

Feed the Future: Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Trip Report

Country Visited: Philippines

Dates of Travel: 6 - 23 February 2017

Travelers' Names and Affiliations: Rica Joy Flor, IRRI

Purpose of Trip: To discuss collaborative activities with possible partners from Wageningen University, and scientists within the RICE program of IRRI; To attend the IRRI Science Week; To participate in a training course for post-doctoral fellows.

Sites Visited: Los Banos

Description of Activities/Observations:

With various scientists at IRRI and Wageningen University, we discussed possible collaborative projects in parallel with EPIC project activities in Cambodia. I also obtained feedback and support for social science research on innovation systems, which can be used to further our studies on adoption and spread of IPM technologies.

In the IRRI Science Week, I attended the meetings and participated in an initiative to train post-doctoral fellows to collaborate on project proposals through a seed grant. I also joined a 2-day training course on Making Effective Presentations.

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Dr. Harro Maat (Wageningen University) can provide guidance on the studies we will be doing to assess change in IPM practices at farm level. Using his funds, he will visit Cambodia to join our fieldwork in mid-2017.

Possible link with RICE project on the study on innovation systems, which can be used to evaluate the spread and use of IPM.

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