



BGRI Borlaug Global Rust Initiative



(l-r), Jeanie Borlaug Laube, Ron DePauw, Irum Aziz, Elfinesh Shikur Gebremariam, and Amy Watson, at the WIT Ceremony in Obregon Mexico, March 2016, Photo by Chris Knight

July 2016

BGRI Blog: Ron DePauw Donates WIT Award to FINCA

When Ron DePauw was awarded the 2016 WIT Mentor Award for his dedication to gender parity in agricultural science, he decided to donate the \$3,000 cash prize to FINCA International, an organization dedicated to providing women with microloans. FINCA International provides subsidiaries to over one and half million people in 23 countries across Africa, Eurasia, the Middle East and South Asia, and Latin America.

Women in Triticum Focus: Esraa Alwan, 2010

Who or what inspired you to work in wheat science and research and why?

I've always had passion for agriculture and for feeding people. Wheat feeds 35% of the world population, however, wheat is not reaching its full potential; there is an urgent need to increase food production at the same or at an increased rate to cope with an increasing population.

What effect did the WIT Early Career Award have on your professional development?

Winning was a unique opportunity and opened numerous avenues for my career and myself. The award has provided me the opportunity to meet and interact with agricultural scientists from different spectrums of society, share my work, and learn from others through workshops and training courses. Winning broadened my horizon and opened my eyes to major constraints facing agricultural productivity as well as possible solutions.



[Read More from Esraa Alwan](#)

Crops Genomic Selection Events

The events will be hosted at the new facility of ICARDA recently inaugurated in Rabat, Morocco. Aimed at bringing together young, mid, and senior career scientists to learn and discuss genomic selection across crops, from a practical or theoretical prospective.

To find out more and to register please go to www.cropgs.com

Journal Article



Genetic mapping of SrCad and SNP marker development for marker-assisted selection of Ug99 stem rust resistance in wheat

Kassa, M. T.; You, F. M.; Fetch, T. G. ; Fobert, P.; Sharpe, A ; Pozniak, C. J.; Menzies, J. G.; Jordan, M. C.; Humphreys, G.; Zhu TingTing; Luo MingCheng; McCartney, C. A.; Hiebert, C. W
doi:[10.1007/s00122-016-2709-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00122-016-2709-z)

[More journal articles](#)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Borlaug Global Rust Initiative
| bgri@cornell.edu |



**SIGN UP FOR
OUR EMAILS**



**SHARE THIS
EMAIL**

