tech (Uganda). In addition, **Tom Mew**, IRRI, serves on the Board of Directors and **Doug Rouse**, University of Wisconsin, serves on the External Evaluation Panel for this CRSP. A tip of the OIP hat to the IPM CRSP and the above scientists who have helped make it a success.

More information on the IPM CRSP can be found at www.ag.vt.edu/ipmcrsp/index.asp. This website includes a variety of information, including an IPM CRSP directory, annual reports, newsletters, posters, PowerPoint presentations, photo galleries, and several other resources. To receive periodic IPM CRSP progress reports, send your e-mail address to IPM-DIR@vt.edu.

OIP Symposium in May Plant Disease

Jesse Dubin, longtime member of the OIP advisory board, organized a symposium at the 2002 APS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, WI, on the impact of plant diseases on resource-poor farmers. Full-length papers of four presentations from this session will be published in *Plant Disease*. Watch for articles in the May issue by **Dave Thurston**, Cornell, "10,000 Years of Experience with Sustainable Plant Disease Control"; **Etienne Duveiller**, CIMMYT, Nepal, "Controlling Foliar Blights of Wheat in the Rice-Wheat Systems of Asia"; **Karen Garrett** et al., Kansas State, "Late Blight Management in the Peruvian Highlands"; and Tom Mew et al., IRRI, "Application of Rice Seed-Associated Antagonistic Bacteria to Manage Rice Diseases in Developing Countries."

McBeath Awarded State Department Fellowship

Jenifer Huang McBeath, University of Alaska Fairbanks, has been awarded a U.S. State Department Embassy Science Fellowship (ESF). This is the first time an ESF has been awarded to an academician or scientist who is not a U.S. government official. From March 1 to May 31, 2004, McBeath will be based in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and will work closely with various USDA offices on biotechnology, pest risk assessment, trade barriers, and related issues. A synopsis of some of McBeath's career accomplishments and her responsibilities in China is included in this month's People section. McBeath has been a long-time supporter of OIP activities, and we wish her well on this interesting assignment.

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