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Workshop on
Clearing Old Hurdles
With New Science

Improving Rice Grain Quality

17-19 April 2007
International Rice Research Institute
**Introduction**

The International Network for Quality Rice (INQR) was formed in 2006. The INQR has now 75 members from 26 rice-growing countries, including people who do rice quality evaluation, starch scientists, and rice quality geneticists. The INQR is co-chaired by Melissa Fitzgerald (IRRI) and Christine Bergman (University of Nevada).

This Workshop will be the first international meeting specifically dedicated to rice quality this century and it will be the first full meeting of the INQR.

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**Objectives**

The objectives of the Workshop are to

- create a vision and mission for the INQR;
- discuss new science that contributes to our understanding of the traits of rice grain quality;
- determine ways to capture that science and develop it for measuring and understanding rice grain quality;
- discuss collaborative opportunities for new projects on chalk, fragrance, and quality evaluation of physical traits;
- revisit the traits of physical, sensory, and cooking properties; and
- discuss the inclusion of nutritional quality into the definition of rice grain quality.

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**Logistics**

**Preparation**

Each participant should be prepared to contribute to an INQR-wide database of quality traits; this information will be collected in the first session of the Workshop. Each participant should also be prepared to assist with developing the mission and vision of the INQR.

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