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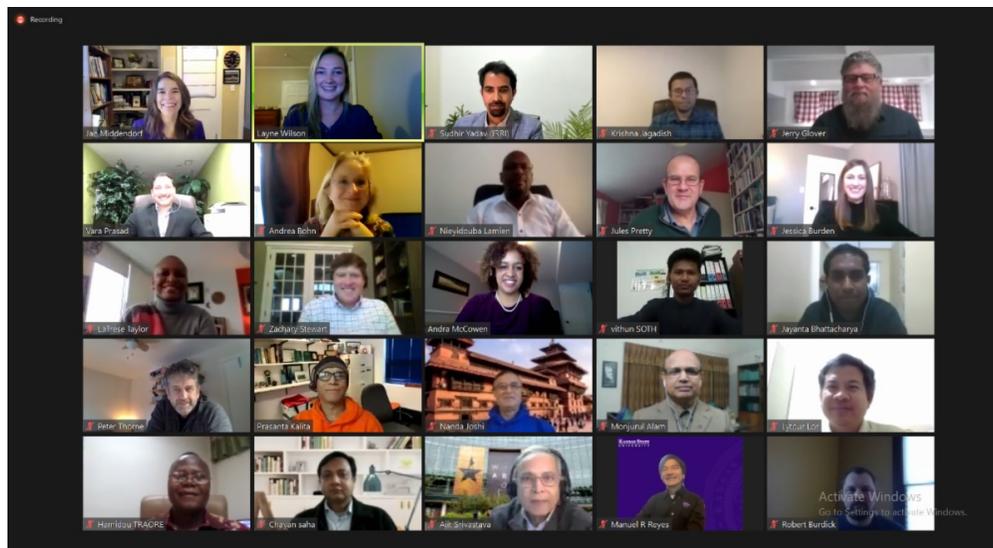
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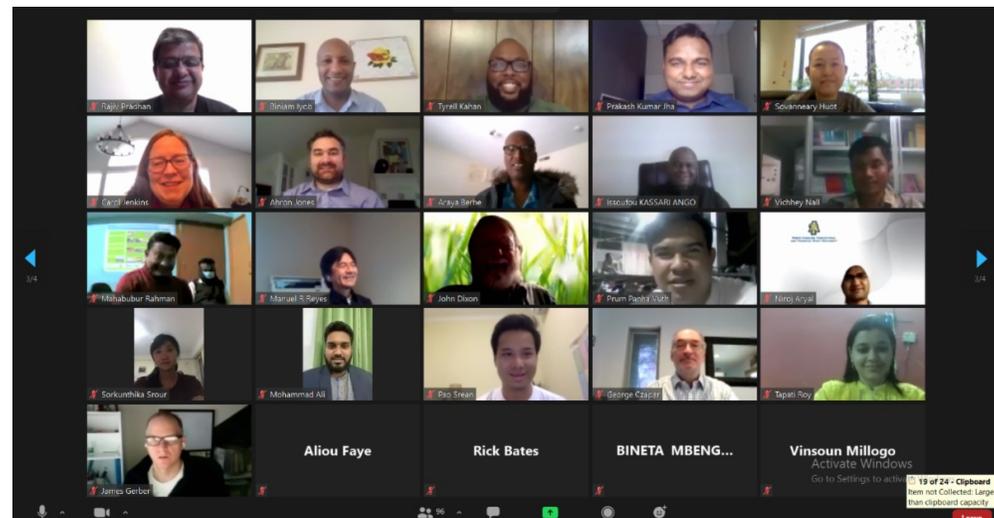
## 2021 SIIL Virtual Annual Meeting Highlights

What a great start to the New Year! We are amazed and so grateful for how many participants attended the SIIL 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting and the fantastic engagement throughout the event. Keep reading to see highlights from the event!

[Read the Press Release!](#)

Due to the virtual environment, the SIIL 2021 Annual Meeting was held via the Zoom platform. Because of this, more than 170 participants registered for the event and were able to join from everywhere around the world! Below are just a few screenshots from the meeting of some of the participants who joined.





## Promotional Videos

Every project and consortium created a short, 3-5 minute video highlighting their work. It is a great way to learn more about each one! Visit the SIIL's YouTube channel to watch them: [YouTube Link](#)

## Presentation Videos

Every project and consortium also created a 25 minute detailed presentation video of their work. Please follow this link to the SIIL YouTube channel to watch any of the presentation videos to learn more! [YouTube Link](#)

Below are the poster winners of the SIIL 2021 Annual Meeting! There were so many fantastic posters, and the SIIL was excited to see the participation for this event. Thank you to each of the students for your participation! Please visit this MURAL link to view the posters: [Link to all student posters.](#)

**Congratulations to the Student Poster Winners!**

## First Place

Channaty Ngang (Cambodia) won First Place with her poster entitled:

***"Improving Soil Health on Commercial Vegetable Home Gardens in Cambodia through Conservation Agricultural Practices"***

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## Second Place

Khady Diome (Senegal) won Second Place with her poster entitled:

***"Crop Production Constraints in Nguekokh Commune and Demonstration of Dual-Purpose Millet Variety Potential to Enhance Adoption and Scale-Up"***

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## Second Place

Sisay A. Belay (Ethiopia) won Second Place with his poster entitled:

***"Conservation Agriculture Saves Irrigation Water in Dry Monsoon Phase in Ethiopian Highlands"***

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## Third Place

Deb Kumar Nath (Bangladesh) won Third Place with his poster entitled:

***"Understanding the Water Governance and Decision-Making Process in Polders of Bangladesh"***

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## Honorable Mention

Lyhour Hin (Cambodia) won Honorable

Mention with his poster entitled:

***"Effect of Testing and Modifying the Oggun Tractor, Morrison No-Till Drill, and United States Department of Agriculture Crimper for Conservation Agriculture Production Systems in Cambodia"***

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## People's Choice

Mohammad Ali (Bangladesh) won People's Choice with his poster entitled:

***"Participation and Perceptions of Young People in Agriculture"***

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## Vara Prasad Begins His Year as President of the Crop Science Society of America

[Read the full article here!](#)

### NEWS & PERSPECTIVES

#### CSSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Working Together to Navigate through Challenges, Meet Our Goals



By **Vara Prasad**  
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There is certainly hope with the advancements and contributions of science toward developing effective vaccines to control this viral disease. Thanks to scientists around the world, we have positive signs of effective vaccines that will soon be available for frontline workers and the general population, respectively. There are still several unanswered questions about its ability to provide complete immunity and the duration of its effectiveness. Getting back to complete normality will take time. We all need to be resilient and vigilant, have patience, and work together to overcome and navigate through challenges and hardships as we plan our activities and meetings this year. Moving forward, the experience we all have on our side will certainly help us to be well prepared in advance.

I am excited to start this new year with a lot of hope and enthusiasm as I begin to serve as your president of CSSA.

I want to start by thanking Shawn Kaeppler (president, 2020) and Beth Guental (past president, 2020) for their leadership, dedication, and service to CSSA. Despite the challenges faced this past year, we had an exceptional virtual Annual Meeting. The numbers were on par with many of our previous meetings. Many thanks to Nick Gieser, CEO of the three Societies (CSSA, ASA, and SSSA), and his team at the headquarters office, the program planning committee, and to all members for their dedication and support.

#### 2021 Resolution: Working with You to Implement Strategic Plan

Several of you may have made resolutions for the new year. One of my resolutions is working for and with you to implement our strategic plan and pave a path to meet the goals and objectives of CSSA. Last year, we worked hard together to clearly define our grand challenge and developed a strategic plan with specific goals, objectives, and metrics to measure our progress and success for the upcoming three years. I encourage all of you to visit the CSSA website and read our strategic plan (<https://bit.ly/3pvaqm1>).

It is time to pave a path and steadily move forward to meet our milestones. We can achieve them in a timely manner if all

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## Recognizing "International Day of Women and Girls in Science"

The SILL Management Entity and family would like to thank all the women and girl scholars for their outstanding work and contributions to the SILL goals and objectives!

# Announcements

- Save the Date for SAIN Conference: January 10-12, 2022. View the official [Save the Date](#) for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**10-12, January 2022**  
Third International Sustainable Agricultural  
Intensification and Nutrition Conference  
*Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification*



**What:** The Third International Sustainable Agricultural Intensification and Nutrition Conference will provide interactive discussions, presentations, trainings, and field trips

**Why:** To learn about *Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification (CA4SI)* and how CA4SI adds to the ending of poverty, food security and improved nutrition, regeneration of natural resources, gender equality, economic growth, reduced inequality, and resilience from and mitigations to climate change and its impacts

**When:** January 10-12, 2022

**Where:** The conference will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia accompanied by trainings and field trips in Kampong Thom, Kampong Cham and Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Who:** This event will be a platform for scientists, researchers, educators, extensionists, students, farmers and professionals to learn about and discuss sustainable agricultural intensification and nutrition and why it is essential to food security and human health



- On June 29 - July 2, 2021, the International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR) will host its 25th Annual conference. The title is "Role of the Bioeconomy in Generating Resilience and Sustainable Development." For more information please visit [the ICABR website](#).
- Request for submissions to the SIIIL Newsletter! If you have any stories, awards, publications or anything else you would like to share related to the SIIIL, please send them to [laynewilson@ksu.edu](mailto:laynewilson@ksu.edu). We would love to highlight them in our Newsletter!



