

# Rice-Wheat Information Sheet

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## News

### National Coordinator

Dr Mohammad Salim have been nominated as the new Rice-Wheat Coordinator for Pakistan. He can be contacted at Crop Sciences Institute, National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC-P), Islamabad, Pakistan. Tel # 92 (51) 241461 Ext. 3126 (Off) and +91 (51) 290593 (Home).

### Contact address

Kevin Bronson, who was at IRRI and was closely working with all the partners in the Consortium has now moved to Texas A&M University since Jul 98. He can be contacted at Texas A&M University - Texas, Agricultural Experimental Station, Route 3, Box 219, Lubbock, TX 79401, USA. Email: k-bronson@tamu.edu, Tel # +1 (806) 746-6101, Fax # +1 (806) 746-6528.

## Happenings

### Workshop on Sustaining Rice-Wheat Production Systems: Socio-economic and Policy Issues

As planned, this workshop was held at Hotel del' Annapoorna in Katmandu during 1-3 Jul 98. The workshop was attended by 29 scientists from the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan and CIMMYT, IIMI, Cornell University, IRRI, and ICRISAT. Presentations were made by the participants and three working group were formed on (a) Policy Issues (b) Farm Level Constraints To Sustaining Productivity Growth and (c) Systems Approach: Interdisciplinary Research and Long Term Data to identify researchable issues on these domains. The Group recommended to develop a research project addressing the critical issues which were defined during the deliberations and possibly to bring out a publication to reflect the socio-economic issues in rice-wheat production system in the post-green revolution era in Indo-Gangetic Plains (IGP).

## Planning ahead

### Workshop on Agricultural Research Information System for the Indo-Gangetic Plains (ARISGAP)

As detailed earlier, this workshop will be held at ICRISAT Patancheru during 17-19 Aug 98 and is expected to be attended by scientists from the (NARS) of Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan and CIMMYT, IIMI, Cornell University, Michigan State University, IRRI, International Agricultural Center, Wageningen, and ICRISAT. We hope to have detailed interactions among the group so as to develop a basic information management system for the IGP.

### Regional Technical Coordination Committee (RTCC)

The Seventh meeting of the RTCC will be held at the IIMI Campus in Lahore during 12-13 Sep 98 and will be followed by a one-day field trip in the rice areas in and around Lahore. Please make a note of the dates. The local contact in Pakistan will be Mohammad Munir (munir@rwcs.sdnpc.undp.org) at the NARC-P and Iqbal Khan at IIMI-Lahore ([m.iqbal@cgnet.com](mailto:m.iqbal@cgnet.com)).

### National Workshop on Long-Term Soil Fertility Experiments 11-13 August, 1998

The Soil Science Division of Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC-N) is organizing the above workshop at Lalitpur in Nepal. The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Review the results of long-term experiments conducted in different agro-ecological situations in Nepal

- Discuss issues of data standardization and management
- Consolidate the results of long-term soil fertility experiments and publish as Proceedings of the Workshop.
- Recommend future soil fertility and plant nutrient research strategies based on findings of long-term studies.

The contact person for the workshop is Dr S L Maskey, Chief, Soil Science Division NARC-N, Khumaltar, Nepal. E-mail: narc@ed.mos.com.np.

## **Publications**

### **Consortium Paper Series**

**Hobbs, P.R., Giri, G.S., Grace, P.** 1998. Reduced Zero Tillage Options for the Establishment of Wheat after Rice in South Asia. Consortium Paper Series 2.

Some field level studies are being conducted by the Consortium partners in tillage and crop establishment practices which offer considerable potential for improving the productivity of wheat in the rice-wheat systems in the IGP. This paper presents the results of these studies and offer some useful suggestions on strategies for encouraging the development and adoption of alternate tillage and crop establishment practices.

**Malik, R.K., Gill, G., Hobbs, P.R.** 1998. Herbicide Resistance - a major issue for Sustaining Wheat Productivity in Rice-Wheat Cropping Systems in the Indo-Gangetic Plains. Consortium Paper Series 3.