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## **SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: RECOMPOSITION OF THE INSECT RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY TEAM (IRMAT) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INSECT RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT (IRM) STRATEGY FOR INSECT RESISTANT CROP PLANTS**

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In the interest of service, and in view of the agreements between IRMAT and the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), the Advisory Team shall be composed of the following:

### **1. Composition**

- Chairperson : **Dr. Ma. Anita Bautista**  
University of the Philippines Diliman
- Vice-Chairperson : **Dr. Joel Adorada**  
BPI
- Members : **Dr. Candida Adalla**  
Philippine Agriculture and Resources Research  
Foundation, Inc (PARRFI)
- Dr. Reynaldo Ebor**  
Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Dr. Bonifacio Cayabyab**  
University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)
- Dr. Barbara Caoili**  
UPLB
- Dr. Flor Alcantara**  
UPLB
- Dr. Peter Magdaraog**  
BPI

### **2. Duties and Responsibilities**


The IRMAT shall serve as the scientific and technical advisory body on insect resistance management and shall perform the following:

- a. Assist in the formulation of policies and regulatory initiatives relevant to management of insect/arthropod pest resistant GM crops;
- b. Assist the BPI in the review of updates and periodic reports submitted by the industry;
- c. Review proposals and results of technical studies related to IRM;
- d. Recommend new technical studies when necessary;
- e. Serve as resource persons for IRM seminars;
- f. Provide technical inputs, comments and assistance in the preparation of Information, Education Communication (IEC) materials and capacity building activities;
- g. Share information on new developments on IRM; and
- h. Report/attend meetings as called for the BPI Director.

The professional fee and expenses incurred by IRMAT in the performance of their functions shall be charged against the funds of the BPI, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.**  
Secretary



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