

IPM Innovation Lab Trip Report

Name of the Traveler: Barry J. Jacobsen

Affiliation: Professor of Plant Pathology, Montana State University

Country visited: Hyderabad, India

Duration: June 2-5, 2014

Purpose of trip: To give lectures in the International Workshop on Seed and Seedling-borne Diseases of Vegetable Crops- Hyderabad, India.

Description:

Left Bozeman, MT at 4:40 AM on Saturday May 31 and arrived at the Workshop at 9 AM on June 2. The workshop was attended by 40+ participants including representative of at least 6 seed companies. I presented talks entitled: Overview of seed-borne fungal diseases and Management of Potato virus Y a model for managing stylet-borne viruses. During this second talk I discussed disease management techniques since the audience seemed to want management techniques more than descriptive lectures on pathogens. The workshop also had excellent presentations on virus and bacterial diseases of vegetables. The major program emphasis was on virus diseases and all presentations by Drs. Tolin, Gilbertson and Rayapati can only be described as excellent. Besides the formal sessions all speakers had intensive interactions with seed company representatives on particular problems or techniques before and after formal sessions and during tea breaks and lunches. I am still answering email questions- 8 so far. I left at the close of the formal session on Wednesday and did not participate in the field trip.

The National Institute for Plant Health Management was an excellent host for the conference and facilities were of high quality. Dr. Sathyanarayana did an excellent job in organizing the conference and it was unfortunate that Invited speakers Ravi (Mahyco Seeds) and Dr. Verma (Bioseed Research India Pvt. Ltd.) failed to show up. Participation by attendees with country reports and participation in discussions greatly enriched the conference.