

Trip Report Indonesia July 19-25, 2010

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The team of A.M. Baltazar, C. B. Adalla, and N. L. Opina traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia to attend and participate in the IPM CRSP Southeast Asia Regional Program Annual Project Workshop held in Ciloto, Indonesia from July 20-21, 2010. In addition, after the workshop, N.L. Opina attended the Plant Disease and Insect Pathogen Diagnostics Workshop held in Bogor, Indonesia on July 22-23, 2010.

Monday, July 19

The group left Manila in the morning of July 19, 2010 and arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia at noon of the same day. From Jakarta, they proceeded to the workshop venue at Lemba Hijau in Ciloto, Indonesia, courtesy of IPM CRSP staff.

Tuesday, July 20

On the first day of the workshop, before the workshop proper, Dr. Mike Hammig gave the welcoming remarks, followed by opening remarks of the Vice-Rector of Bogor Agricultural Institute (IPB). After that followed the talk of Sanath Reddy about USAID activities in Indonesia, then Dr. R. Muniappan, IPM CRSP Program Director talked on the overview of IPM CRSP.

The workshop proper consisted of three sessions. During Session 1, Russ Dilts gave a keynote presentation on “Farmer Field Schools in Southeast Asia, while Mike Hammig talked on the Southeast Asia Regional Program and Maria Elisa Christie gave a talk on Gender in IPM CRSP. During Sessions 2 and 3, the various host country collaborators and project leaders from North Sumatera, West Sumatera, North Sulawesi, West Java, Philippines, and Cambodia presented their past accomplishments for the year 2009-2010.

A.M. Baltazar presented the past and present activities of the Philippines (Los Banos) site. Discussions followed each presentation.

Wednesday, July 21

The second day of the workshop featured Session 4 which was focused on Workplans for the coming year (2010-2011). The various host country collaborators and project leaders presented their workplan of activities for the coming year. C. B. Adalla presented the future plans and activities for the Philippines (Los Banos) site. Session 5 focused on discussions on “Global Theme

Activities in Southeast Asia” and discussions were led by Mike Hammig on Impact assessment, by Maria Elisa Christie on Gender Global Theme, and by R. Muniappan on International Plant Virus Diseases. After discussions that followed the presentations, wrap-up was presented by Mike Hammig and R. Muniappan gave the closing remarks, after which each of the participants were presented with attendance certificate.

In the afternoon, there was a field visit to the experimental sites of the farmer cooperators in the surrounding villages. Each of the participant of the diagnostics workshop collected samples of diseased plants as well as insects infected by pathogens to be used in the diagnostics workshop, while the gender team met with the women farmer groups.

After the field visit, the group proceeded to the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) guest house for overnight stay.

Thursday, July 22

A.M. Baltazar and C.B. Adalla flew back to Manila.

Thursday, July 22-Friday July 23

N.L. Opina stayed behind to attend the two-day Plant Disease and Insect Pathogen Diagnostics Workshop. During the first day, lectures on use of serology and PCR in disease diagnostics, and lecture and laboratory sessions on diagnosis of virus, bacterial and nematode diseases were presented. On the second day, lectures on diagnosis of fungal diseases, insect pathogens and laboratory sessions on insect pathogen, fungal disease, and bacterial disease diagnostics were presented. At the closing of the second day, the participants were presented with certificates.

Saturday, July 24

N.L. Opina flew back to Manila on July 24.

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