

Announcement: The PEF Kader Awards in Postharvest Training for 2017

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Awarded by the Board of Directors of The Postharvest Education Foundation to an outstanding graduate postharvest e-learner or a team of e-learners after the successful completion of a year of training on commodity systems assessment, small-scale postharvest handling practices, postharvest demonstration design, postharvest training program design and cost/benefit analysis.

Dr Mohammed Razu Ahmed (Bangladesh) and his team are our field level 2017 Kader Award winners Country Coordinator, World Vegetable Center, Bangladesh (also known as AVRDC, co-located at BARI, the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Center)

Razu (PEF e-learning graduate in 2015) and his team were involved in implementing the USAID postharvest project in Bangladesh, and Razu serves as a consultant in postharvest and nutrition for “Homegrown project” of CARE. He has trained the project staff of CARE and local implementing organization while working with them to implement local training on food storage and preservation. The team includes: Dr Latiful Bari (food safety issues), Dr Atiqur Rahman (postharvest research based on established model packhouse, comparative handling trials), Mr Monir (assists in project activities in Jessore), Harunur Rashid (assists project activities in Barisal), Md. Faruq Yamin (PEF e-learning graduate 2013, assisted with design and construction of the solar dryer) and Mr Gauranga, CARE personnel (assisted with preparations of the solar dryer). The team has trained more than 600 people since 2014 (408 men and 295 women) and under the CARE project, the team has developed a low-cost solar dryer in collaboration with BARI which will be used by 3000 project beneficiaries between now and June 2018.



Hands-on training on postharvest technology in tomato & brinjal based model packhouse in Jessore, Bangladesh.

Gerefa Sefu (Ethiopia) is our academic 2017 Kader Award winner

Gerefa has a Master's degree from Jimma University (2014) and is a 2015 PEF e-learning graduate. He delivers postharvest courses for undergraduate students, advises students on their project work, and participates in research work and community services. He works at Bahir Dar Institute of Technology, Bahir Dar University, an internationally known institution in Ethiopia, attracting professionals and postharvest practitioners from the East Africa community to their training events. Local businesses can request university support which brings the people together to solve postharvest problems. Gerefa is on the organizing committee for a postharvest conference at Bahir Dar University being planned for 2018.



Honorary mentions in 2017:

Jane Talam (Kenya) and Bernard Rwubatsé (Rwanda) were given honorary mentions for their innovative postharvest training activities.

The Kader Award in Postharvest Training includes:

- An award certificate in honour of Dr Adel A. Kader and signed by the chair of the PEF Board of Directors
- a trip to participate in our 2018 PEF Global e-learning closing workshop or another PEF sponsored event
- a cash prize of US \$500

The winners will be invited to provide a one-hour presentation on their e-learning experiences and activities in the field of postharvest training since the completion of their e-learning program.

Dr Adel A. Kader (1941-2012) spent most of his career at the University of California at Davis, where he was a world-renowned researcher, author, extension specialist and teacher. In 2011 AAK was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of The Postharvest Education Foundation.



AAK working with LK in India (2008)



AAK working with HYA and his team in Ghana (2009)

