

## IPM CRSP Trip Report

**Country Visited:** Uganda

**Dates of Travel:** July 22 to 28, 2011

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**Purpose of Trip:** To attend the CRSP Council meeting

**Sites Visited:** Makerere University, Makerere University Research Institute, and NaCCRI in Kampala.

### Description of Activities/Observations:

I left Blacksburg on July 22nd and reached Kampala on midnight of July 23rd. CRSP Council meeting started at 8.45 am on July 23rd. It was mentioned that the Knowledge and Data Management Project is underway. Each CRSP had agreed to contribute \$25,000 per year for this project. I was elected Chair of the CRSP Council.

In the afternoon, CRSP Council met with the USAID representatives Rob Bertram, Sahara Moon Chapotin, Larry Beach and John Bowman.

Posters from different CRSPs were displayed on July 25th. IPM CRSP presented three posters: one on East Africa project, second on Parthenium and third on Trichoderma.

Keith Simmons (USAID Uganda Economic Growth Team Leader) presented Uganda's agriculture and its Feed the Future Initiative. A representative from Rwanda mission presented agriculture in Rwanda. Both Uganda and Rwanda identified maize, beans and coffee as their feed the Future crops to be given importance.

On July 26th, we visited Makerere University and met with the Vice Chancellor and Principal. Dr. Sam Kymanywa gave a presentation on CRSP projects in Uganda. There was a poster presentation and IPM CRSP had 15 posters exhibited. Later we visited a site with Parthenium infestation. In the afternoon we visited MUARIK and a tomato field with IPM practices implemented. In the evening we visited NaCCRI and its director and faculty explained different research activities carried over there.

During the field trip John Bowman and Larry Beach asked me to write up a concept paper on coffee research in Uganda for submission to USAID mission in Uganda for a possible associate award.

On July 27th I visited a coffee field in the morning to collect insects and met with Makerere University IPM CRSP team and reviewed their workplan.

I left Kampala on July 27th evening and reached Blacksburg on July 28th evening.

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