



Horticulture Innovation Lab Annual Meeting Update

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Achievements (after 4 years)

- } 6,169 rural households benefiting
- } Over 580 new technologies under research
- } Over 11,000 hectares under improved management
- } Over 350 students engaged in projects
- } 31,841 people trained (54% women)
- } Over 1200 organizations receiving assistance
- } 146 new public-private partnerships formed

What is new at the Horticulture Innovation Lab?

} 3 new PIs

- Manuel Reyes, North Carolina State University
- Jeffrey Brecht, University of Florida
- Lizanne Wheeler, World Food Logistics Organization



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What is new at the Horticulture Innovation Lab?

- } Round 3 of the Trellis Fund underway
 - 14 projects in 9 Feed the Future Countries
 - Graduate students from 3 US universities participating
- } Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Currently visiting Exploratory Projects and Immediate Impact Projects (completed fall/winter 2011) to assess impacts



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Our new name: Horticulture Innovation Lab

- } We are the **Horticulture Innovation Lab**, funded by USAID and managed by UC Davis
 - Formal version: Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Horticulture
 - Short version: Horticulture Innovation Lab
 - We are not using any acronyms or abbreviations
 - Please no "IL" or "HIL"

Our New Logo



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We are now using a “logo block” that includes USAID, Horticulture Innovation Lab, and UC Davis marking.

Please add your logos on this logo block for all projects funded by the Horticulture Innovation Lab, to show our collaborations and partnerships.

New URL: <http://horticulture.ucdavis.edu>

Horticulture assessment in Guatemala and Honduras completed

- } Supported by USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
- } Assessed major constraints to continued growth and increased involvement of smallholders in horticulture in Central America
- } Suggested regional and national actions to overcome these constraints



See the report!

<http://horticulture.ucdavis.edu/lac>



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Highlights of Review by USAID

- } Successful review of our first 5 years as Horticulture CRSP
- } Review team recommended that the Horticulture Innovation Lab be renewed and continued for another five-year phase
- } Review team recommended that the ME remain at University of California, Davis

Review Recommendations

- } **Recommendation 1.** Recruit IAB members from different horticulture specialty areas within both the public and private sectors.
- } **Recommendation 2.** Review the results of the survey of host country PIs in setting the research priorities and developing the future research agenda.
- } **Recommendation 3.** Proactively continue the engagement with the Missions and where possible, inform and involve the Mission in the project review process. Encourage the PIs and the host country representatives to periodically meet with the Missions.
- } **Recommendation 4.** Make public and private donor agencies aware of the accomplishments of the Horticulture Innovation Lab by inviting these agencies to events and sharing publications and press releases with them.

Review Recommendations

- } **Recommendation 5.** Extend the Tanzania postharvest training program into other Feed the Future countries using the Regional Centers of Innovation as a base.
- } **Recommendation 6.** The ME Information Management and Communications team should work to develop close links with news editors in all branches of the media to create wider distribution of success stories about Horticulture Innovation Lab activities.
- } **Recommendation 7.** The ME Information Management and Communications team should use social media to communicate messages about the role of horticulture in reducing poverty, increasing food security, improving health and nutrition of women and children, increasing household incomes, and producing safer fruits and vegetables.
- } **Recommendation 8.** Current practices undertaken by the ME to ensure gender equity and inclusion on all projects should be commended. Efforts should be maintained to include a person with expertise in the social sciences in all future project teams if possible.
- } **Recommendation 9.** The EET recommends that the Horticulture Innovation Lab be renewed and continued for another five-year phase and that the ME remains at University of California, Davis for the second phase with a non-competitive renewal.

BIFAD award

- } Former Horticulture Innovation Lab graduate student Elana Peach-Fine (MS 2013) received the BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in an Innovation Lab



ISHS Fellows Awarded to IAB

- } Robert Paull, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- } Adel Kader, University of California, Davis
(former board member)



International Horticultural Congress Brisbane 2014

- } Horticulture Innovation Lab will sponsor two workshops
 - Lessons learned in horticultural development: an exploration of good practices
 - Steve Weller, Eunice Bonsi, Jim Simon, Amanda Crump, Kelsey Barale
 - Horticultural technology and innovation: regional models for research and development
 - Johan Van Asbrouck, Jingtair Siripanich, Robert Holmer
- } Horticulture Innovation Lab will participate in AVRDC indigenous vegetables symposium

Thank you.

