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Dear Prof. Hans-Peter Liebig,

We are pleased to inform you that the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in collaboration with Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), the International Center for Agriculture in the Tropics (CIAT), the French Agricultural Research Center for International Development (CIRAD), and the Research Institute for Development (IRD), has recently launched the Global Rice Science Scholarships (GRiSS). GRiSS is implemented under the IRRI-led Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP), which coordinates global research efforts on rice.

The GRiSS offers young agricultural scientists about to enroll or conduct their Ph.D. research the opportunity to be the new generation of rice scientists – experts in a scientific discipline and have a well-rounded understanding of the broader issues of rice science for development. More than 50 research topics that fall under the six GRiSP themes are offered as options for Ph.D. research. The themes are the following:

- Theme 1: Harnessing genetic diversity to chart new productivity, quality, and health horizons
- Theme 2: Accelerating the development, delivery, and adoption of improved rice varieties
- Theme 3: Ecological and sustainable management of rice-based production systems
- Theme 4: Extracting more value from rice harvests through improved quality, processing, market systems and new products
- Theme 5: Technology evaluations, targeting and policy options for enhanced impact
- Theme 6: Supporting the growth of the global rice sector

We would appreciate it very much if this opportunity would be endorsed by your office as an opportunity for qualified faculty and students to apply to. Enclosed is more information about the program. Additional information may be downloaded from www.training.irri.org. Inquiries and clarifications may be sent to Ms. Anilyn D. Maningas at grispscholarships@irri.org.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,


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