



**Twenty Years of Contributions by  
TVNI Global Vetiver Champion  
Award Winner**

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# 1. Introduction

- ❖ The author used to work on vetiver for oil extraction from its roots since 1971.
- ❖ As severe soil erosion caused by heavy rain after its harvest, the project on growing vetiver for essential oil production on the highland of Northern Thailand was terminated.
- ❖ 20 years later, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, after carefully studying the World Bank's report on vetiver, has been quick to see the value of vetiver for soil and water conservation by starting a testing program in 1991.
- ❖ HM later expressed his belief to the World Bank representative that vetiver could well be the answer to stabilizing Thailand's fast eroding lands while reducing excess runoff and the problems that this runoff causes.



# 1. Introduction (Con't.)



- ❖ **As the Plant Production Officer of FAO/RAPA, the author paid great interest in the vetiver project for soil and water conservation.**
- ❖ **He introduced vetiver clones from several countries.**
- ❖ **He provided financial support from FAO to enable 11 participants from DC in Asia to attend ICV-1 in Chiang Rai, Thailand in February 1996.**
- ❖ **Since then, he played a key role as:**
  - **An active member of the Thai Vetiver Committee**
  - **Secretary, and later the Chairman of CC/ICV from the very beginning up to the present.**
  - **Coordinator of PRVN**

## **2. Contribution to the International Conferences on Vetiver (ICVs)**



### **2.1 Initiator of ICVs.**

### **2.2 The Role CC/ICV.**

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# **2.1 Initiator of ICVs**



**2.1.1 Agreement to Organize ICVs on a Regular Basis.**

**2.1.2 Drafting of ICV Constitution.**

**2.1.3 Setting Up of CC/ICV.**

## 2.1.1 Agreement to Organize ICVs on a Regular Basis

- ❖ During the IC on Vetiver under the theme “Vetiver: A Miracle Grass” in 1996, evaluation questionnaire was distributed to all participants.
- ❖ It was revealed that the IC was an instant success and proved to be highly beneficial for all participants.
- ❖ The author then convened an *ad hoc* meeting among the key persons in the vetiver circle who attended in this IC.



## 2.1.1 Agreement to Organize ICVs on a Regular Basis

### Decision reached:

- ❖ Research and studies on vetiver must be continued
- ❖ Discussions provided a clear definition to study the VS in order to meet the optimal requirements for its utilization
- ❖ The present Conference be renamed as the First International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-1)
- ❖ ICV-2' s theme “Vetiver and the Environment”, to be held in 2000 in South Africa





## 2.1.2 Drafting of ICV Constitution



- ❖ **During the said *ad hoc* meeting, the author distributed a draft Constitution of ICV for adoption during the meeting.**
- ❖ **Unfortunately, there was not enough time for an official adoption but the meeting suggested its use as a guideline for the next ICV.**

## 2.1.3 Setting Up of CC/ICV



- **During ICV-2, the author convened the Business Meeting**
- **Main purposes:**
  - **Setting up CC/ICV**
  - **Nomination of host of ICV-3**

## **2.2 The Role CC/ICV**



**2.2.1 Selection of Members of CC/ICV at the Business Meeting.**

**2.2.2 Amendment of the ICV Constitution.**

**2.2.3 Nomination and Selection of the Host of ICV.**

## **2.2.1 Selection of Members of CC/ICV at the Business Meeting**



- ❖ **During the Business Meeting of each ICV, members of CC/ICV were nominated to represent the key regions of vetiver activities:**
- ❖ **Region 1 – Southeast Asia**
- ❖ **Region 2 – East Asia and the Pacific**
- ❖ **Region 3 – South Asia and the Middle East**
- ❖ **Region 4 – Europe and Africa, and**
- ❖ **Region 5 – the Americas and the Caribbean.**
- **Two members represent each region**
- **An Ex-Officio member was the President of the immediate past ICV.**
- **The Chairman was selected from members of CC/ICV.**

## **2.2.2 Amendment of the ICV Constitution**



- **In the Business Meeting, amendment of the ICV Constitution was made**
- **The latest version of the ICV Constitution is presented in Appendix 1.**
- **The nominated members CC/ICV-5 is presented in Appendix 2.**

## **2.2.3 Nomination and Selection of the Hosts of ICVs**

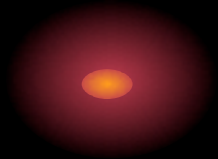
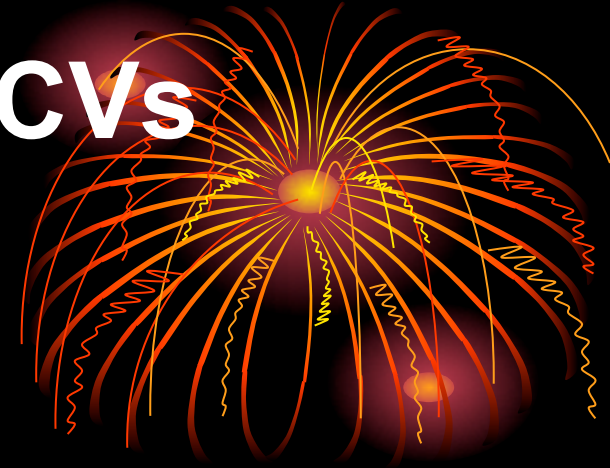


**CC/ICV approved the following hosts:**

- ❖ Host of ICV-2: Phetchaburi, Thailand**
- ❖ Host of ICV-3: Guangzhou, China**
- ❖ Host of ICV-4: Caracas, Venezuela**
- ❖ Host of ICV-5: Lucknow, India**
- ❖ Host of ICV-6: Danang, Vietnam (proposed)**

# 2.3 Organization of ICVs

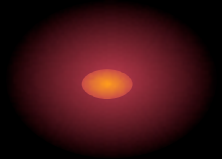
- ❖ **ICV-1: Chiang Rai, Thailand**  
**Date: February 1996**  
**Theme: Vetiver: A Miracle Grass**
- ❖ **ICV-2: Phetchaburi, Thailand**  
**Date: January 2000**  
**Theme: Vetiver and the Environment**
- ❖ **ICV-3: Guangzhou, China**  
**Date: October 2003**  
**Theme: Vetiver and Water**
- ❖ **ICV-4: Caracas, Venezuela**  
**Date: October 2006**  
**Theme: Vetiver and People**
- ❖ **ICV-5: Lucknow, India**  
**Date: October 2011**  
**Theme: Vetiver and Climate Change**



# **3. Contribution to the Pacific Rim Vetiver Network (PRVN)**



## **3.1 The Birth of PRVN.**



## **3.2 The Activities of PRVN.**



# 3.1 The Birth of PRVN

- ❖ After successful ICV-1, ORDPB has been requested by the President of TVNI, Mr. Richard Grimshaw, to act on behalf of Thailand as the core of its regional network for the Pacific Rim countries with the primary objective of serving as the center to collect and disseminate information on the use of vetiver for the benefit of the member countries.
- ❖ ORDPB, with full support and agreement from His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, agreed to the request.
- ❖ The network - Pacific Rim Vetiver Network (PRVN), started to work in July 2007, with the author as the Coordinator since then, up to the present.



## **3.2 The Activities of PRVN**



**3.2.1 Coordinating Role.**

**3.2.2 Information Release.**

**3.2.3 Organization of the Training Courses.**

**3.2.4 Organization of the Study Tours.**

## 3.2.1 Coordinating Role

- ❖ **PRVN is the network of 20 member countries located in the Pacific Rim, namely: Australia, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Vietnam**



## **3.2.2 Information Release**



- ❖ Publication of the quarterly newsletter (Vetiverim): 58 issues produced; four bound volumes during each ICV from ICV-2 onwards**
- ❖ Publication of Technical Bulletins (16)**
- ❖ Publication of Special Bulletin (1)**

## **3.2.3 Organization of the Training Courses**



- ❖ With financial support from the Heineken Breweries Co. Ltd., ITC on “the Vetiver System” was organized during 19-30 Nov. 2000 by ORDPB on behalf of the Chaipattana Foundation with the author as the Course Director**
- ❖ There were 31 trainees from 15 countries of all continents.**
- ❖ At the end of the ITC, the author prepared two publications: “Manual of the International Training Course on the Vetiver System” and “Report of the International Training Course on the Vetiver System”**

## **3.2.4 Organization of the Study Tours**



**Several Study Tours for members from the PRVN regions have been organized:**

- ❖ Along with the International Training Course on the Vetiver System during 22-26 November 2000**
- ❖ Several study tours were organized upon request from several countries, e.g. China, India, Venezuela**