

Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education

VA Tech requested for our input:

- 1. General capabilities related to innovATE
- 2. Experience with AET development internationally
- 3. The resources we have employed and found particularly helpful to meet project goals

Composition of Penn State team

Dr. Tom Gill Program coordinator

Ms. Melanie Gilbert Program administrative support Dr. Ed Rajotte Lead, Faculty Diagnostic Team

Dr. Rama Radhakrishna Faculty Diagnostic Team

Dr. Ricky Bates Faculty Diagnostic Team

Dr. Melanie Foster Faculty Diagnostic Team

Experience of Penn State innovATE team

Dr. Tom Gill International Programs Innovation diffusion (Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia)

Ms. Melanie Gilbert International Programs Budget, logistics, general admin Dr. Ed Rajotte Entomology IPM (South and Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, North Africa)

Dr. Rama Radhakrishna Ag Econ, Sociology and Education Agricultural Education – program design and evaluation (South and Southeast Asia)

Dr. Ricky Bates Plant Science Horticulture enterprise development (Southeast Asia, Central and South America, Eastern Europe)

Dr. Melanie Foster International Programs Rural sociology (Central America, Russia, East Asia)

PSU innovATE team: Selected ongoing/recent Asia expertise

- Fulbrights Bates (Thailand 2011–12); Radhakrishna (India 2010–11)
- Rajotte IPM CRSP Bangladesh/Nepal/India/Philippines 1993–present
- Gill & Bates Hort CRSP Thailand/Cambodia, 2010– 11
- Bates MEAS (Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services) – Myanmar/Thailand/Laos/Cambodia 2012–

AET specific expertise in Asia

Involvement began with Indian higher education institutions in 1960s

Now:

- program design + delivery;
- curriculum development;
- needs assessment;
- evaluation + monitoring;
- trainings + workshops

Asia experience: innovATE team and PSU CAS





innovATE team experience

PSU CAS current faculty experience

Penn State ideas for innovATE: *Resources to draw on: Boyle's (1981) framework for educational programming*

Institutional Programming	Focus on the development of individual's basic abilities, skills, knowledge, and competencies
Informational Programming	Focus on exchange of information from the learner and the educator
Developmental Programming	Focus on helping people with problem solving or coping strategies

Penn State ideas for innovATE: *Resources to draw on: @ Penn State*

- Additional faculty w/ AET and/or Asia experience
- Student involvement (undergraduate and graduate)
- Language expertise
- INTAD and INTAG programs
- Ag Ed & Extension

Penn State ideas for innovATE: *Resources to draw on: beyond Penn State*

- Private sector linkages for career pathways
- Asian networks:
 - Governmental partners
 - NGO partners
 - Higher education partners

Penn State ideas for innovATE: Initial phase – ideas: Fall 2012

- Focus group @ Penn State students & faculty
- Set up advisory groups faculty and private sector
- Identify additional faculty and students

Penn State ideas for innovATE: Initial phase – ideas: Fall 2012

- Initial engagement with:
 - Consortium partners
 - USAID missions
 - In-country partners
 - Pan-Asia networks, e.g. ASEAN
 - 4–H international
- Initial development and possible standardization of protocols and needs assessment tools/instruments

Penn State ideas for innovATE: Initial phase – ideas: Spring 2013

- Initial diagnostic/scoping trip Jan/Feb 2013
 - Countries TBD
 - Meet w/ AID missions
 - Initial visits w/ some potential institutions to be assessed
 - Identify collaborators to contract with for incountry needs assessment
 - Refine needs assessment protocol and tools
 - Establish timeframe for needs assessment deliverables
- Global Learning Event later in Spring