

HONORS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS FOR IRS, NRS, AND BOT IN 2004

Fazle Hasan Abed, BOT member

- On behalf of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), which he founded, received the \$1 million Gates Award for Global Health, September.
- Received the 2004 United Nations Development Programme Mahbub ul Haq Award for Outstanding Contribution to Human Development in recognition of his commitment to empowering the poor and his success in expanding choices and providing opportunities for women and other marginalized groups in Bangladesh.

Mark Bell, head, Training Center and IPMO

- Received an Appreciation and Partnership Award for his strong and continuous support for IRRI-Myanmar collaborative programs through capacity building, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar.

Roland Buresh, senior scientist, soil science, CSWS

- Received an Appreciation and Partnership Award for his excellent technical support to nutrient management through site-specific nutrient management, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar.

Ronald P. Cantrell, director general

- Received Medal for Agriculture and Rural Development in recognition of his contributions to agricultural development and research over the years, from the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hanoi, May.

- Named honorary professor by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, July.
- Presented with a resolution in recognition of his valuable contributions in uplifting the lives of the residents of the municipality of Bay, Laguna, Philippines, Sangguniang Bayan of Bay, November.
- Presented with Resolution No. 691 recognizing his contributions to Laguna through IRRI's community projects, Provincial Office of Laguna, Sta. Cruz, Philippines, December.
- Presented a Plaque of Appreciation for his support to the "development of a rice research and development program for the Philippine national agricultural research system and for playing a proactive role in the various activities of the Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc., Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, December.
- Participated in a ceremony during which CPS 1 and 2, which houses Communication and Publications Services and Information Technology Services, was formally renamed the Ronald P. Cantrell Building with a plaque mounted on the building that reads: "The Trustees of the International Rice Research Institute have named this building in honor of Ronald P. Cantrell, Director General, 1998-2004, in recognition of his strong leadership and intelligent management at a time when this combination of talents was urgently needed. He secured a place for the Institute on the cutting-edge of information and com-

munication technology and the new science of functional genomics ushered in with the sequencing of the rice genome. He also oversaw the continued development of innovative, sustainable rice production systems for both irrigated and unfavorable environments and articulated the importance of household food security for millions of poor rice farmers and consumers. Dedicated this 13th day of December 2004.”

A.R. Castañeda, B.A.M. Bouman, S. Peng, and R.M. Visperas, CSWS

- Won the Best Paper Award, Soil and Water Management Category, for *Testing of aerobic rice in the Philippines; results of field experiments at IRRI*, 54th Annual Philippine Agricultural Engineering National Convention, Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, April.

Gelia Castillo, consultant

- Received one of five 2004 Outstanding Filipino Awards given to pioneering Filipinos, Philippine Jaycee Senate, Manila, December.

Swapan K. Datta, senior scientist, plant biotechnology, PBGB

- Elected member of the International Advisory Committee of the International Association for Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology.
- Named associate editor of *Transgenic Research*, Springer/Kluwer International Publications.
- Elected Fellow of India’s Academy of Agricultural Science, December.

S.K. De Datta, former IRRI agronomist and principal scientist (1966–91)

- Received a Presidential Citation Award from President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for his contributions toward eradicating hunger through improved agricultural productivity and food security, particularly for the production of rice, 17th PhilRice National Research and Development Conference, Manila, April.

Glenn Gregorio, international research fellow; scientist and rice breeder for Africa, PBGB

- Received the 2004 Achievement Award for Crop Science Research from the Crop Science Society of the Philippines, Davao City, March.
- Named 2004 Outstanding Young Scientist in the field of genetics, National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines, June.

- Appointed honorary scientist of the Rural Development Administration of Korea.
- Received one of Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awards in the field of plant breeding and genetics, from the Philippine Jaycees, Gerry Roxas Foundation, and the TOYM Foundation, Manila, December.

Gene Hettel and Aurora Ammayao, CPS

- Won the Outstanding Professional Skill in Writing Award and Gold Award for their book chapter, *Let’s hope the bile is good*, Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA, June.

Ariel Javellana (CPS), Christian Concepcion (CPS), and Duncan Macintosh (VIS)

- Won the Gold Award for IRRI’s International Year of Rice poster set, Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA, June.

Edwin Javier, senior scientist, plant breeding, PBGB and INGER coordinator

- Received an Appreciation and Partnership Award for his continuous collaboration with Myanmar through activities involving the International Network for Genetic Evaluation of Rice, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar.

Gurdev Khush, former IRRI principal plant breeder, PBGB

- Received the Khwarizmi International Award for Agriculture, Teheran, February.

Ish Kumar, international research fellow, PBGB

- Presented a Plaque of Recognition for being responsible for the development of Mestizo hybrid rice and contributions to the Filipino people, Bayer Crop Science, Manila, November.

J.K. Ladha, senior scientist, soil science, CSWS

- Elected Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America, November.

Juan Lazaro IV, Ariel Javellana, and Gene Hettel, CPS

- Won a Bronze Award for an IRRI image bank advertisement, Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA, June.

Dave Mackill, Sant Virmani, Gary Atlin, Edwin Javier, Yolanda Chen, Melissa Fitzgerald, Ish Kumar, Mods Amante, Roger Cabunagan, Julio Chavez, Leody Ebron, Tony Evangelista, Cel Laza, Vit Lopena, Rhulyx Mendoza, Neil Monroy, Mark Nas, Varoy Pamplona, Ed Redona, Dory Resurreccion, Benny Romena, Tess Sta Cruz, Noli Vera Cruz, and Jeannie Yanoria

- Received a plaque of recognition for the Philippine release of two new rice varieties for the irrigated lowlands—NSIC Rc118 also known as *Matatag 3* and NSIC Rc122 or *Angelica*, National Seed Industry Council (NSIC), the Philippine Rice Research Institute, and the Rice Technical Working Group, April.

Tom Mew, principal scientist, EPPD

- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his contributions to rice pathology, Rural Development Administration, Republic of Korea, Seoul, April.
- Presented a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding contributions to improving rice farmers' seed health practices for pest management and crop production in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, May.

Tamerlane Mark Nas, researcher, PBGB

- Received the 2004 Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture Best MS Thesis Award (for *Pyramiding of thermosensitive genetic male sterility [TGMS] genes and molecular characterization of a candidate TGMS locus in rice*), University of the Philippines Los Baños.

F. Palis, P.A.A. Cenas, B.A.M. Bouman, R.M. Lampayan, A.T. Lactaon, T.M. Norte, V.R. Vicmudo, M. Hossain, and G.T. Castillo

- Won the best paper on education and extension, Crop Science Society of the Philippines, Davao City, March.

A. Pamplona, R. Maghirang, C.N. Neeraja, E. Ella, A. Ismail, and D. Mackill

- Received the best poster award for *Submergence tolerance deployed to widely grown rainfed rice varieties through marker-assisted backcrossing*, *International Symposium on Rice: From Green Revolution to Gene Revolution*, Hyderabad, India, October.

Mano D. Pathak, former IRRI director for research and training (1962-89)

- Received *Research Accomplishment Award* in recognition of his discovery and development of genetic resources that confer insect resistance on tropical paddy rice, Leading Japanese Rice Research Group, Tokyo, Japan, November.

Shaobing Peng, senior scientist, crop physiology, CSWS

- Elected Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, November.

N. Ruairaidh Sackville Hamilton, head, Genetic Resources Center

- Named chair of the Inter-Center Working Group on Genetic Resources.

M. Vasconcelos, K. Datta, N. Oliva, M. Khalekuzman, L. Torrizo, S. Krishnan, M. Olibeira, F. Goto, and S.K. Datta

- Won the 2004 CGIAR Science Award for Outstanding Scientific Article, *Enhanced iron and zinc accumulation in transgenic rice with the ferritin gene*, published in *Plant Science*, Mexico City, October.

Sant Singh Virmani, principal scientist, PBGB

- Won the Koshihikari International Rice Prize in recognition of his contributions to hybrid rice breeding, genetics, and seed production; Fukui City, Japan, announced in November 2004, presented in February 2005.
- Received a Plaque of Recognition for being responsible for the development of Mestizo hybrid rice and contributions to the Filipino people, Bayer Crop Science, Manila, November.

M.G. Yandoc, G. Santos, V. Alarcon, J. Ibabao, and G. Hettel, CPS

- Won a Silver Award for the electronic IRRI Bulletin, Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA, June.

Kaijun Zhao, liaison scientist for China, IPMO

- Elected Fellow of the Beijing Society for Plant Pathology.