

New Appointment at ISRIC – World Soil Information

The Board has appointed Dr Ir Prem S. Bindraban MBA to the position of Director ISRIC – World Soil Information, starting April 1st 2009.



Dr Bindraban, a graduate from Wageningen University, has worked at several international research institutions, including IRRI and CIMMYT. During the past eight years, he has lead a research group on natural resources in Wageningen. He has also been engaged in research projects for the World Bank, FAO, IWMI and many other research and development organisations. He emphasized the use of scientific information to seek practical solutions in agriculture and to take actively part in debates in policy circles and society.

Dr Bindraban intends to pursue this path by engaging ISRIC more prominently in global debates in support of sustainable land use and management (including agricultural productivity, food *versus* fuel demand, climate change mitigation, and combatting land degradation) based on the solid data and information sources and expertise of ISRIC – World Soil Information. To this avail, Dr Bindraban will actively pursue collaboration with strategic partners worldwide.