



## 1. Introduction

Dear colleagues and funders to *icipe*, this is the first edition of the Sponsoring Group of *icipe* (SGI) newsletter. The newsletter intends to inform partners and funders of *icipe* on one-two pages about current activities of the Centre on a quarterly basis. I am happy to inform you that *icipe* is presently in a very healthy financial situation. Due to its well known impact-oriented research activities the funding situation improved significantly over the last years. Resources are wisely spent by Roger Finan, *icipe*'s Director of Finance and Administration and his team. African research for Africa at *icipe* grew and this was possible through your trustful support partly over decades. *icipe* and I would appreciate if you could give us some feed-back on this new publication.

Best regards,  
Dr Wolfgang Kasten – GIZ, Chairman SGI

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## 2. Major Funding Event

On 21 January 2011 Her Excellency Ms. Heli Sirve, Finland's Ambassador to Kenya and, on behalf of *icipe*, Roger Finan, the Centre's Director of Finance and Administration signed the new CHIESA project (Climate Change Impacts on Ecosystem Services and Food Security in Eastern Africa), a collaborative project spearheaded by *icipe* in collaboration with the Universities of Helsinki, Dar-es-Salaam and Sokoine University of Agriculture (both Tanzania), and York (UK), and partners from Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya. The 4-year project is supported by the Government of Finland



Participants of the CHIESA Inception Workshop, at the *icipe* HQs

to the tune of € 4,899,900. The CHIESA inception workshop took place at *icipe*'s HQ in Nairobi from 21–23 March, and project activities in the three project countries Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia will commence in August.

## 3. Recognition

In March 2011 *icipe*'s Director General Christian Borgemeister received the International Plant Protection Award of Distinction by the International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) for his distinguished record of contributions to the development and promotion of Integrated



Signing of the new CHIESA project by Finland's Ambassador to Kenya, Ms Heli Sirve and *icipe*'s Director of Finance and Administration, Mr Roger Finan



Her Excellency Mrs Rhoda Peace Tumusiine and Prof Christian Borgemeister, after signing a memorandum of understanding to reinforce partnership between the AU and *icipe*

Pest Management in the tropics. The award will be presented during the XVII International Plant Protection Conference in August 2011 in Hawaii (USA).

## 4. Important New Partnership

On 22 February 2011, Her Excellency Mrs Rhoda Peace Tumusiine, the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, and *icipe* DG Christian Borgemeister signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at *icipe's* HQ in Nairobi, to reinforce the partnership between the two organisations. Key areas of the MoU are food security as affected by insect pests and disease vectors, adaptation to climate change, and poverty reduction in the rural areas that affect member countries of the AU. Further manpower development in various fields and levels will be reinforced through this partnership. Both institutions commit themselves to the implementation of this MoU to strengthen agriculture and the rural economies on the continent.

## 5. Major Institutional Event

Like many other international organisations, *icipe* recently introduced a Results Based Management (RBM) framework as its new strategic planning and management tool. In line with *icipe's* 'Vision and Strategy 2007–2012' paper, the RBM framework will provide guidance to programmes and is intended to help establish organisation-wide standards with regard to four main pillars:

- (i) The definition of strategic goals which provide a focus for action;
- (ii) the specification of expected project results which contribute to these goals and align programmes, processes and resources behind them;

- (iii) on-going monitoring and assessment of progress and integrating lessons learned into future planning; and
- (iv) improved accountability and continuous feedback on progress. The full RBM can be accessed via *icipe's* website at (<http://www.icipe.org/news/413-icipe-moving-to-a-results-based%20management-rbm-framework.html>).

## 6. Important research finding

C. Muturi *et al.*: Tracking the Feeding Patterns of Tsetse Flies (*Glossina* Genus) by Analysis of Bloodmeals Using Mitochondrial Cytochromes Genes. PLoS ONE, February 2011, Volume 6, Issue 2 (<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0017284;jsessionid=997A807AB9085B37B4DA4CC6F52EDFF5.ambra02>). A team lead by *icipe* researchers developed reliable and practical molecular tools to identify the hosts tsetse flies had previously fed on. This technology will assist in developing region-specific control strategies for trypanosomiasis in sub-Saharan Africa.

## 7. Important commercialisation agreement

On 17 March Henry Wainwright, CEO of Real IPM (<http://www.realipm.com/>), a Kenya based bio-pesticide company, and *icipe's* DG Christian Borgemeister signed a commercialisation agreement which will allow Real IPM to market a strain of the entomopathogenic fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae* ICIZE 69 for pest control in Africa.



Signing of a commercialisation agreement between Henry Wainwright, CEO of Real IPM and Prof. Christian Borgemeister, Director General of *icipe*