Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program

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Borlaug Fellowship Program

- Named after Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, Father of the Green Revolution
- Helps countries strengthen sustainable agricultural practices by providing scientific training and collaborative research opportunities to visiting researchers, policymakers, and university faculty.
- The program matches participants with experts in their field at host institutions.
• **Fellows Since Inception in 2004:** 563 fellows from 64 countries

• **Partners & Mentors include:** U.S. universities, government agencies, international research centers, nonprofit institutions and private companies

• **FY2011:** 38 fellows from 23 countries

• **Fellowship Duration:** 6-12 weeks

• **Priority Focus Areas:** Agricultural/Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Economics/Policy, Food Safety/SPS, Trade Capacity Building, Soil and Water Resources Management, Biotechnology
Geographic Coverage FY10
Vietnam

- Pest Risk Assessment Processes for Horticultural Products and Detection Methodology and Mitigation Measures for Food Borne Illnesses in Meat
- Developing and Applying Risk Assessment Methodology for GMOs and Interpreting Risk Assessment Data
- Development of Saline-Resistant Rice Varieties
Indonesia

- **Climate Change Agricultural Mitigation and Adaptation:**
  - genetic modification for rice, corn, or sorghum
  - agroforestry production system yield, minimal greenhouse gas emissions, carbon sequestration, and global climate change policy analysis and development

- **Aquaculture:**
  - control and prevent aquaculture diseases
  - genetic and breeding of aquaculture

- **Food Science and Technology:**
  - food safety (sanitary and phytosanitary, hazard analysis and critical control points, and cold chain)
  - nanotechnology in food products
Global Research Alliance (GRA) Borlaug Fellowships

- GRA is a collaborative international research effort announced at the Climate Change talks in Copenhagen in December 2009
- Currently, 14 eligible countries in the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases including Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, India and Pakistan in Asia. Seven fellows were selected this year world-wide.

2010 Borlaug GRA Fellow, Tran Thi Le Ha

Ms. Thi Le Ha’s Borlaug GRA Fellowship studied methane emission in paddy fields, seeking to reduce paddy fields’ contribution to global warming, and increase rice production in her native Vietnam.
Fellow Profile

- Early-mid professional careers employed in universities, government, and research institutions
- Demonstrated intention to continue working in home (low to middle income) country
- Minimum educational requirement: Masters Degree

Indonesian fellow Agung Wahyu Susilo conducting PCR analysis for cocoa tree pathogens
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• Borlaug Fellowship Program Application Package:
  – Proposed research work plan
  – Academic and career background
  – Official copy of transcript of university degrees
  – Two letters of recommendation

• Interview:
  – Successful applicants will be invited to a 30-45 minute interview, in English, with Borlaug Program staff to discuss their proposed plan of research in depth

*Applications are available online at the Borlaug Fellowship Program website: www.fas.usda.gov/icd/borlaug/Borlaug.asp
Diny Dinarti, 2010 Borlaug Fellow

Home Institution: Bogor Agricultural University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture

Host Institution: Sustainable Perennial Crops Laboratory, ARS, BARC-west, USDA, Beltsville, MD

Research Objective: Characterization of cacao farmer selections from South Sulawesi, Indonesia to assess genetic diversity and inter-relationship among cacao crops in the region

Success: Successfully characterized samples and is conducting further research to identify the most successful and productive strains. Also participated in key cocoa-related events in DC, and met the Indonesian Ambassador, and the Indonesian Minister of Agriculture
www.fas.usda.gov/icd/borlaug/Borlaug.asp
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- 21 Jan: Five Borlaug Fellows Take Home New Knowledge
- 29 Dec: First Borlaug Fellow from Liberia completes Coca Fellowship at the University of Tennessee
- 16 Nov: Middle Eastern doctors research Colorado livestock techniques
- 2 Nov: Agricultural Secretary Villalobos Meets With Cochran Alumni in China to Sign Partnership Program

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