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### Expression of interest for a side event at IRC2018

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Group/organization: <b>RICE CRP Flagship Project 2 “Upgrading Rice Value Chains”</b>
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Title of event: <b>FP2 Scholars Café on Upgrading Rice Value Chains</b>
Target audience (eg scientists, policy makers, media, others): <b>researchers involved in FP2 research</b>
Format (eg workshop, project meeting, media event, discussion session, product presentation, book launch, ect): <b>workshop</b>
Targeted number of participants: <b>20</b>
By invitation only or open to all IRC participants; any participants expected that would not register as IRC2018 delegate?: <b>invitation only</b>
Seating configuration (classroom/theatre/banquet round): <b>banquet round</b>
Duration (one 90-minutes session, half day (two 90-minute sessions), full day (three 90-minute sessions): <b>one 90-minutes session</b>
AV requirement (eg overhead projector, poster stands, others): <b>overhead projector</b>
Special requirements/requests: <b>none</b>
<p><b>Description of event:</b></p> <p>In the RICE proposal, Flagship Project 2 on “Upgrading Rice Value chains” proposes a unifying framework to align what—at first sight—looks like a heterogeneous set of research activities from market and value chain research to postharvest engineering, services and (by-)product development through a shared vision of “value chain upgrading.” In this event, we will test whether this common framework is successful in aligning research activities and nurturing a community of practice, collaboration and learning in value chain upgrading. In particular, we will provide a forum for the Postdoc, PhD and MSc students and other young scholars from various collaborations and projects to present their valuable contributions to FP2. Six pairs of scholars will be randomly drawn from a pool of FP2 scholars attending IRC and will be requested to prepare a joint 10-min presentation wherein they attempt to (i) present and align their research through a common framework, (ii) identify common challenges, (iii) develop and present policy recommendations, and (iv) propose suggestions for future joint research. Each 10-min presentation will be followed by 5 min of discussion, moderated by a discussant. The purpose of the exercise is to spur collaborative thinking, nurture a community of practice and learning in value chain upgrading, and work towards a common set of policy recommendations.</p>

**Presenters:**

1. Subir Bairagi (IRRI, Philippines) and My Hoang Diem Nguyen (Hue University, Vietnam)
2. Marie Claire Custodio (IRRI, Philippines) and Prajongwate Satmalee (Kasetsart University, Thailand)
3. Rio Maligalig (Adelaide University, Australia) and H  l  ne Aminatou Ba (Universit   Paris-Cr  teil, France)
4. Jhoanne Ynion (IRRI, Philippines) and Guillaume Soullier (CIRAD, France)
5. Annalyn de Guia (IRRI, Philippines) and Sali A. Ndindeng (AfricaRice, Cote d'Ivoire)
6. Ong Quoc Cuong (UPLB, Philippines) and Mohammad Chhiddikur Rahman (BRRI, Bangladesh)