

## NEWS

### Honours/Awards

- Dr. D.V. Singh, Ex-Head and Emeritus Scientist, Division of Plant Pathology has been awarded "Dr. K.C. Mehta Memorial Award" (Biennium 2005-06) by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India for his outstanding contributions in Plant Protection, during VIII Agricultural Science Congress held from February 15-17, 2007 at TNAU, Coimbatore.
- Dr. R.K. Jain joined as Head, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi on June 2007.
- Dr. D.K. Agarwal joined as Professor, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi on July 2007.
- Dr. O.M. Bambawale joined as Director, National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi on July 2007.
- Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay joined as Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) at NRC on Rapeseed Mustard, Bharatpur, in March 2007 and has been awarded Hexamar Agricultural Research and Development Foundation (HARDF) Award for outstanding research in "Integrated Disease Management" for the year 2005 by the Indian Society of Oilseeds Research during National Seminar on Changing Global Vegetable Oils Scenario: Issues and Challenges before India, in Jan 29-32, 2007, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
- Dr. Indu S. Sawant has been awarded Maharashtra State Grape Grower's Association's "Gaurav Chinh" award by Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture on September 25, 2006 in recognition for her services to the grape industry of Maharashtra.
- Dr. L.V. Gangawane, joined as Professor Emeritus (UGC) at Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (MS).
- Dr. N.P. Eswara Reddy, Professor, (Plant Pathology), S.V. Agril. Univ., Tirupati has been awarded "Best Teacher Award (2005)" during 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the University.
- Dr. Paran Boruah, Scientist North East Institute for Science & Technology (Formerly Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat) has been awarded R.K.B. Memorial Science Award by Assam Science Society in 2007.
- Dr. D.K. Ghosh, Sr. Scientist (Plant Pathology), NRC for Citrus, Nagpur has been appointed as member of Prestigious committee on Biotechnology, a task force constituted by Govt. of Maharashtra under the chairmanship of Prof. Raghunath Mashelkar, Former DG, CSIR to look into various policy formulations.

### Foreign visits

- Dr. B.P. Shinde, Reader in Botany, Fergusson College, Pune (MS) participated in 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mycorrhiza (ICOM5), "Mycorrhiza for Science and Society" held at Granada, Spain from July 23-27, 2006 and also presented paper on "Occurrence of AM fungi associated with crop plants".
- Dr. Dinesh Singh, Sr. Scientist, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI New Delhi visited International Rice Research Institute, Los Banos, Philippines on deputation for a period of three months w.e.f. Feb. 6, 2007 to May 5, 2007 to work in the field of "Identification of resistance genes through marker assisted selection" under IARI HRD X<sup>th</sup> Plan 2006-07.

### Announcement

14<sup>th</sup> International Botrytis Symposium will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from October 21-26, 2007. Contact: Swart Lizeth Mev, Congress Secretary (ls3@sun.ac.za), website : <http://academic.sun.ac.za/botrytis2007/index.html>; Email: [deidre@iafrica.com](mailto:deidre@iafrica.com)

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