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Office of the Director General

Memorandum

To: All IRS, SMG, VS and students
From: William D Dar *W.D. Dar*
Date: 20 May 2009
Copy: MG Members, Global Leader-KMS, Head-Library and Information Services
Subject: **Launching of Open Access Model: Digital Access to ICRISAT Scientific Publications**

ICRISAT has now adopted to implement the Open Access policy to share and disseminate widely the results of the Institute's research and development activities. This will make it possible to:

- more systematically assemble and preserve the scientific output of the institution;
- provide scientific information services to external users, with special focus on universities, researchers, and research institutes in the developing countries, especially those in the SAT;
- provide easier access to the entire range of scientific publications of ICRISAT in full text;
- enhance the profile of the researchers and the institution and will contribute to increasing the impact of the outcomes, i.e. increased number of citations of scientific articles of our researchers, and thus improve the generation of international public goods; and
- provide tangible and consistent indicators for the performance evaluation of staff and the institute, and demonstrate the public value and scientific, social and economic relevance of our research.

Every ICRISAT scientist/author in all locations, laboratories and offices will send a PDF copy of the author's final version of a paper immediately upon receipt of communication from the publisher about its acceptance. This is not the final published version that certain journals provide post-print, but normally the version that is submitted following all reviews and just prior to the page proof.

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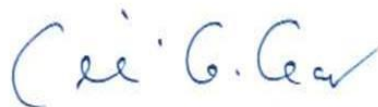
All PDFs should be sent electronically to the Library and Information Services. Complete citation details need to be provided once the article is actually published. The Library and Information Services will make the PDF available via ICRISAT's Open Access platform which can be accessed at <http://openaccess.icrisat.org>.

Every author will further provide documented evidence of the peer review process in relation to the deposited publication to the Office of the DDG-R.

The DAIS process and platform will be placed under the overall supervision of the Office of the DDG-R with implementation responsibilities assigned to the KMS. Where required, the IP Office will provide advice on copyright-related matters with the publishers.

This policy is effective retroactively to January 1, 2009, in order to capture the publication outputs for the entire calendar year. Please bring the above guidelines to the notice of all concerned scientists / support staff / visiting scientists / students.

For your action.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. G. G." with a checkmark at the end.