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Dr. Surajit K. De Datta is currently Professor Emeritus and Consultant of the IPM-CRSP Project at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, USA. He was Associate Provost/Vice President for International Affairs at Virginia Tech, has also served as the Director of the Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIREED) and Professor of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences since 1991 at Virginia Tech. He has more than 46 years of experience in international programs throughout the world. His career has included extensive research, research administration, program development, administration, and guidance of graduate students (supervised 77 MS and PhD students from 23 countries) and postdoctoral scientists as affiliate professor of the University of the Philippines Los Baños. He has experience in strategic and applied research, technology generation in rice culture, international research in agricultural sciences, and training and technology transfer. While establishing his record as a researcher and teacher, Dr. De Datta played an essential administrative role as the Head, Department of Agronomy at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) for 27 years, from 1964 to 1991. He has published over 351 research papers, several books and book chapters. He has served as the Administrative Principal Investigator of many donor-funded projects in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Russia, and CIS countries.