

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest management Technical Advisory Committee Annual Meeting Part II – November 14, 2015

Attendees:

- **Dr. John E. Bowman**, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Agreement Officer's Representative, Senior Agriculture Advisor, Program Area Leader: Nutritious & Safe Foods, USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS)
- **Dr. Glen Hartman**, Research Plant Pathologist and Professor, USDA-ARS & Department of Crop Sciences
- **Dr. Susan Capalbo**, Department Head and Professor, Applied Economics, Oregon State University (participated via skype)
- **Dr. R. Muniappan**, Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated pest Management, Virginia Tech
- **Dr. Amer Fayad**, Associate Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest management, Virginia Tech
- **Ms. Zara Shortt**, Financial Coordinator, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management, Virginia Tech

Meeting Location: Canyon River Room, The Marquette Hotel, Minneapolis, MN. This meeting was scheduled in Minneapolis to coincide with the Entomological Society of America (ESA) annual meeting.

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Notes:

Muni Muniappan, meeting chair, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and inviting participants to introduce themselves. He gave an overview and background information on the IPM CRSP/IPM Innovation Lab

- Gives introduction and background information on IPM CRSP including the history of Virginia Tech involvement from 1993-2014
- Touches on the development of IPM Packages and identifies different countries worked in in the various phases

Discussion of New phase the IPM Innovation Lab

- Background information on the RFA for IPM Innovation Lab, different countries included, timeline for awards, and RFA concept notes
- Eight subawards/RFAs

- Identifies the implementers selected up to this point

Additional discussion on developing, testing, adapting, and adopting IPM components and packages:

- Muni gave more detailed explanation of what 'IPM Package' means
 - Group discussion on the use and availability of *Trichoderma*
 - Group discussion about grafting eggplant for resistance to bacterial wilt
 - Group discussion on *Tuta absoluta* regarding its rapid spread and fear of coming to the U.S. Also talked about the work IPM IL has been doing to disseminate knowledge regarding the control of *Tuta absoluta* across East Africa, South Asia, and with some groups in the U.S.
- Muni explains the collaboration the IPM IL has with the Sorghum Millet Innovation Lab in Senegal and Niger
- Group discussion on the impact assessment approaches of George Norton's work.

Conversation regarding future role of Technical Advisory Committee Members

- Discussed the possibility of TAC members focusing on specific IPM projects which they may have a particular interest in
- Discussed plans to have TAC members travel to host country sites in year 3 or 4 to assess progress of projects and suggest recommendations for improvements. Once program activities are running advisory input will be needed.

Meeting was adjourned.