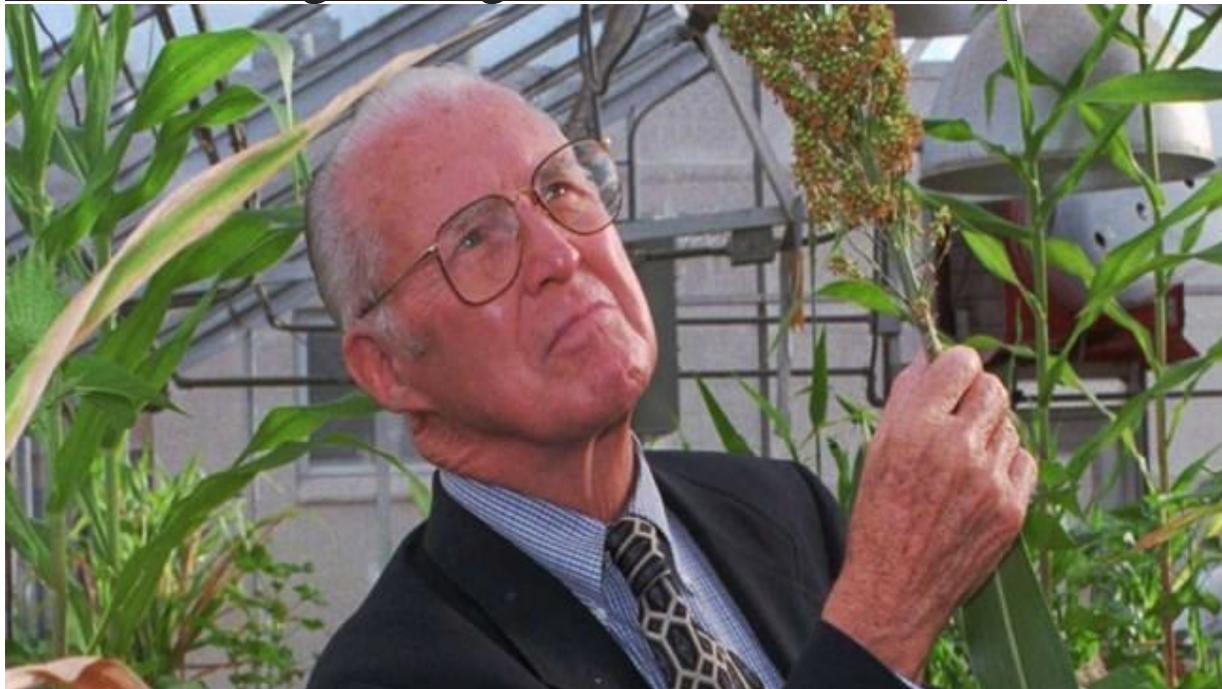


2014 Borlaug Dialogue extends invitation



Dr. Kenneth M. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation, has invited Iranian researchers to attend the 2014 Borlaug Dialogue symposium, which will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, USA, from October 15-17.

The symposium will conclude the yearlong centennial observance of the birth of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, draw upon Dr. Borlaug's legacy and address "The Greatest Challenge in Human History: Can We Sustainably Feed the 9 Billion People on our Planet by 2050?"

Iran's Association of Agricultural Sciences and Plant Breeding, and Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute of Iran held a commemoration ceremony of the 100th anniversary of Dr. Norman Borlaug at the Seed and Plant Improvement Institute in Karaj province on August 26.

Dr. Quinn was the special guest of the commemoration ceremony. During his speech, he declared his intention to invite Iranian researchers to attend the 2014 Borlaug Dialogue.

He sent two official letters to Mahmoud Hojjati, the agricultural Jihad minister, and Dr. Behzad Qareyazi, the head of Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute of Iran, on September 14 and asked them to introduce an expert on wheat, two university students and two professors for attending the symposium.

India-born Sanjay Rajaram, a citizen of Mexico who has been the head of the wheat-breeding program at the International Center for Wheat and Maize for several decades, has been chosen for the prestigious 2014 World Food Prize.

The \$250,000 prize will be presented to Dr. Rajaram in Des Moines when the annual Borlaug Dialogue will be held.

Norman Ernest Borlaug (1914–2009) was an American biologist, humanitarian and Nobel laureate who has been called "The Father of Green Revolution", "agriculture's greatest spokesperson" and "The Man Who Saved A Billion Lives". Borlaug took up an agricultural research position in Mexico, where he developed high-yield, disease-resistant wheat varieties.