

Awards 2014

Dr Md Akbar, visiting scientist in Entomology, won the gold medal at the 34th Annual Session of The Academy of Environmental Biology for best poster: "Elevated CO₂ Levels Influence Metabolism and Development of *Helicoverpa armigera* in Chickpea".

Ms Anu Chitikineni won a prize at the 7th Annual Asia Pacific Scientific Summit of Illumina for her poster 'Pattern and trends in genome sequence diversity in selected set of elite cultivars of chickpea (*Cicer arietinum*)'.

Dr William D Dar

Dr Dar was presented the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations Special Award 2014 by Nobel Laureate and eminent German virologist Dr Harald zur Hausen at BioAsia 2014 conference at Hyderabad, India, on 19 February.

Dr Dar received a plaque of appreciation for his support to the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions from Dr Simon Hearn, Chair, and Dr Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary, at Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr S Gopalakrishnan's research paper titled "Assessment of different methods of the rice (*Oryza sativa* L) cultivation affecting growth parameters, soil chemical, biological, and microbiological properties, water saving and grain yield in rice-rice system", co-authored by others from ICRISAT, DRR and World Wildlife Fund, has been judged the best research paper at the Annual Awards 2013 of the Directorate of Rice Research – Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Dr CLL Gowda

Dr Gowda received a special prize from Mr Hajime Koizumi, Chair, Niigata International Food Award Foundation in Japan on 29 October.

Mr M Madhan, Manager, Library and Information Services, was one of the joint winners of the Electronic Publishing Trust for Development's 3rd Annual Award. The award recognized the effort made by individuals working in developing and emerging countries in the furtherance of Open Access to scholarly publications.

Dr Myer G Mula

Dr Mula was recognized for his work in pigeonpea seed system improvement by NGO Loksebak at Odisha, India.

Dr N Nagaraj was conferred Fellow of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) for the year 2014 for his lifetime contribution to the field of agricultural economics and rural development and for his continuous support in promoting the Society.

Ms Shaila Ongolu

Ms Ongolu, Research Scholar in Entomology, won the Moti Lal Dalela Gold Medal for best research paper on 'Bio-safety of CryIIa transgenic chickpeas to *Helicoverpa armigera* larval parasitoid *Camponotus chloridae*' at the 34th Session of the Academy of Environmental Biology in Uttarakhand, India.

Dr P Srinivasa Rao was conferred fellowship of the Association of Biotechnology and Pharmacy (ABAP) for his contribution to biofuel research for development in the semi-arid tropics.

Dr Ch Ravinder Reddy

Dr Reddy received the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from Dr Yao Chengguang, President of Liaoning Academy of Agriculture Sciences, People's Republic of China.

Dr Hari Sharma

Dr Sharma received the Bharat Jyoti Award from Indian International Friendship Society in Delhi.

Dr Hari D Upadhyaya

Dr Upadhyaya received the 2014 International Service in Crop Science Award from Crop Science Society of America in California, USA, on 3 November.

Dr Rajeev Varshney

Dr Varshney received the fellowship award from Dr K Lal, President, Indian National Science Academy, for his work in the area of legume genomics at Uttar Pradesh, India, on 28 December. He features in the 'Highly Cited Researchers 2014' list compiled by Thomson Reuters.

Drs Eva Weltzien & Dr Tom van Mourik

Dr Paul Van Mele & Marcella Vrolijk from Agro-Insight, Dr Eva, ICRISAT-Mali, & Dr Mourik (formerly with ICRISAT) won the Gold Award for effective communication for the high impact "Fighting Striga" videos in London on 28 March.

Representatives of Government of Karnataka & ICRISAT

ICRISAT-led Krishi Gyan Sagar & Krishi Vani won the Flame Award 2013 from Rural Marketing Association of India.