

Speaker Profile

(in alphabetical order)

Alit Pirmansyah

Alit Pirmansyah is Market & Statistic Officer for International Coconut Community (ICC).

Mr. Alit received a Bachelor's degree in Statistics from Academy of Statistics (Jakarta), a Master's degree in Statistics from the Indonesian Open Learning University, and a Master's degree in International Development Programme specialised in Economy from International University of Japan.

Experience Area

Statistics

Fabian M. Dayrit, Ph.D



Fabian M. Dayrit is Professor at the Department of Chemistry, University of Ateneo de Manila, and Member of the ICC's Scientific Advisory Committee on Health.

Dr. Fabian received a Ph.D. in Chemistry.

Research Interests

- Lauric acid found in coconut oil
- The consistency of virgin coconut oil and its properties
- Microbiology
- Coconut composition analysis

He is also an academic of the Philippine National Academy of Science & Technology, a president of Philippine Integrated Chemists, a member of the Philippine Chemical Society, and a board member of the Philippine Natural Products Society.

Jelfina Constansje Alouw, Ph.D



Jelfina Constansje Alouw is International Coconut Community (ICC) Executive Director.

Dr. Jelfina received her Bachelor's degree in Science and Arts from the University of Sam Ratulangi, a Master's degree in Entomology from the University of the Philippines, and a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Research Interests

- Coconut development
- Pest and disease management
- Biotechnology

Jerry Wungkana



Jerry Wungkana is a researcher at Indonesian Palm Crops Research Institute, Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr. Jerry received a Bachelor's degree in food technology from Universitas Dr. Soetomo and a Master's degree in food technology from Wageningen University.

Research Interests

- Chromatography of the size exclusion
- Rheological metrics
- Sensory design

Mridula Kottkate



Mridula Kottkate is ICC Assistant Director.

Ms. Mridula received a post-graduate plant protection diploma, a post-graduate marketing management diploma, and a Master's degree in plant pathology.

Experience Area

- The genetic resources of coconuts
- World conferences
- The drafting of technical reports
- Building capacity of coconut farmers

Ponciano A. Batugal, Ph.D.



Dr. Ponciano “Pons” Batugal received his B.S. Degree in agriculture (*cum laude*) and M.Sc. Degree from Los Banos University of the Philippines, and Ph.D. in plant physiology from Davis University of California. He was a Fellow of the Environment and Policy Institute, East-West Region, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is currently Chairman of the ICC Technical Working Group (TWG); President and Board Chair of the Farmers Community Development Foundation International (FCDF); Coordinator of the International Network of Community Based Organization (INCBO); Coordinator of the UNDP-funded Poverty Reduction Project of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), Coordinator of the CHED Tropical Fruits Development Program; and National Industry Cluster Chairperson for the Coconut and Oil Palm Cluster of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD).

He also serves as Science and Technology Consultant for the Philippines Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and as Chairman of the Technical Working Committee on Climate Change and Poverty Reduction Project for the Asia Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).

He worked as Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines in Los Banos (UPLB); as Assistant Director of the Crop Research Division at PCAARRD, and as Director of the Division of International Projects, and Planning and Development Office. He was the coordinator of the International COGENT, as 38-country network under the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and the Southeast Asian Program for Potato Research and Development (SAPPRAD) Coordinator, a 5-country network under the International Potato Centre (CIP).

Research Interests

- Coconut
- Crop breeding
- Gene banking
- Conservation
- Production and processing of various commodities

He won the following awards:

- Most Outstanding Agricultural Extension Award, Phil. Crop Science Society, 1984
- Most Outstanding Development Award, Los Banos Science Group, 1986
- Most Outstanding Development Award, DOST, 1988
- Honorary Fellow, Philippine Crop Science Society, 1998
- Distinguished Alumni Award, UPLB, 1998

Ambassador Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro



In July 2018 Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro was appointed as the Director for the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAM CSSTC). He was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Tunisia from 2012 – 2017. He has over 30 years of foreign affairs experience.

Before his appointment as ambassador, Amb. Ronny attended a series of international conferences as Delegate of the Republic of Indonesia at a High-Level Expert Meeting between Indonesia and Algeria, Joint Working Group between Indonesia and Jordan, High-Level Conference on Partnership between Extra Regional Partners and the Countries of the Field, United Nations Security Council meetings, and United Nations Decolonisation Committee meetings.

His academic experience includes a degree from higher education institution in Indonesia and an M.A. from Australian institution of higher education.

In the coming months he will be posted to the Islamic Republic of Iran as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia.

Vincent Bernard Johnson



Vincent Bernard Johnson is Interim Coconut Genetic Resources Network (COGENT) Coordinator.

Mr. Johnson received his Bachelor's degree in Botany from Durham University, post-graduate diploma in Crop Protection from Harper Adams University, post-graduate diploma in Management Studies from Kingston University and a Master's degree in International Development from Bath

University.

Research Interests

- Coconut development
- Banana development
- Conservation of genetic resources

He also a member of Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CGIAR) Monitoring & Evaluation Committee.