

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited:	Nepal
Dates of Travel:	Jan. 31, 2012 to Feb. 4, 2012
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Purpose of the Trip:	To participate in the regional IPM CRSP Review and Planning Meeting.
Sites visited:	Kathmandu and Phokhara

Description of activities / Observation:

I attended the Regional Planning Meeting at Hotel Greenwich, Lalitpur in Kathmandu on February 1, 2012. There were about 41 participants in the meeting. It was chaired by Dr. Dil Bahadur Gurung, Executive Director, NARC and the chief guest was Dr. Prabhakar Pathak, Officiating Secretary MOAC of Nepal. Welcome address was given by Dr. Luke A. Colavito, Country Director, IDE, Nepal. In total, there were 12 presentations in the meeting by different scientists from USA, Nepal, India and Bangladesh. One farmer described his experience of growing crops using IPM technology.

We went to Pokhara on Feb.2, 2012. In the morning we went to a village named Ghachock where the farmers were utilizing IPM technology in their fields. According to the farmers, they are benefited by utilizing IPM technology. Moreover they have a village cooperative society and have a collection centre where they collect local vegetables and sell it to the market through the cooperative society.

In the afternoon we went to visit another village named Bhalam where the farmers are utilizing grafting technique in tomato. One farmer told us that he is getting 15 kg tomato per plant per year. He is using polyethylene roofed house for growing tomato throughout the year. At night we came back to our hotel and stayed there.

On Feb.3, 2012 we returned to Kathmandu. In the afternoon, there was a meeting at IDE Office. Nepalese participants discussed their future plan of work in that meeting. A change of experimental design was proposed after discussion. During discussion it came out that their IPM package for cabbage production is not cost effective. It was suggested

that they can use Bangladeshi IPM package for cabbage production. The meeting was closed at 5.00 pm by giving thanks to every body.

I returned to Bangladesh on Feb. 4, 2012.

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		
Regional Review Meeting on IPM activities	Feb. 1, 2012	Farmers, scientists and Administrators	35	6	IPM CRSP , Nepal	To review the research and development activities related to IPM CRSP in India, Bangladesh and Nepal

Suggestion: Such kind of regional meeting should be planned alternatively for Bangladesh and India too.

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