

EXPERT'S PROFILE



Name of Grantee : DR. DIVINA M. AMALIN
Area of Expertise : Entomology
Inclusive Date of Contract as BSP Awardee : 02 November 2010 – 01 November 2012
Long-Term Program (2 Years)
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Ph.D. in Entomology and Nematology - 1999**
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Research Title: "Evaluation of Predatory Spiders as Biological Control Agents of Citrus Leafminer, Phyllocnistis citrella, in Lime Orchards at Homestead, Florida"
- **M. S. in Entomology - 1988**
University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, PHILIPPINES
Research Title: "Biology and Systematics of Philippine Spiders Causing Araneidism"
- **B. S. in Entomology - 1982**
University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, PHILIPPINES

WORK EXPERIENCE

2002-2004 and 2007	Postdoctoral Research Associate	Cooperative Agreement with University of Florida and USDA-APHIS-CPHST
2005 – 2006	Subcontract Scientist	Tropical Research & Education Center, University of Florida, Homestead, FL
1999 – 2001	Postdoctoral Research Associate	Tropical Research & Education Center, University of Florida, Homestead, FL
1995 – 1999	Graduate Research Assistant	Tropical Research & Education Center, University of Florida, Homestead, FL

To Be Accomplished As BSP Awardee:

1. Compile existing baseline information and determine key knowledge gaps essential in the development of sustainable and efficient biological program in cacao production;
2. **Methods development and technological applications that will provide and disseminate information and data leading to the implementation of more ecologically-sustainable control programs [biological control, Integrated Pest Management (IPM)] for the farmers;** and
3. Determine the economics (cost-benefit analysis) of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for cacao production.