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Dr Rajeev Varshney, an Indian national is serving ICRISAT as a Principal Scientist (Applied Genomics) and CGIAR Generation Challenge Programme as a Leader for Genomics towards Gene Discovery subprogramme. Rajeev, with a basic background in molecular genetics, has over 10 years research experience in international agriculture. Before joining ICRISAT in 2005 and GCP in 2007, he worked at Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK), Germany for five years.

Rajeev has interest in development and application of genomic tools in legume breeding. He has over 100 research papers/articles in the reputed journals and four edited books (published by Kluwer, CRC Press and Springer) to his credit. The citation index of his published papers has already exceeded the 2100 numbers. He is serving the Editorial Board of several international journals eg. Theor Appl Genet, Molecular Breeding, Plant Breeding, Euphytica, Plant Genetic Resources, BMC Plant Biology, BMC Genetics, Crops and Pasture Sciences, and Jour Plant Biochem Biotech, Steering Committee/ Organizing committee for international conferences and international panel/ funding agencies. Based on his contribution to crop genomics applied to breeding, he has won several awards: INSA Young Scientist Medal, 2008 (by the Indian National Science Academy); Associate Fellow - 2008 (by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India); and Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award - 2007 (by The National Academy of Sciences, India - NASI) amongst many others. Rajeev has been a frequent invited speaker, chairman and facilitator in international workshops/conferences/meetings.