

Dr. Suman Sahai, who has had a distinguished scientific career in the field of genetics, was honored with the 2004 Borlaug Award for her outstanding contribution to agriculture and the environment. Dr. Sahai has served as a faculty member at the Universities of Alberta and Chicago as also the University of Heidelberg. She returned to India and organized Gene Campaign, an organization dedicated to protecting farmers' rights and food and livelihood security. Dr Sahai chaired the Planning Commission Task Force on 'Agro biodiversity and Genetically Engineered Organisms', for the Eleventh Plan. She has received several national awards and was appointed Knight of the Golden Ark (Netherlands) in 2001.