Country Visited: India

Dates of Travel: 10-14 July, 2012

Travelers’ Names and Affiliations: Dr. Francisco J. Díaz, FHIA, Honduras

Purpose of Trip: Attend the symposium: Management of Insect-transmitted Virus Diseases in Vegetables in the Tropics and Subtropics.

Sites Visited: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India; TNAU Horticulture Research Station and Potato Research Center in Udhagamandalam.

Description of Activities/Observations:

1. Presentation of virus situation in Honduras (part of J. Brown’s presentation) on 13 of July.

2. Very interesting was to listen to the presentations given by the other participants regarding the situation of virus diseases affecting different zones. I was able to confirm that we all share pretty much the same problems despite the area we are located.

3. My feeling and I’m sure others will agree is that we need to spread more among our growers, the different techniques that are developed within CRSP projects for the management of pests and diseases (including viruses).

4. I liked the field day visiting growers and the TNAU Horticulture Station in the Udhagamandalam area because I was able to see the crops they are working with and the way they do their research. Also, at the potato seed production facility I was able to see the breeding program and the contacts I made will be very useful in case we want to obtain material from these late blight-resistant cultivars.

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

1. Promote activities to enhance the promotion and spread among growers the different techniques for the management of pests and diseases developed by the CRSP programs.
2. The discussion of the last day about the things we can do to have a greater impact as a program must be implemented.

3. I want to congratulate the organizing committee (from India and the US) for the excellent job they did during my stay in Coimbatore.

4. I want to thank Dr. Steve Weller from Purdue University for sponsoring my participation in this symposium. It really was a positive experience for me.

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