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Dateline May 30, 2017: Fascination of Plants Day

Dateline: Camarines Norte, Philippines



The fourth international "Fascination of Plants Day 2017" was launched under the umbrella of the European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO). The goal of this activity is to get as many people as possible around the world fascinated by plants and enthused about the importance of plant science for agriculture, in sustainably producing food, as well as for horticulture, forestry, and all of the non-food products such as paper, timber, chemicals, energy, and pharmaceuticals. The role of plants in environmental conservation will also be a key message. More than 60 countries participated this year.

The global agricultural related event featured seminars, exhibits, scientific presentations and a photography contest was held at Camarines Norte State College located in Daet, the Philippines from May17-19, 2017.

Breakout seminars included:

- ✚ Organic Seed Production
- ✚ Organic Seed Banking
- ✚ Herbal Processing and Utilization
- ✚ R & D Exhibits

Dr. Arlene C. Alegre, Plant Pathologist and Phyto Bacteriologist spearheaded the effort

bringing experts as well as local farmers together.

Keynote Address:

Arthur V. Martin, USA based President and Principal Research Scientist of GICC LLC introduced the first totally organic, non GMO, chemical, drug and alcohol free pesticide with growth enhancer.



Dr. Lilibeth A. Roxas; Dr. Rusty Abanto; Art Martin; Dr. Arlene C. Alegre; Michelle S. Carbonell

Camarines Norte State College has been working closely with GICC LLC for the past three years conducting research and field trials. The product has been successful with issues related to coconut, pineapple, strawberries and will be utilized for tissue sterilization.

A joint venture working arrangement has been formed to benefit farmers and consumers.