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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL CORE TEAM (BPI-RDTCT) AND INTERNAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (ITWG)

I. RATIONALE

To establish formal processes for the proposal, review, implementation, and monitoring of projects undertaken by the Bureau of Plant Industry across its operating units, this memorandum order creates the Research and Development Technical Core Team (BPI-RDTCT) and the Research and Development Internal Technical Working Group (RD-ITWG). These working groups shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities outlined in this order. Additionally, projects and activities shall align with BPI's Strategic Map, REPLANT: Research, Knowledge, and Technology Management Plan, to Lead, Accelerate, and Nurture the Transformation of the Philippine Plant Industry.

II. SCOPE

This order covers the research and development processes of the Crop Research and Production Support Division (CRPSD), Agricultural Engineering Division (AED), Crop Pest Management Division (CPMD), and the National Centers for Research and Development and Production Support Centers (NCRDPSC) in Baguio, Los Baños, La Granja, Guimaras and Davao. Research and development processes belonging to operating units rendering regulatory services namely National Seed Quality Control Services Division, Plant Product Safety Services Division, National Plant Quarantine Services Division, National Seed Industry Council/ Plant Variety Protection Office, and the Biotechnology Office are also covered by this memorandum order.

Research and development activities shall include but are not limited to the preparation of proposals for internally and externally funded project proposals for endorsement to funding agencies, the conduct of pre-in-house review, and the conduct of the National R and D Review.



The processes described herein shall exclude proposals for infrastructure establishment, and institutional development

III. COMPOSITION OF THE BPI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL CORE TEAM (BPI-RDTCT)

The BPI- RDTCT is hereby composed as follows:

Chairperson	Joel L. Adorada, Ph.D.
Vice- Chairperson	Peter M. Magdaraog, Ph.D.
Member	Maritess A. Alimurung, Senior Agriculturist – BPI- Baguio NCRDPSC
	Niña R. Rosales, Agriculturist II – BPI- Los Baños NCRDPSC
	Josephine C. Pilar, Senior Agriculturist – BPI- La Granja NCRDPSC
	Rhod S. Orquia, Supervising Agriculturist – BPI- Guimaras NCRDPSC
	Arceli G. Yebes, – BPI- Davao NCRDPSC
	Jerico F. Noynay, Agriculturist II - CRPSD
	Russ-Uzi Mayenne A. Ebor, Senior Agriculturist - CPMD
	Gilda Yolanda G. Rodavia, Engineer III - AED
	Shereene R. Samala, Asst. Division Chief for Technical Matters– NPQSD
	Ailene A. Galvez Ph.D., Biologist II - PPSSD
	Earl Austin Aromin, Agriculturist II – NSQCSD
	Paul Ryan O. Alcantara, OIC-- NSIC/PVPO
	Ericka Joy Ancayan, Project Assistant IV– Biotechnology Office
Ad hoc Member	Any permanent BPI employee with appropriate expertise
Secretariat	Any permanent BPI employee as designated by the chair

The BPI-RDTCT Chairperson shall have the authority to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Lead and instruct members on the review, recommendation, approval, monitoring, and evaluation of project proposals; and
2. Set meetings as necessary to facilitate operations of the RDTCT.

The BPI-RDTCT Vice-Chairperson shall have the authority to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in their absence.

The BPI-RDTCT shall ensure the development of R&D proposals is aligned with the BPI Strategic Map and with national and department priorities such as the Philippine Development Plan and the current directives of the Department of Agriculture.

Secretariat

1. Receive project proposals endorsed for review and approval of the BPI-RDTCT;
2. Preparation of memoranda, minutes of the meeting, and other office communications.
3. Preparation of endorsement to ADO-RDPSS;
4. Ensure that the Call for proposals is properly disseminated;
5. Monitor the status of project proposal submissions.

IV. COMPOSITION OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (ITWG)

The respective Internal Technical Working Groups (ITWGs) for each operating unit shall be headed by the designated Research Coordinator, who shall also have the authority to compose its members.

Each ITWG shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Provide technical direction to Operating Units (OUs) in the development of R&D proposals.
2. Review, and evaluate research proposals;
3. Appoint ad hoc members as needed to perform the technical review;
4. Endorsement of the research proposal to the center or division Chief;
5. Monitor the conduct of research through technical and financial reviews of implemented activities; and
6. Conduct pre-in-house review of proposed, ongoing, and completed projects.

The BPI-RDTCT is hereby composed as follows:

Agricultural Engineering Division

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	GILDA YOLANDA G. RODAVIA	<i>Engineer III</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	MELVIN L. VISTA	<i>Engineer II</i>
ITWG Members	ANGELINE J. SALINAS	<i>Engineer II</i>
	SAMUEL R. PASA	<i>Engineer II</i>

	JONA VIOREN M. RAMOS	<i>Project Assistant III</i>
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Crop Pest Management Division

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	RUSS-UZI MAYENNE A. EBORA	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	JADE E. SANIDAD	<i>Agriculturist I</i>
ITWG Members	MERABIL L. CORPUZ	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	JOHN PAUL D. MAMINTA	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
	JULIE FEARL DOPING	<i>Agriculturist I</i>

Crop Research and Production Support Division

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	JERICO F. NOYNAY	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	MARK CHRISTOPHER C. VALDEZ	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	MARICEL R. MAMALAYAN	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	GIA CARLA B. BUTONES	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	JUST E. DAGU-OB	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

National Plant Quarantine Services Division

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	SHEREENE R. SAMALA	<i>Asst. Division Chief for Technical Matters</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	DARWIN M. LANDICHO	<i>Head, Central Laboratory</i>
ITWG Members	JESSA BLESILDA G. ANTERO	<i>Head, Administrative Section</i>
	ACE C. PASCUAL	<i>Senior Agriculturist, Domestic Section</i>
	KARL REGINALD D. MANAGA	<i>Asst. Head, Central Laboratory</i>

Plant Product Safety Services Division

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	AILENE A. GALVEZ Ph.D.	<i>Biologist II</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	CARLOS PAUL PEDRACIO	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>

ITWG Members	JULIE ANN ARAGONES	<i>Senior agriculturist</i>
	JULIO VALEZA	<i>Chemist II</i>
	CHRISTIANE FATIMAH DECENA	<i>Agriculturist 1</i>

Biotechnology Office

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	ERICKA JOY ANCAYAN	<i>Project Assistant IV</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	PAULYNE NATHALIE ORDILLO-CUARESMA	<i>Science Research Technician III</i>
ITWG Members	SOPHIA ANGELICA DIZON	<i>Science Research Technician III</i>
	KLYDE AERON GABRIELLE LEONOR	<i>Science Research Technician II</i>
	MA. JESMEN CLARISE MALABANAN	<i>Science Research Technician I</i>

National Seed Industry Council

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	PAUL RYAN O. ALCANTARA OIC-	<i>OIC-Head Council Secretariat</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	JOSE DIEGO E. ROXAS	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	ROXANNE C. SIUAGAN	<i>Agriculturist I</i>
	REYCHEL M. ALCANTARA	<i>Agriculturist I</i>
	KRISJAN F. RODELAS	<i>Science Research Specialist I</i>

National Seed Quality Control Services

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	EARL AUSTIN AROMIN	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	SHEENA COX ASUNCION	<i>Agriculturist I</i>
ITWG Members	CYD CLARISSE PALADO	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
	JEROME BAUTISTA	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	ZADRIC LAPUT	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	ALMA BOLIMA	<i>Laboratory Aide II</i>
	CHERRIE REINE TABIOS	<i>Science Research Technician II</i>

National Crop Research, Development and Production Support Services

Baguio

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	MARITESS A. ALIMURUNG	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	DIVINA C. JOSE, PHD	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	JULIET M. OCHASAN, PHD	<i>Supervising Agriculturist</i>
	ENGR. CHAREZ P. AREVALO	<i>Engineer I</i>
	RHONDA M. OLOAN	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

Davao

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	ARCELI G. YEBES	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	DANIELA A. MELANO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	ORLAN P. ODULIO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	JORESEL A. CORONADO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	MA. ADELFA N. LOBRES	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	CYRIL B. MONTIEL	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	MERCEDES M. ARCELO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

Guimaras

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	RHOD S. ORQUIA	<i>Supervising Agriculturist</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	RUTH F. JARDELEZA	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
ITWG Members	GENOVEVA G. MACAHILO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	JUVY G. NARTE	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	JULIE ANNE G. CORDERO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

La Granja

Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	JOSEPHINE C. PILAR	<i>Senior Agriculturist</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	JENNIFER L. FERRER	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	MICHELLE J. CASTROVERDE	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	ALONA MARIE A. MANDATO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

	VIC D. PALANOG	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
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Los Baños		
Position	Full Name	Designation
Research Coordinator	NIÑA R. ROSALES	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
Alternate Research Coordinator	MELINDA O. MONDOÑEDO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
ITWG Members	BENITO M. SOJOR	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	CECILLA C. MALLARI	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	BRIAN JOSEPH S. ZULUETA	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	MARIA NARCISA V. GARCIA	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	GLECY P. BANDOJO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	MARK JULIUS MERCADO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	RACHEL ANN A. ANABO	<i>Agriculturist II</i>
	MA. KRIZELLE ANNE M. MANIGBAS	<i>Agriculturist II</i>

In view thereof, they are directed to faithfully perform their duties and responsibilities inherent to their respective designation in addition to their present workload.

Any changes in the composition of the team must be promptly communicated to ADO-RDPSS.

This memorandum order shall take immediately and shall supersede all other Memoranda inconsistent herewith.

Done this 22 of April 2024.


GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.
 Director