

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Countries Visited: Nepal and Bangladesh

Dates of Travel: April 22-June 23, 2012

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Purpose of Trip: To collect bacterial wilt pathogen (*Ralstonia solanacearum*) strains for their molecular characterization and evaluation of different disease management practices.

Sites Visited:

Nepal: Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Tanahun, Kaski, Syanjga, Chitwan

Bangladesh: Dhaka, Gazipur, Jamalpur, Norsindhi, Comilla, Bogra, Chittagoun.

Institutions in Nepal: IDE Nepal

Division of Plant Pathology, Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC)

Institutions in Bangladesh: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI)

Description of Activities/Observations: Wilted eggplant, tomato and pepper were collected from above mentioned sites. Bacterial wilt pathogens were isolated using laboratory facilities of NARC and BARI. About 100 isolates were purified and their biovar were determined before shipping them to the US. No biovar 2 strains (potential select agents) were found.

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