

Membership News

1. M/s KLB International, owned by Shri K.Lal Bhakri, LMISAE, has been the first in India to beg the prestigious 'American Gold for Technology Award 1987: M/s KLB International has been contributing towards upgradation of scientific research in the area of Agricultural Mechanisation, Agri-meterology, quality control and remote sensing.

2. Dr. Amir U. Khan, agricultural mechanization adviser at the Agricultural Research Center in Cairo, Egypt, has been awarded the 1988 Kishida International Award by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE).

The award was presented during the Society's 1988 International Summer Meeting, June 26-29, Rushmore Plaza Civic Centre, Rapid City, South Dakota. The Kishida International Award is presented annually to a member of ASAE for "outstanding contributions to food and fiber production, improved living and education of people outside the United States of America."

Established in 1978, the award is sponsored by Shin-Norinsha Co., Ltd. of Japan, publisher of Agricultural Mechanization in Asia magazine and other publications. It is named after Yoshikuni Kishida, founder of the publishing firm and widely acclaimed pioneer in agricultural mechanization in Japan and Asia. Dr. Khan is presented the Kishida International Award in recognition of "his outstanding contribution to engineering, mechanization and technology related programs throughout the world."

• Internationally, Dr. Khan is most recognized for his leadership in the development of the International Rice Research Institute's (IRRI) axial-flow grain thresher. Widely used by rice farmers, 60,000 threshers are currently being used in south east Asia alone. He has also worked with philanthropic groups and members of Congress to help set policies for improved technology transfer to developing countries.

Dr. Khan received the "Lesser Developed Country (LDC) Innovation Award" at the 1984 ASAE Winter Meeting. He was also the recipient of the "International Inventor's Award for Industry" from H.M. Carl Gustaf, King of Sweden in 1986.

3. Dr T.P.Ojha, Director, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal as well as fellow and Past President of the I.S.A.E. has been elected one of the Executive Members of International Association on Mechanization of Field Experiments (IAMFE) at its Meeting held on 15th July, 1988 in Hungary. Dr.Ojha is the first Indian to get this honour. The Association dominated by developed countries have recognized the work done in developing countries and of India in particular. In its Conference held from 11-15 July, 1988 at Debrecene, Hungary, which was attended by over 200 delegates of more than 37 countries and various international forums, very useful discussion was held and recommendations emerged on Mechanization of Field Experiments. Indian experience presented by the Dr.Ojha in conference was very much appreciated and it was felt that this experience should be utilised not only by developing countries but also by Agriculturally Developed Countries.