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Agenda Item 4.a. Meet your New DGs

Background/Process:

The Directors General who have taken office AGM 2001 will be introduced and have the opportunity to make brief remarks. Sshort CVs attached.

Document: Bios of New DGs

Comments:

CGIAR Leadership New DGs

CIMMYT

Masa Iwanaga became Director General of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) on July 1, 2002. CIMMYT is one of sixteen international agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Dr. Iwanaga, received a PhD in Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics from the University of Wisconsin, USA, and has more than two decades of research and management experience in international development. His association with the research centers supported by the CGIAR began with the International Potato Center (CIP) in Peru, where he was a cytogeneticist. Subsequently he was Head of the Genetic Resources Unit at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Colombia and Deputy Director General (Programs) at the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) in Italy. Most recently Dr. Iwanaga has been the Director of the Biological Resources Division of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS). All of these appointments conferred considerable experience in areas of strategic importance for international research and development, including a strong understanding of new plant breeding technology, intellectual property rights, the protection and management of genetic resources, and the intricacies of research funding.

IFPRI

Joachim von Braun, a native of Germany, joined the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in September 2002. Prior to that, he was director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF), which he helped to found in 1997, at the University of Bonn, Germany. Dr. von Braun headed the Department of Economics and Technical Change and was a professor in the Institute for Agricultural Policy. He was a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). His association with IFPRI includes seven years as a research fellow and three years as director of the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division. Joachim von Braun has worked in developing countries for many years and is known for his path-breaking work on mitigating and preventing famines. He has published widely in his various areas of expertise, including the economics of bio-diversity and biotechnology in low-income countries and the relationship of development to governance, trade, food and agriculture, and information and communications. Joachim von Braun is currently the president of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE).

IITA

Peter Hartmann has been Director General of the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Ibadan, Nigeria since November 2001. IITA is one of sixteen international agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Dr Hartmann is an expert in agricultural economics, policy, and marketing. He was born and spent his early years in Tanzania, and is a citizen of the USA. He brings a wealth of international experience, including work in Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. His most recent appointments were Director of International Programs at the University of Florida and Private Sector Advisor for USAID in Tanzania. As Director of International Programs at the University of Florida he developed institutional linkages with universities in countries including Uganda, Cameroon, Nigeria, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, and Honduras, as well as with international and national agricultural research centers. He also has direct experience in developing and organizing training programs, and believes that training is a fundamental dimension of development.

ILRI

Carlos Seré, a citizen of Uruguay, became Director General of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in January 2002. ILRI is one of sixteen international agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Prior to joining ILRI, Dr. Seré worked for the Latin America and Caribbean office of the International Development Research Centre (Canada), first managing a portfolio of agricultural and natural resource management projects and, since 1996, serving as regional director. From 1990 to 1994 he was an independent consultant, reviewing research and development activities such as the dairy sector in Ecuadorean Sierra, farmer development in Uruguay, soil conservation in eastern Paraguay and global livestock production systems for a major study of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Dr. Seré's expertise is broad, including tropical livestock production systems, foot-and-mouth disease, smallholder dairy farming, tropical pastures and quantification of the costs and benefits of research. Dr. Seré has a doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of Hohenheim, Germany.