Country Visited: GHANA

Dates of Travel: June 19 to 25, 2011

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Purpose of Trip: Participation in the IPM CRSP Tomato Disease and Insect Pest Diagnostics Workshop

Sites Visited: LEGON Biotechnology Center, Accra

Description of Activities/Observations:

Presentations were made on use of special tools for disease and insect Pest Diagnostics. We have learned diseases caused by bacteria, fungi, and viruses and insects infesting tomatoes. In laboratory exercises, the group did dissections and observations under stereomicroscope for identification. Molecular tools for identification of vectors and diseases were also demonstrated.

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

More workshops should be conducted for capacity building of researchers and technicians.

Sandwich graduate program should be offered to students from Senegal.

Facilitate publications in referred journals.