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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



On behalf of the Executive Committee of the IAPPS Governing Board, I have the pleasure to welcome **Professor Rangaswamy Muniappan**, Program Director of IPM CRSP at the Virginia Polytechnic and State University, as our new Board Member and **Coordinator for Region XI, North America**. Prof Muniappan, also known as Muni among colleagues and friends, received his PhD in Entomology from Oklahoma State University in 1969; MS Agricultural Entomology from University of Madras in 1965; and BS Agriculture from University of Madras in 1963. He was a Postdoctoral Associate, Oklahoma State University, 1969-1970 and worked at the Guam Department of Agriculture from 1970 to 1975 and then moved to University of Guam. At the University of Guam he carried both faculty and administrative duties of the Agricultural Experiment Station and in 1995 he became Professor Emeritus of Entomology.

He was a Fulbright Research Scholar, India, 1984-1985; FAO Consultant, Maldives, 1985-1986; InterAmerican Development Bank Visiting Professor, University of Guyana, April-July 1989; Consultant, American Samoa Community College Land Grant Program, 1996 and FAO Consultant to Vanuatu, 2002-2004 and Palau, 2004-2005.

He received Excellence in Research Award, University of Guam, 1990; Outstanding Alumni, Entomology Dept., Oklahoma State University, 1992; Resolution from Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas 13th Legislature, 2003; and Letter of Appreciation from Governor of Guam, 2003.

He was President, International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) - South East Asian Regional Section, 1993-1996; Chairman, Chromolaena Global Working Group, IOBC, 1992-2006; Editor, Chromolaena News Letter, 1988-2006; Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Papua New Guinea Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*, 1996-2006; Member, Editorial Board, *Micronesica*, 1995- 2006 and Fellow, Royal Entomological Society of London, since 1992.

He has been involved in economic entomology, biological control, and integrated pest management research for well over four decades. His early work involved in use of spiders in biological control and tritrophic interactions of resistant barley, greenbug, and its parasitoid. His recent research involves the management of both invasive weeds and insect pests in tropical countries especially in Asia and the Pacific. His achievements include control of pest insects, the papaya mealybug (*Paracoccus marginatus*), pink hibiscus mealybug (*Maconellicoccus hirsutus*), fruit piercing moth (*Othreis phallonia*), red coconut scale (*Furcaspis oceanica*), orange spiny whitefly (*Aleurocanthus spiniferus*), New Guinea sugarcane weevil (*Rhabdoscelus obscurus*), banana weevil (*Cosmopolites sordidus*), the Asian cycad scale, Aulacaspis yasumatsui and cruciferous crop pests and the weeds, Siam weed (*Chromolaena odorata*) lantana (*Lantana camara*), ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*), and the giant sensitive plant (*Mimosa diplotricha*). He has been a long standing member of the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) and as the Chairman of the Global Working Group on *Chromolaena*, he conducted seven international workshops in Africa, Asia and Australia from 1988 to 2006. He has been instrumental in establishing the IOBC global working group on Parthenium in 2009. Currently he is managing the USAID funded Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support Program (IPM CRSP) which includes Central, South and Southeast Asia, East and West Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean regions of the tropical world. He has secured several research grants for the Guam Agricultural Experiment Station as well as for his own research. He has been serving as a consultant for regional and international organizations. He was one of the editors of the book: *Biological control of Tropical Weeds Using Arthropods* (2009), Cambridge University Press.

Please join me in welcoming Muni on our Governing Board, while at the same time thanking Prof. Ron Stinner, the outgoing Coordinator, for his precious contribution to IAPPS.

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10TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHINA SOCIETY OF PLANT PROTECTION

More than 900 delegates participated in the 10th General Assembly and the Annual Meeting of the China Society of Plant Protection (CSPP), which was held from 28th -30th October 2009 in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

During the Opening Ceremony, 25 Organizations and scientists were awarded with the Prizes of Science and Technology of CSPP, which was newly established by the CSPP in 2008 to honor the outstanding scientists and organizations in Plant Protection Science nationwide. The General Assembly elected Prof. Wu Kongming, the Director General of the Institute of Plant Protection (IPP), Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), as the new President of CSPP. At the same time, 165 Council Members and 55 Executive Council Members were also elected into office. Our former President, Prof. Cheng Zhuomin was nominated Honorary President, while Prof. Chen Wanquan, the Deputy Director General of IPP, CAAS, was re-elected as the Secretary General of CSPP.

During the Meeting, four plenary speeches were presented: 1) The Theory and Practice of "Public Plant Protection" & "Green Plant Protection"; 2) Research Advances in Biological Control of China's Major Forest Pests; 3) The Whitefly, an Invasive Alien Species, and its Integrated Control; and 4) Plant Health and Plant Protection Harmony. More than 120 delegates presented their new findings and achievements in the 4 parallel Symposia.

At the Closing Ceremony, Certificates of Outstanding Provincial Societies of Plant Protection, Outstanding Branch Societies of CSPP and Outstanding Youth in Plant Protection Science were also awarded.

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to a the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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