



## **NARC ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

### **I. Highlights: Important accomplishments, awards received, etc. (a) in relation to targets and (b) others**

The changing variants of COVID-19 from Delta to Omicron this year continue to limit the movements and public interactions of NARC Staff in particular due to travel restrictions. Because of this, most of the scheduled local, regional, and national conferences were changed from face-to-face to online modalities. Through on-line conference and presentation, the poster exhibit of Moreno, et. al. entitled "Promising High Yielding and Bunchy-Top Resistant Abaca Hybrids and Cultivars" won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place as Best RDE Poster during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Joint VICARP and RRDEN Regional Research Development, Extension and Innovation held on November 17-18, 2021 at the Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte. On the other hand, the poster of Duatin, et. al. entitled "Oligassacharrides as Growth Stimulant for the Sustainable and Low Cost Production of *in vitro* (*Musa textilis* Nee) Planting Materials" also won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place as Best Poster during the 5<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development held on October 27-29, 2021 at the Samar State University. Another paper of Jofil A. Matiom, Ruben M. Gapasin and Robelyn T. Piamonte awarded as the Best Paper 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Pest Management Council of the Philippines Anniversary and Annual Scientific Conference held on July 6, 2021 at Tarlac Agricultural University. Also, Feliciano G. Sinon received a Loyalty award for his 35 years of continuous service at VSU during the annual celebration of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) week which culminated on September 30, 2021 via On-Line (B.1).