



# GII NEWS

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### *GII REGISTERED IN USA*

It is our pleasure to share with you that the Genome India International (GII) has been registered as a non-profit organization in the United States of America.

The registered office address of GII is:  
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GII has emerged as one of the leading scientific society at the international arena. It is a fast growing global network of Indian scientists involved in researches on various facets of genome sciences and its related disciplines. The salient objectives of GII include providing an interacting platform and links to useful resources; highlighting contributions of outstanding scientists as 'role models'; publishing a quality journal; establish an autonomous center on Indian soil for teaching, research and training; fostering bilateral and multinational collaborative endeavors involving India; and act as a converging point for academia, private entrepreneurs, media and national and international funding agencies involved directly or indirectly in genome sciences.

The registration process was started a few months back. Drs. C Kole and S Agnihotri were the main coordinators in the registration efforts. Other core committee members involved were Drs. M Ratnaparkhe, HP Singh, M Nageswara Rao, JR Soneji, S Pattathil, S Vasanthapuram and A Bhattacharya.

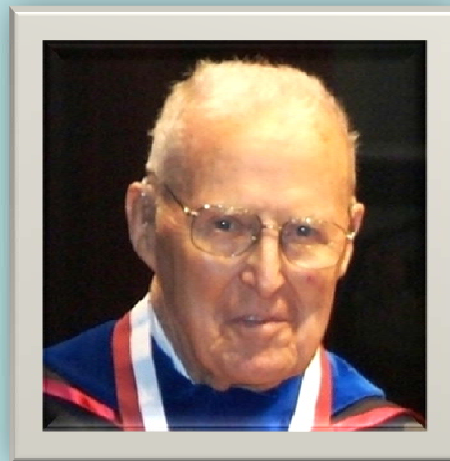
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## *DR. NORMAN BORLAUG, FATHER OF GREEN REVOLUTION, PASSES AWAY*

Renowned US agricultural scientist and humanitarian, Dr. Norman Borlaug (March 25, 1914-September 12, 2009) passed away. He received his Ph.D. in plant pathology and genetics from the University of Minnesota in 1942. He has been accredited with developing semi-dwarf, high yielding, disease-resistant wheat varieties and has been deemed as the Father of Green Revolution and had won the Nobel Peace prize in 1970. He was also a winner of the United States' Presidential Medal of Freedom; the Congressional Gold Medal, the United States' highest civilian award; the National Medal of



Science, the United States' highest scientific honor; Public Welfare award from the United States' National Academy of Sciences; Rotary International award for World Understanding and Peace; recipient of the Padma Vibushan, India's second-highest civilian honor to name a few. His career was dedicated to employing science to combat world hunger. The Green Revolution is credited with more than doubling world food production between 1960 and 1990, and it has benefited countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In 1986, he established the World Food Prize to recognize individuals who have improved the quality, quantity or availability of food around the globe.

## *OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS & YOUNG SCIENTISTS*

University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum are partnering to launch the prestigious Khorana Program for Scholars ([www.biochem.wisc.edu/faculty/ansari/khorana\\_program](http://www.biochem.wisc.edu/faculty/ansari/khorana_program)). This will provide Indian students an opportunity to undertake research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Summer 2010 for a period of 10 weeks.

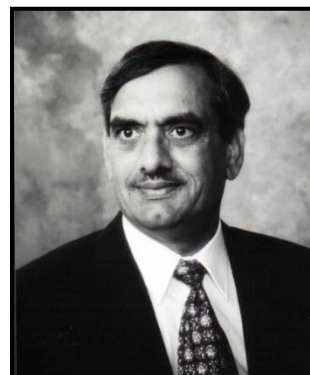
To facilitate re-entry of scientists of Indian origin working outside the country, not having any affiliation to an institution in India, fellowships are being offered by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, to pursue scientific research in National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG), Kalyani, India or in other collaborating institutions. Applications will be considered on a running basis. For more details, visit <http://dbtindia.nic.in/index.asp>

## *MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS OF GII*

**FEATURED IN 2009 (July-September)**

### **Dr. Prem P. Jauhar**

Dr. Jauhar did his BS in Botany and MS in Genetics and Plant Breeding from Agra University, India while his Ph.D also in Genetics and Plant Breeding is from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Delhi, India. He started his career as an Assistant Cytogeneticist in 1963 and later on became Associate Professor of Genetics at IARI. In 1987, he joined the United States Department of Agriculture, Utah as a Research Geneticist and is currently located at Fargo, North Dakota, USA. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the North Dakota State University. He can be reached at [prem.jauhar@ndsu.edu](mailto:prem.jauhar@ndsu.edu)



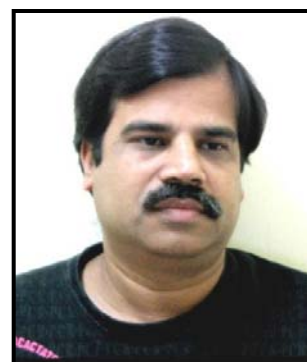
### **Dr. Pushpa Khanna**



Dr. Khanna has done her BS and MS from University of Rajasthan, India and Ph.D from University of Oregon, USA. She did her post-doctoral studies in medicinal plant tissue culture at the University of Nebraska, USA. She started her career as a Lecturer for the Government of Rajasthan, India and went on to become Reader, Professor and Head of Department of Botany at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. She also served as the Principal of University Maharani's College, Jaipur. She can be reached at [pushpjyoti@rediffmail.com](mailto:pushpjyoti@rediffmail.com)

### **Dr. Arup Mukherjee**

Dr. Mukherjee did his BS and MS from Visva Bharati, India while his Ph.D is from Central Rice Research Institute, Orissa, India. He pursued his post-doctoral studies at the National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, IARI. He then joined the Division of Plant Biotechnology, Regional Plant Resource Centre, Orissa, India as a Scientist. Currently, he is a scientist at the Central institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur, India. He can be reached at [arupmukherjee@yahoo.com](mailto:arupmukherjee@yahoo.com)



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

## *GENOMICS RELATED SYMPOSIA/CONFERENCES*

1. Genetically Modified Crops Coexistence Conference (GMCC'09), November 10-12, 2009, Melbourne, Australia  
Web: <http://www.gmcc-09.com/>
2. VII Ecological Genomics Symposium, November 13-15, Kansas, USA  
Web: <http://ecogen.ksu.edu/symp2009/>
3. Innovate India Conference, November 19-20, 2009, Bengaluru, India  
Web: <http://www.innovate-india.in/homeNew.aspx>
4. II International Symposium on Medicinal and Nutraceutical Plants, November 25-27, 2009, New Delhi, India  
Web: <http://ismnp2009.org/>
5. II International Citrus Biotechnology Symposium, November 30-December 2, 2009, Catania, Italy  
Web: <http://www.citrusbiotech2009.it/>
6. Plant and Animal Genome XVIII Conference, January 9-13, 2010, San Diego, California, USA  
Web: <http://www.intl-pag.org/>
7. I International Orchid Symposium, January 12-15, 2010, Taichung, Taiwan  
Web: <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/ios/>



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