

HONORS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS FOR IRS, NRS, AND BOT IN 2006

Adelaida A. Alcantara, Roniela H. Prantilla, Ma. Corina Habito, Flora de Guzman, Thomas Metz, and Nigel Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton, PBGB

- Won the Best Poster Extension (Education Category), *Management of the world's largest rice collection through information technology*, 36th Conference, Crop Science Society of the Philippines Palawan, May.

Adam Barclay, international research fellow, CPS

- Won a Gold Award (1st place) in writing (Magazine Category), *Dreams beyond drought*, Association for Communications Excellence Annual International Meeting, Quebec, Canada, June.
- Won first prize, *Direct success*, 2006 CGIAR photo competition, Washington, D.C., USA, December.

L.M. Borines (Leyte State University), S.A. Ordoñez (PhilRice), M.P. Natural (UPLB), B.W. Porter (Kansas State University), F. White (KSU), C.M. Vera Cruz (IRRI), H. Leung (IRRI), and E.D. Redoña (PhilRice)

- Won the Best Paper Award (Upstream Category), *Development of bacterial blight-resistant hybrid rice parental lines through bi-directional marker-aided selection*, 36th Conference, Crop Science Society of the Philippines, Palawan, May.

Darshan Brar, senior scientist, PBGB

- Named Fellow and Honorary Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Punjab Academy of Sciences, India, 9th Punjab Science Congress, Suman, India, February.

Roland Buresh, soil scientist, CESD

- Presented with a merit medal for his long-term efforts in support of Vietnamese agriculture and rural development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam, August.

- Received an Achievement Award for his notable achievements in research on soil and nutrient management and in actively collaborating with soil scientists from Asian and African countries, particularly the Philippines, 9th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium, Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology, June.

Maria Gay C. Carillo, PhD research scholar, PBGB

- Awarded as one of five student speakers, 6th I. E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium. She presented *Integrating phenotypic, molecular, and in silico approaches for quantitative resistance to rice blast*, 98th Annual Meeting, American Phytopathological Society, Quebec City, Canada, July.

Gelia T. Castillo, national scientist/IRRI consultant

- Conferred with a Doctor of Science (Rural Sociology, honoris causa) for outstanding contributions as a rural sociologist and first social scientist to raise the level of research as a tool for development studies, De La Salle University, Manila, June.

K.L. Heong, deputy division head, CESD

- Appointed adjunct professor, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China, August.
- Named recipient of the Third World Academy of Science (TWAS) Prize in Agricultural Sciences 2006, TWAS 10th General Conference, Brazil, September.

IRRI

- Named among CIO 100 Honorees for 2006 as one of Asia's top strategic users of IT, CIO Asia, April.

IRRI Emergency Brigade

- Received a commendation for quick response to a dormitory fire on 5 February, Municipal Government of Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, March.
- Received the IRRI Award for Outstanding Support of IRRI's Mission, NRS Awards Ceremony, April.

Ariel Javellana, officer-photography, CPS

- Won third prize, *Reflection of a farmer transplanting HYVs on a paddy field*, 2006 CGIAR photo competition, Washington, D.C., USA, December

Gurdev Khush, former principal plant breeder

- Conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa), Ohio State University, USA, March.

Tanguy Lafarge, Crisanta S. Bueno, and Estela Pasuquin, CESD

- Won the Best Poster Award in the Plant Traits and Physiology of Crop Adaptation Session, International Workshop on Gene-Plant-Crop Relations, Scale, and Complexity in Plant Systems Research, Wageningen University, The Netherlands, April.

Jan E. Leach, IIRRI adjunct scientist, Colorado State University

- Took over as president of the American Phytopathological Society for 2006-07, July.

Hei Leung, senior scientist, EPPD

- Recognized as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Fellows Forum, Annual Meeting of the AAAS, St. Louis, USA, February.

David Mackill, head, PBGB

- Named Honorary Fellow, Crop Science Society of the Philippines (CSSP), for his contributions to the rice varietal improvement programs in the Philippines and other rice-growing countries, 36th Conference, Crop Science Society of the Philippines, Palawan, May.

A. Colin McClung (former associate director, IIRRI)

- Received the 2006 World Food Prize for his contribution to the significant increase in the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world, U.S. State Department, June.

Angelita M. del Mundo and Angelina dR. Felix (UPLB), Glenn B. Gregorio, Dante L. Adorada, and Cristina B. Sison (IRRI), Jere D. Haas (Cornell University), and John L. Beard and Laura E. Murray Kolb (Pennsylvania State University, USA)

- Won the Philippine Agriculture and Resources Research Foundation, Inc. R&D Award under the 2006 Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc. R&D Award for Agriculture and Forestry (research category) for the

scientific paper, *Rice biofortification as a viable approach towards improved human nutrition*, July.

William G. Padolina, deputy director general for Operations and Support Services

- Named editor-in-chief of the *Philippine Journal of Science*, a technical journal on natural sciences, engineering, mathematics, and social sciences accredited by the Institute for Scientific Information and managed by the Science and Technology Information Institute of the Philippine Department of Science and Technology, July.

Florencia Palis, postdoctoral fellow, EPPD

- Received the Director General's Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement for her independent ethnographic research that encompassed many community settings and IIRRI projects, including her research for the advancement of knowledge, April.
- Received the Best Paper Award for *The social and cultural dimensions of rodent pest management*, 3rd International Conference on Rodent Biology and Management, Vietnam, August.

Mirasol Pampolino, Roland Buresh, and Efren Laureles (IRRI), and H.C. Gines (PhilRice)

- Received the Best Paper Award, *Long-term dynamics of soil carbon and nitrogen in lowland rice cropping systems*, 9th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium, Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology, June.

Mila Ramos, head, LDS

- Received the Outstanding Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award for 2005, 33rd Annual General Assembly, Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians, Manila, January.

Guo-Liang Wang, former IIRRI scholar

- Received the Syngenta Award for outstanding contribution to teaching, research, or extension in plant pathology, 98th Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, Quebec City, Canada, July.

Negussie Shoatatek Zenna, PhD scholar, EPPD

- Conferred lifetime membership by the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture for his outstanding academic achievement and his continued interest in advancing agriculture and allied disciplines, University of the Philippines, March.