

Capacity Building Workshop organized in Hanoi



A Capacity Building workshop for 20 scientists and stakeholders " Climate Change impacts on plant health, pest and disease risk assessment and forecasting models for IPM" organized by NIBIO under ClimaViet project in Hanoi (11-12th Jan, 2016).

The basic concepts of plant pest & disease risk forecasting, its history and future prospects were outlined by Dr. Trond Rafoss. The concept of Plant Pest Risk Forecasting was also framed in the context of Climate Change. Further subjects covered were modelling plant disease epidemics and plant health risks, interdisciplinary needs and the underlying need for Agrometeorological data and the various new sources of weather information. After lunch, the Nibio-developed Open Source Technology Platform VIPS was introduced by Mr. Tor-Einar Skog. Within two hours, given remotely from Norway and by use of Skype, the workshop participants were guided through system administration and setup, multi-language support and translation, as well as a setup of a basic java development environment and a brief introduction to new model programming and implementation. The workshop was closed by a brief review of the status and potential for use of such technology in Vietnam and a final wrap-up session on how the participants could take the work further by themselves. Further self-teaching material were provided to all participants.

