

Trip Report

Country Visited: Honduras

Dates of Travel: January 30, 2011 – February 4, 2011

Travelers Names and Affiliations: Stephen C. Weller and Ricky Foster, Purdue University

Purpose of Trip: Consult with IPM CRSP collaborators at FHIA and Zamorano on project activities, visit research sites in Comayagua and Zamorano and visit the USAID Mission in Tegucigalpa.

Sites Visited:

Day 1: Sunday, Jan. 30. Arrival to Honduras. M. Rivera picked us up at airport and drove to Hotel Hilton Princess in San Pedro Sula.

Day 2: Monday, Feb. 01: M. Rivera picked us up at hotel at 7:30 AM and drove to FHIA, La Lima. At 8:30 AM meeting at Investigacion Meeting Room, with Plant Protection staff and Dr. D. Breazeale. Discussed work plans. Departed late morning to FHIA-CEDEH at Comayagua and continue to Tegucigalpa.

Day 3: Tuesday, Feb. 02: Left at 7:00 AM to Catacamas to visit the Universidad Nacional de Agricultura (UNA) and to meet with the faculty, interview the internship candidates and tour the facilities. We stayed overnight in Catacamas.

Day 4: Wednesday, Feb. 03: Left 7:30 AM to Tegucigalpa-Zamorano. At Zamorano met with A. Rueda. Returned to Tegucigalpa and stayed overnight.

Day 5: Thursday, Feb 04: At 9:00 met with local USAID persons at Embassy compound. At 11:00 AM traveled to airport for departure to the USA at 1:30 PM.

Training Activities Conducted

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
See schedule above	January 30 – Feb 1	FHIA	7		Purdue, FHIA	Planning meeting
	Feb 2	Universidad Nacional de Agricultura	8	3	Purdue, FHIA	Visit university for collaboration discussions and interview of summer intern students for US training
	Feb 3	Zamorano collaborators	3	2	Purdue, Zamorano, FHIA	Discussions on Zamorano IPM CRSP activities, planning for regional IPM conference to be held in 2012 in Honduras
	Feb 4	USAID Mission	6		Update for USAID on IPM CRSP activities and program connections with USAID programs	

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items: Our Honduran collaborators are doing well and we in the US will continue to provide assistance. The biggest challenge faced is dealing with the Zebra Chip problem in potato. We will be communicating with experts on Zebra Chip in the US and are hoping to arrange expanded opportunities for research and information transfer. A second major issue which will be addressed is management suggestions for purple nutsedge and design of research for better management of this weed. We had discussions with FHIA and have identified a graduate student David Perla who will attend Purdue University in the fall of 2011 once he has met all entrance requirements. He will work on an MS degree with emphasis on nematodes and weed interactions. We have made arrangements with Universidad Nacional de Agricultura in Catacamas Honduras for 2 undergraduate student summer interns, Jorge Reyes and Susan Gomez to come to the US and work at Purdue University during the summer of 2011 on IPM related research under the direction of Rick Foster and Steve Weller.

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