

Honors, awards, and appointments for IRS, NRS, and BOT in 2013

Roven Rommel Fuentes, programmer, Informatics team

Won the best paper award for *Suffix tree-based pattern discovery of biological motifs*, Student-Faculty Research Conference of the Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science Cluster, January. [Read news](#)

Sarah Beebout, soil chemist, CESD

- Received an international development leader award on Devex's *Manila 40 Under 40* awards—a global program that recognizes 40 international development leaders under the age of 40 in cities around the world, February. [Read news](#)

Bas Bouman, Ma. Celeste Dizon, Marileth Enriquez, Fiona Farrell, Hiram Gomez, Corinta Guerta, Martin Gummert, Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton, Amelia Henry, Sunil Jhunjhunwala, Arvind Kumar, Rubenito Lampayan, Ricardo Oliva, Florencia Palis, Thelma Paris, Fulin Qiu, Frances Florifel Tesoro, Casiana Vera Cruz, and Bo Zhou

- Received PRINCE2 Foundation Certification, February. [Read news](#)

Achim Dobermann, deputy director general for research

- Received an **Honorary Fellow Award** from the Crop Science Society of the Philippines (CSSP), 22nd Scientific Conference of the Federation of Crop Science Societies of the Philippines, March. [Read news](#)

- Presented with the **2013 International Service in Agronomy Award** from the American Society of Agronomy, November. [Read news](#)

Joel Janiya, senior associate scientist, CESD

- Received the Pest Management Award in Extension and Community Services during the Annual Conference of the Pest Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP) and recognized for his achievements in training and transfer of technologies the Consortium for Unfavorable Rice Environments (CURE) and the Irrigated Rice Research Consortium (IRRC) across Southeast Asia and East Asia, March. [Read news](#)

Hiram Gomez, Jr., senior manager, IRRI Supply Chain Services

- Awarded Supply Management Professional of the Year by the Philippine Institute for Supply Management (PISM), Supply Link 2013 International Conference, March. [Read news](#)

Rolando Torres, senior associate scientist, CESD

- Awarded 2012 Outstanding Scientific Achievement or Development by the Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) Awards Program, Annual NRS Awarding ceremony, April. [Read news](#)

Julian Lapitan, senior manager (NPR) and Molecular Marker Applications Lab (MMAL) composed of Socorro L. Carandang (PBGB), Grace Angelique F. Cariño (PBGB), Crisostomo C. Dizon (PBGB), Christine Jade Dilla-Ermita (PBGB), Venice Margaret B. Juanillas (TTC-GRC), Dennis Nicuh B. Lozada (PBGB), Ma. Ymber V. Reveche (PBGB), and Erwin S. Tandayu (PBGB)

- Awarded 2012 Outstanding Research Support by the Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) Awards Program, Annual NRS Awarding Ceremony, April. [Read news](#)

Gina Zarsadias, assistant manager II/ associate program Manager (SSD) and Finance Controller's Team composed of Jiselle E. Albia, Marian E. Collantes, Floridel M. Macalalad, Susan D. Ramos, and Anabel V. Valdenarro

- Awarded 2012 Outstanding Administrative Support by the Nationally Recruited Staff (NRS) Awards Program, Annual NRS Awarding ceremony, April. [Read news](#)

The IRRI 2011 Annual Report team in CPS, headed by Gene Hettel, Alaric Santiagué, and Emmanuel Panisales

- Won Silver Award in the Electronic Publications Class of the Publishing Category, Association for Communication Excellence (ACE) in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences, April. [Read news](#)

Aye Min, IRRI Scholar, PBGB

- Honored for his academic excellence in agricultural sciences by University of the Philippines Los Baños Chapter of the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture (GSD-HSA), April.

Ana Mariel Toledo, former MS thesis affiliate of IRRI

- Received the Gamma Sigma Delta-Honor Society of Agriculture Best Master's Thesis award for her research, *Marker-assisted Selection for Tolerance to Submergence and Anaerobic Germination in Rice (Oryza sativa L.)*, May.

Florence Danila

- Received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Institute of Biological Sciences, UPLB, and ranked third in her graduating class, May.

Prashant Vikram, 2013 AFSTRI alumnus

- Received the 2012 Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for his work on *Development and Morpho Molecular Evaluation of Swarna (Oryza sativa L.)*, July. [Read news](#)

Robert Zeigler, director general

- Received the 2013 Leadership in Science Public Service Award from the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB), July. [Read news](#)

R.K. Singh, senior scientist, PBGB

- Recognized by the Government of India, through the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), for his contributions in the development of the first salt-tolerant Basmati rice variety, Basmati CSR30, August. [Read news](#)

Roldan Ilagan, research technician III (GQNC), Maria Concepcion Lotho, officer (PBGB); and Fernando Salisi, research technician II (GQNC)

- Received IRRI Managers' Discretionary Awards in recognition of their extraordinary work, August. [Read news](#)

Hei Leung, IRRI principal scientist and Program 1 leader

- Received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Rice Blast Research, 6th International Rice Blast Conference, August. [Read news](#)

Felecito Aringo, Jr., Juanito Rosario, Joselito Liwanagan, and Anthony Aquino, Experiment Station

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Priscilla Argosino (FHS), Wallace Daniels (HRS), Noel Magor (TC), Anilyn Maningas (TC), Selene Ocampo (HRS), Ando Mariot Radanielson (CESD), Bjoern Ole Sander (CESD), and Impa Somayanda (CESD)

- Received PRINCE2 Foundation Certification, September. [Read news](#)

Rubina Nishat, administrative associate, IRRI South Asia Hub based at ICRISAT in Hyderabad

- Won first runner-up in the 2013 *All-India Secretary and Administrative Professional of the Year* contest and received the best speaker award in the extempore competition on the topic "We are not what we say, but we are what we do," October. [Read news](#)

Ronnie Coffman, Cornell plant breeder and former IRRI breeder (1971-81)

- Awarded with the World Agriculture Prize by the Global Confederation of Higher

Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA), an organization that represents more than 600 universities worldwide, October.

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Patti Heong, IRRI spouse

- Recognized at the SUHAY Book Sale for her continuing support of SUHAY during the 25+ years that she has been at IRRI with her spouse Dr. K.L. Heong, October. [Read news](#)

Madonna Casimero, IRRI Representative to Myanmar

- Received plaque of appreciation from the Myanmar Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI) in honor of IRRI's strong technical support to rice sector development in Myanmar, October.

Kshirod K. Jena, senior scientist and plant breeder, PBGB

- Named as an honorary scientist and advisor by the Rural Development Administration's Agricultural Green Technology of the Republic of Korea in recognition for his contribution to the development of the rice sector in Korea, November. [Read news](#)

Atul Singhal, assistant manager II at IRRI-India Office and Ma. Velinda Ilao, officer at Donor Relations and Projects Coordination

- Received IRRI Managers' Discretionary Awards (MDA), November. [Read news](#)

Ma. Aileen Garcia (PR), Rolando Guevarra (ES), Sulpicio Malabanan (ES), Nazario Timbol (ES), Norman Oliva (PBGB), and Hershey Aquino (HRS)

- Received IRRI Managers' Discretionary Awards, December. [Read news](#)