



Dr. Rai S. Rana

Former Director of the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources and Professor of Eminence in genetics, Dr. Rana is widely known for developing the new NBPGR Campus and the National Gene Bank, equipping its labs, organizing foreign training of over 100 scientists and technicians and also technology transfer, including DNA profiling, while implementing the Indo-US and Indo-UK projects (1989 – 1995). After serving the Ministry of Agriculture and ICAR in several senior positions for over three decades, he has been presently assisting many non-governmental organisations, both national and international, for nearly 15 years in their programmes on conservation of biological resources and value addition to them. He was a leading member of the WWF-Team that implemented 5-year global project on Promoting Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in eight countries of Asia, Africa and Central & South America. He has been actively involved since 1992 in inter-governmental negotiations under CBD and played a key role in developing the text of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in his capacity as Co-Chairperson of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. He is presently the Indian nominee on the Compliance Committee of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the CBD's Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer. He is also Chairman of the Expert Committee, set up by the National Biodiversity Authority, on Access and Benefit Sharing. He is also a member of the Biodiversity Consultation Group, set up by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forests. A Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India, Dr. Rana has worked as Chairman of management committees of several renowned educational institutions and was also elected President of some prestigious scientific societies including the Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding and the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources.

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