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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM GII



**GII WISHES ALL ITS MEMBERS A VERY
HAPPY & PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR 2010**

CONGRATULATIONS

GII congratulates **Dr. S. Ayyappan**, GII Advisor (Homeland), on joining the coveted office of the **Secretary**, Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE) and **Director General** (DG), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India.



If you are interested in contributing your news/achievements/information/job openings /etc, please feel free to contact:

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GII MEMBERS SELECTED FOR 'HIND RATTAN - 2010' AWARD

The year 2010 has started with a bang for coveted GII members. It is our pleasure to apprise you that **Prof. Chittaranjan Kole** (President), **Prof. Ravindranath Duggirala** (Advisor), **Dr.**



Hari P. Singh (Vice-President), **Dr. Jaya R. Soneji** (Treasurer) and **Dr. SivaKumar Pattathil** (Executive Committee Member) (clockwise in the picture) will be honored with the '**Hind Rattan**' award for 2010.



This prestigious award is presented by the NRI Welfare Society of India (Regd.) and

will be conferred on the eve of Republic Day on January 25th 2010 at Hotel Inter Continental The Grand, New Delhi, India. GII family congratulates them for their scientific achievements and wishes them many more.

KIND ATTENTION OF GII MEMBERS: REGARDING MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING PAG XVIII

The Plant and Animal XVIII Genome Conference is going to be held at San Diego, California, USA during January 8-13, 2010. Many Indian scientists working in India and abroad participate in this conference. GII President **Prof. Chittaranjan Kole** looks forward to utilizing this opportunity by conducting a meeting among us to discuss on our progress so far and our future road maps to attain the various goals of GII.

It will be highly appreciated if the Indian Scientists and their colleagues (GII members as well as non-members) attending this conference would contact **Prof. Chittaranjan Kole** (ckole@clemson.edu; Phone: +1-864-506-5715) or **Dr. Anjanabha Bhattacharya** (anjanabha.bhattacharya@gmail.com; Phone: +1-865-382-4973) earlier or meet them directly at the venue. The meeting has been scheduled for January 12th. The timing and further details of the meeting will be posted on the display boards at the venue.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS OF GII

FEATURED IN 2009 (October - December)

Dr. Rattan Yadav

Dr. Yadav did his BS in Agriculture and MS in Genetics from Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, India while his Ph.D from University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. He started his career in Plant Breeding as a Scientist at Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Dehra Dun, India in 1986 and moved to Central Soil Salinity

Research Institute, Karnal, India in 1988. In 1995, he joined International Rice Research Institute, Philippines as a Project Scientist. He joined the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, Aberystwyth, UK as a Project leader in 1996 and is currently a Research Leader. He can be reached at rsy@aber.ac.uk



Dr. Mohamed Latif Khan



Dr. Khan has done his BS and MS from Kanpur University, Kanpur, India and M.Phil. and Ph.D from North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India. He started his career as an Assistant Professor in Forestry at the SK University of Agriculture Science and Technology, Srinagar, India. In 1992, he joined as an Assistant Professor of Forestry at the North-Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed University), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh, India and went on to become the Professor and Chair of the Department of Forestry. He can be reached at khanml61@gmail.com

Dr. Rajeev Varshney

Dr. Varshney did his BS and MS from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India while his Ph.D. is from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, India. He started his career as a Research Scientist in 2001 at the institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Gatersleben, Germany. In 2005, he joined the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics, Andhra Pradesh, India as a Senior Scientist and went on to become a Principal Scientist. He can be reached at r.k.varshney@cgiar.org



To read more about the members-in-spotlight, kindly visit @ <http://genome-india-intl.org/spotpage.htm>

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES



Hearty congratulations to GII members **Drs. Madhugiri Nageswara Rao** (Joint Secretary) and **Jaya R. Soneji** (Treasurer) for Guest Editing a special issue for the international peer-reviewed scientific journal “**Transgenic Plant Journal**” Vol 3 (Special Issue 1): 2009, published by Global Science Books, Ltd., UK. This issue addresses global genetic engineering efforts in major fruit crops, model plants and other economically important plants.

Their scientific research efforts were also highlighted in an article “*Collaborative Studies in Citrus Plant Genetics*”, in **East-West Times** magazine, Florida, USA.

GENOMICS RELATED SYMPOSIA/CONFERENCES

1. Structural Genomics: Expanding the Horizons of Structural Biology, January 8-13, 2010, Breckenridge, Colorado, USA

<http://www.keystonesymposia.org/Meetings/ViewMeetings.cfm?MeetingID=1026>

2. AACR-JCA 8th Joint Conference: Cancer Genomics, Epigenomics, and the Development of Novel Therapeutics, February 5-9, 2010, Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA

<http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/meetings--workshops/special-conferences/aacrjca-joint-conference.aspx>

3. 11th Annual Advances in Genome Biology and Technology (AGBT) meeting, February 24-27, 2010, Marco Island, Florida, USA

<http://www.agbt.org/about.html>

4. The Future of Genomics Medicine III Conference, March 5-6, 2010, San Diego, California, USA

http://www.scripps.org/health-education__continuing-medical-education__annual-courses__genomic-medicine

5. 2nd International symposium on Genomics of Plant Genetic Resources, April 24-27, 2010, Bologna, Italy

<http://www.gpgr2.com/>



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