



S.K. De Datta —Green Revolution Pioneer

Dr. S.K. De Datta serves as both Associate Provost for International Affairs and Director of the Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIRE) at Virginia Tech. As Director of OIRE, De Datta manages a portfolio of \$48 million in donor-funded grants, most of them from USAID. The programs run by these grants improve lives in developing countries by promoting economic development, food security, sustainable natural resource management, and gender equity. As Associate Provost, he provides leadership in establishing Virginia Tech's Regional Centers in developing regions of the world.

Dr. De Datta has been an active member of the ASA and SSSA since 1963 and a member of CSSA over 15 years. He served as an A-6 Chair and organized two symposia for the Division. For the past 4 years, he has served as a member of the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Board serving the Tri-Societies. Prior to coming to Virginia Tech in 1991, De Datta was Agronomist and Principal Scientist at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, a post he held for 27 years. During that time, De Datta's research in rice production contributed to the Green Revolution that helped Southeast Asia gain agricultural self-sufficiency.

De Datta has received many awards over his long career, including being named Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America; Fellow of the Indian Society of Soil Science, recipient of the Norman Borlaug Award for Outstanding Contribution to Agricultural Sciences and the Green Revolution in India, Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences in India, Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America, recipient of the International Services in Agronomy, Soil Science and Crop Science Awards, and most recently, recipient of a Presidential Citation from the President of the Philippines in recognition of his outstanding contributions to agricultural productivity in that country and the region.

De Datta has graduated 77 Masters and Ph.D. students. He has published 366 journal articles, technical bulletins, and other reports in the areas of soil science, soil and crop management, and weed science. He has served on many boards, societies, and committees. He holds a Ph.D. in Soil Science from the University of Hawaii, an M.S. in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi, India, and a B.S. in Agriculture from Banaras Hindu University in India. S.K.'s current passion is assisting Virginia Tech in its mission of becoming a truly international university.

