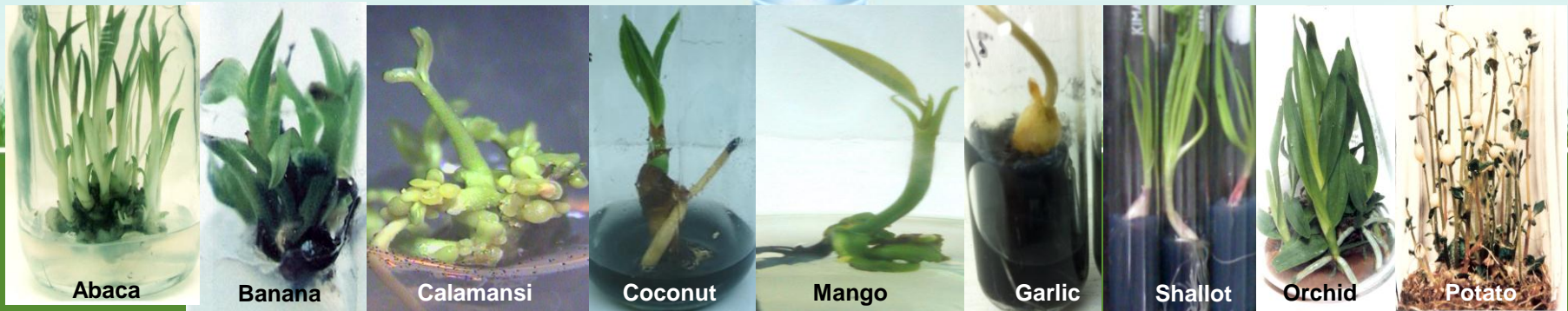


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Plant Tissue Culture: MAGIC in a BOTTLE



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IPB

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BANOS
College of Agriculture
SUGAR TECHNOLOGY (1970)**

**Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB)
Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory
Dec 1975 – Present
(40 yrs – 31 as Researcher, 9 as Faculty)**

PCTCL-IPB BANANA TISSUE CULTURE TECHNOLOGY



Pateña and Barba, 2012

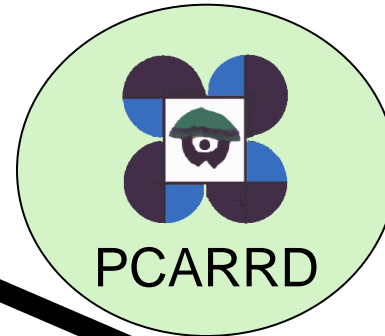
Fig.1. PCTCL-IPB Banana Tissue Culture Technology

Introduction

- Tissue culture of banana coupled with serology is the only way of producing disease-free planting materials.
- It is the accepted practice now in the Philippines and throughout the world.



IPB –PCTCL Tissue Culture Technology History:



Objective:

- to develop a system of promoting quick and massive plantings of 'Saba' banana in poor rural communities

In 1982, then Director of IPB, **Dr. RM Lantican**, submitted an invited proposal on banana, prepared by **Dr. RC Barba** and **LF Pateña**, to the International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada through PCARRD.



In 1983, IDRC awarded IPB the banana grant with **RC Barba** as Consultant/Adviser and **LF Pateña** as Project Leader of the tissue culture project.



History:

The project developed micropropagation protocol for more than **50 different banana cultivars** with **OP Damasco** as MS student advisee of RC Barba and **MCE Umali** as Project Research Assistant.

In **1983-1984**, LF Pateña prepared a **training module** on micropropagation of banana.

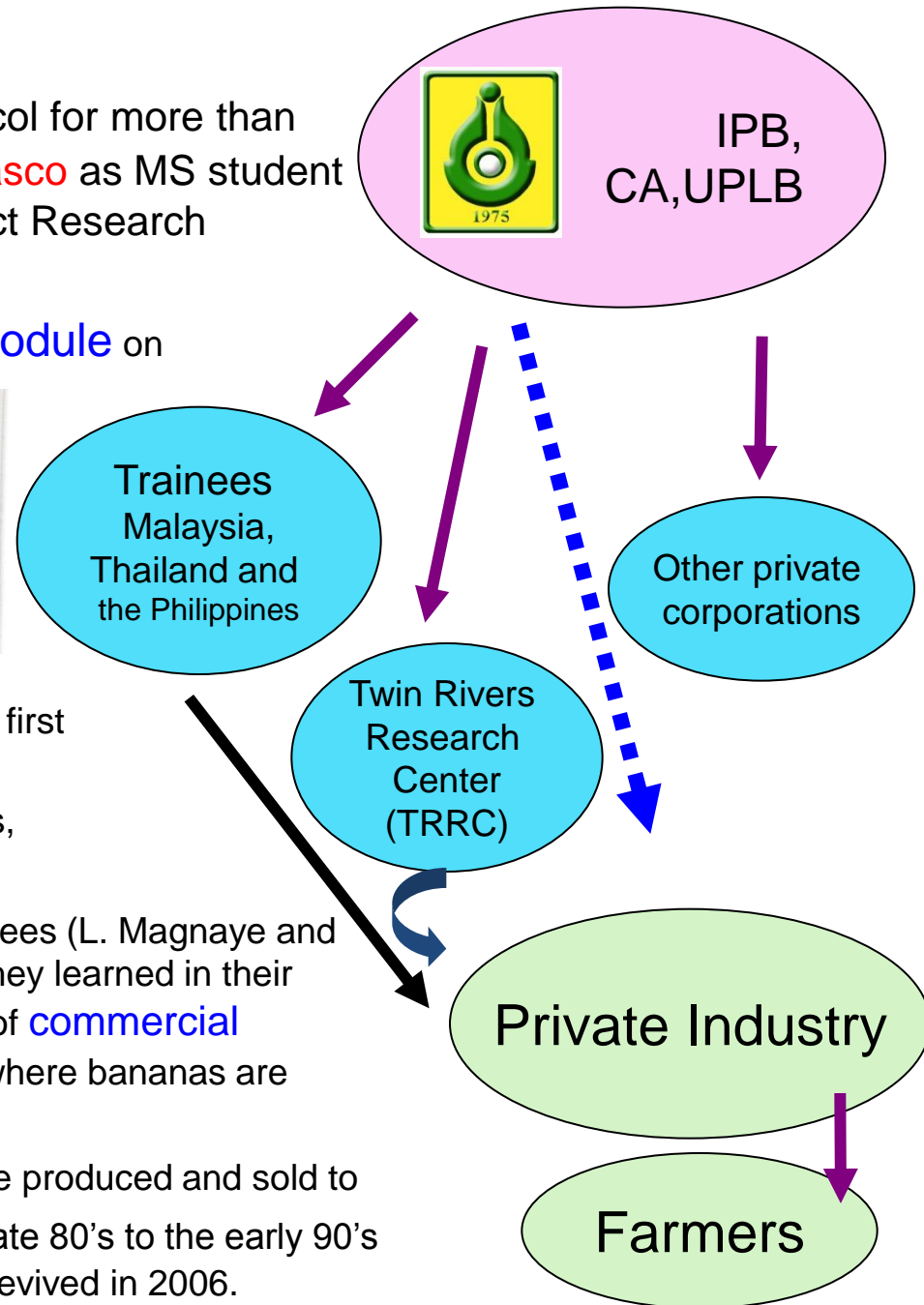


The IPB Banana Tissue Culture Team, with **AB Zamora (vice LF Patena who went on study leave)** as Project Leader, conducted the training.

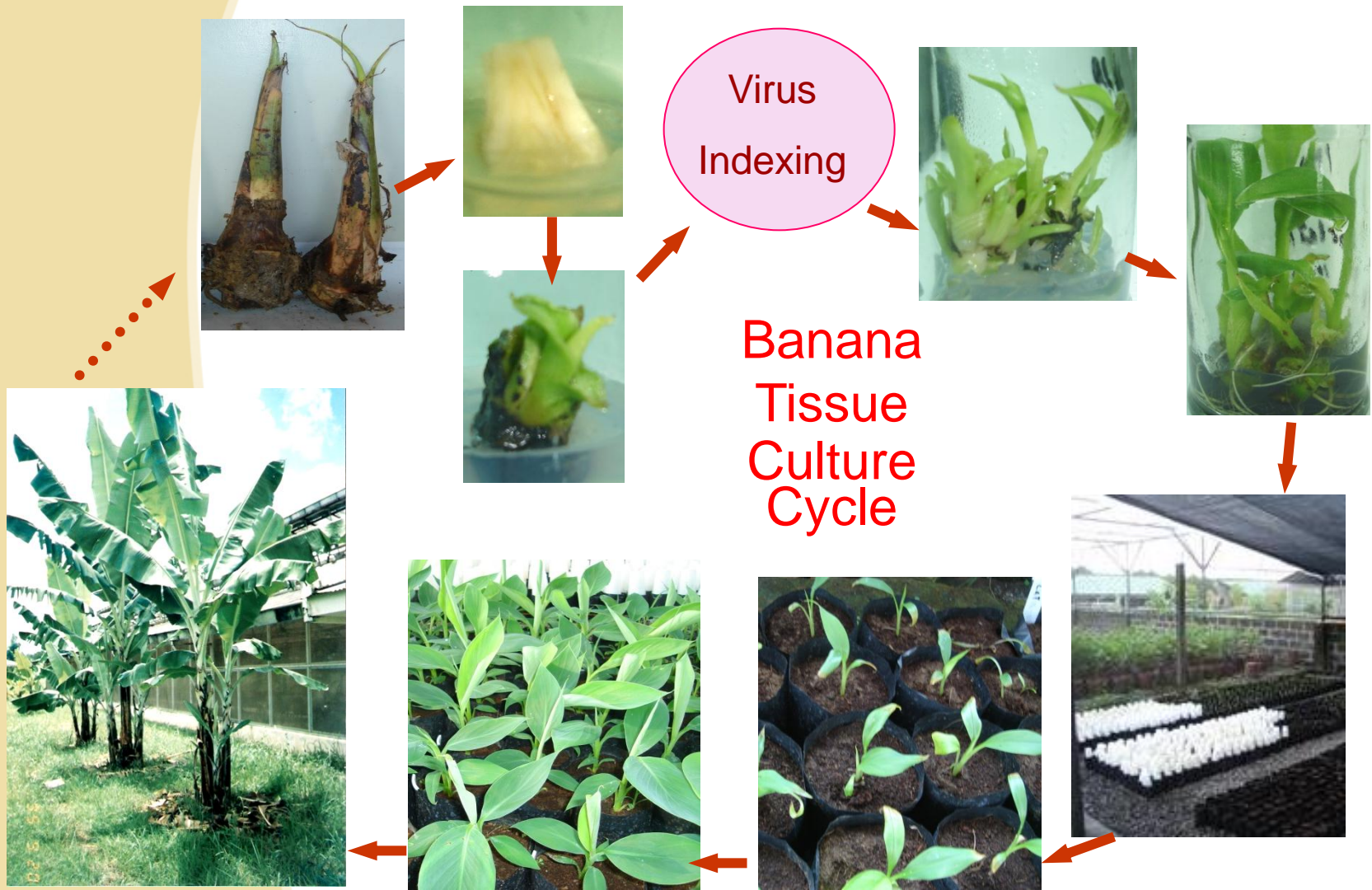
The training facilitated the **transfer**, for the first time, of the **banana micropropagation technology** to the different Asian countries, including the Philippines.

In the Philippines, the 2 trainees (L. Magnaye and A. Jadrake) adapted what they learned in their training at IPB to the benefit of **commercial plantations in Mindanao** where bananas are grown for export.

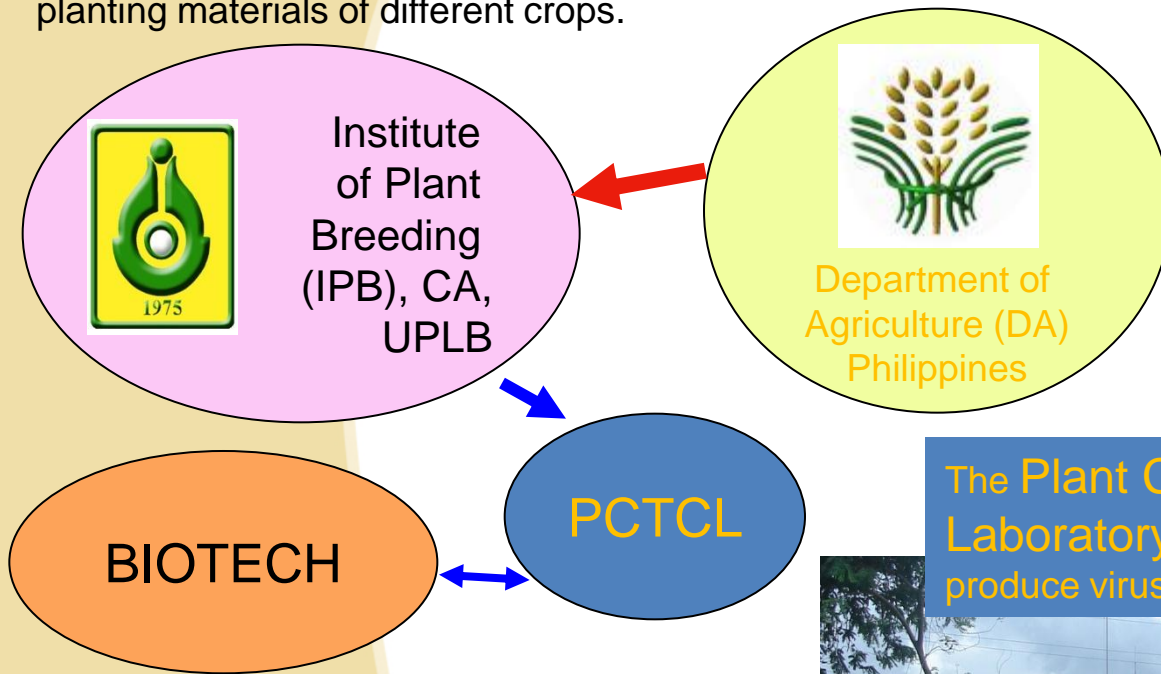
At IPB, TC bananas were produced and sold to **local clients** in the late 80's to the early 90's and then stopped, then revived in 2006.



IPB – PCTCL Tissue Culture Technology

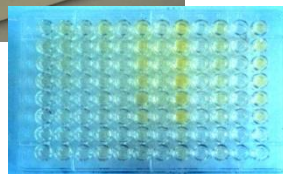


In 2006, the Department of Agriculture, Republic of the Philippines, recognized the need for planting materials and awarded IPB with a grant to produce seeds and vegetatively propagated planting materials of different crops.

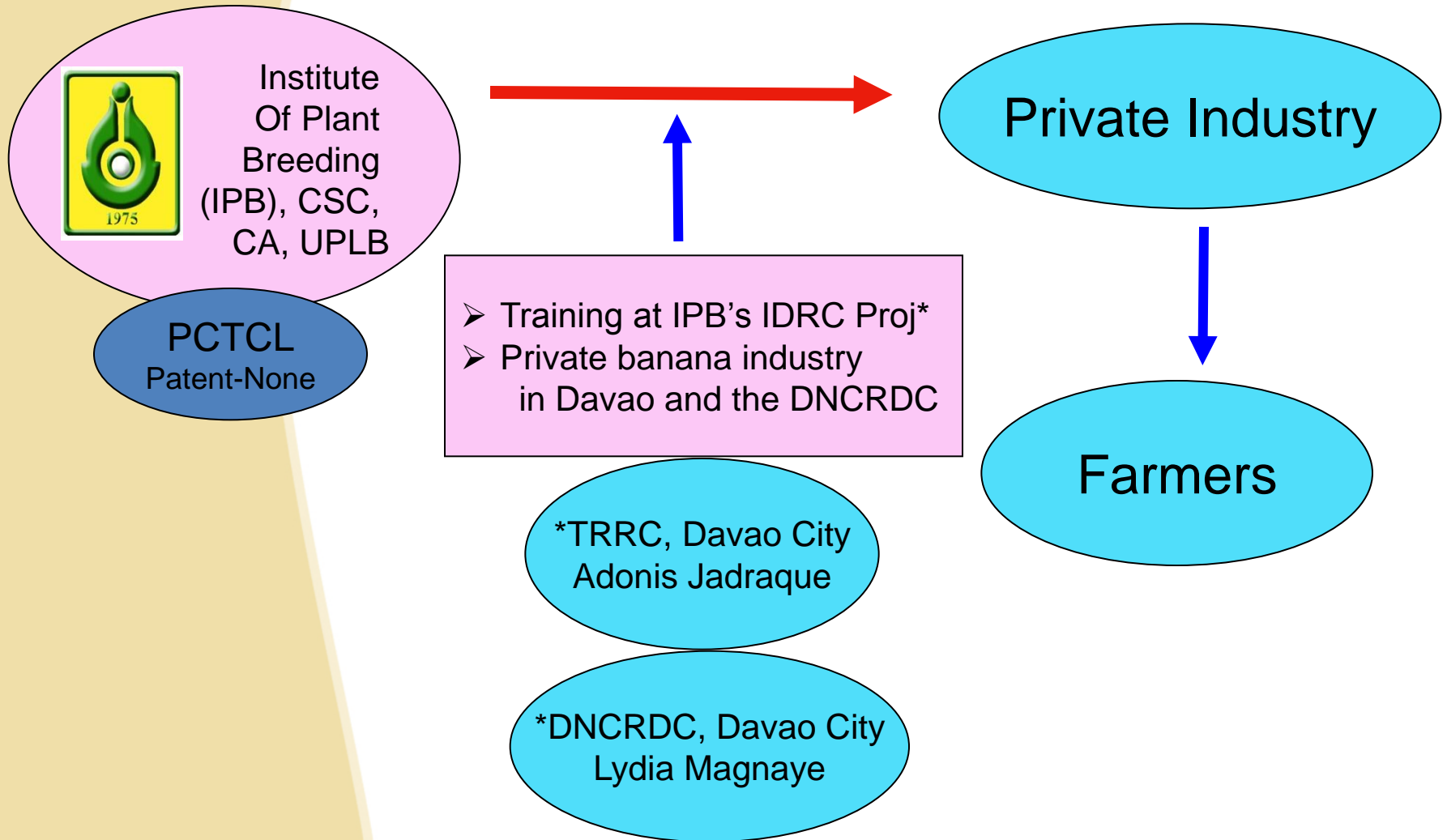


The Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory (PCTCL) was tasked to mass produce virus-free banana.

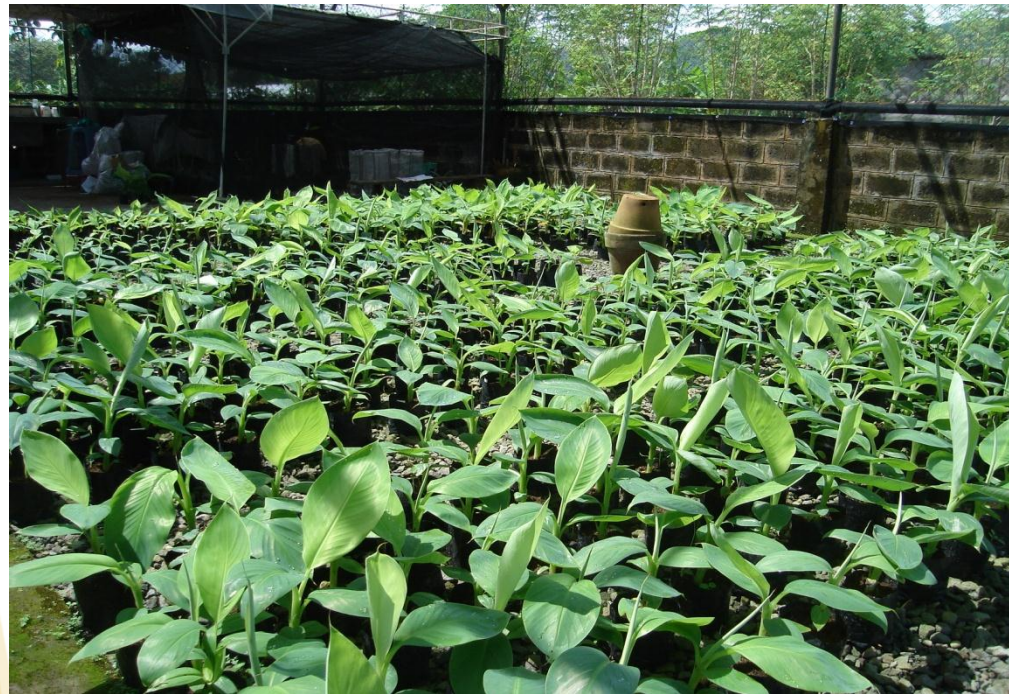
Virus-free indexing was done by BIOTECH, UPLB.



IPB –PCTCL Banana Tissue Culture Technology Commercialization



Plantlets produced by banana corporations are now estimated at over 100M every year with > PhP 1 billion market value.



The BANANA TISSUE CULTURE TECHNOLOGY

- **currently used by other laboratories for various aspects of research, e.g. disease resistance;**
- **actively pursued to produce virus-free planting materials for the development and expansion programs for abaca**



***Abaca Tissue Culture Lab at
Visayas State University (VSU),
Baybay, Visca, Leyte***

***FIDA Tissue Culture Laboratory
at Legaspi City, Albay***



***FIDA Abaca Tissue
Culture Laboratory in
Leyte***

Biggest Beneficiaries

- Commercial banana companies
- Entrepreneurs
- LGUs
- Farmers/Growers



Congratulations



AWARDS

- ❖ 1980. UPLB College of Agriculture 1st Recognition Award for Outstanding Research Team
- ❖ 1988. UP Presidential Award for Outstanding Research Team
- ❖ 2010. DOST-NAST Outstanding Tech Commercialization Award (Gregorio Y. Zara Medal) for the TC System for Banana
- ❖ 2016. College of Agriculture, UPLB Outstanding Research Team
- ❖ 2016. UPLB Outstanding Research Team

LF Pateña * 14 Best Paper/Poster Awards, 1990 OYS, 1998 TOWNS, 2000. Featured in one chapter of the book, "Ten Outstanding Filipino Scientists, Lilian Formalejo Pateña - Plant Biotechnology Whiz", p. 179-202." ANVIL Publishing, Inc. Philippines, by Queena N. Lee-Chua, Ph.D.,

WHAT IS PLANT TISSUE CULTURE?



PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



- technique wherein different plant parts are excised from the parent plant and grown in a defined medium under aseptic condition and controlled environment

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

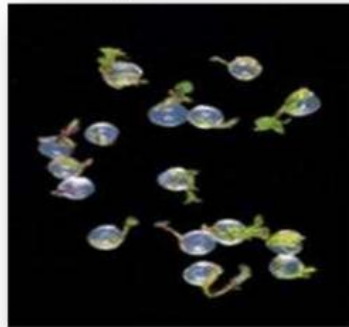
Callus culture



Ovule culture



Protoplast culture



Suspension culture



Root tip culture



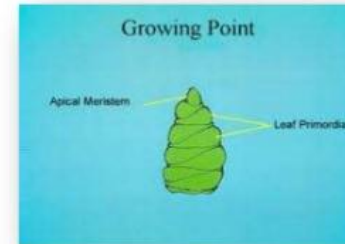
Leaf primordial culture



Pollen culture



Shoot tip culture



Flower culture





I. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

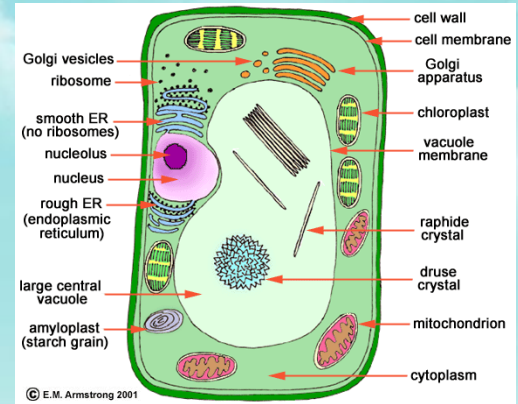
PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



CONCEPTS/ PRINCIPLES

- 1. Plasticity**
- 2. Totipotency**

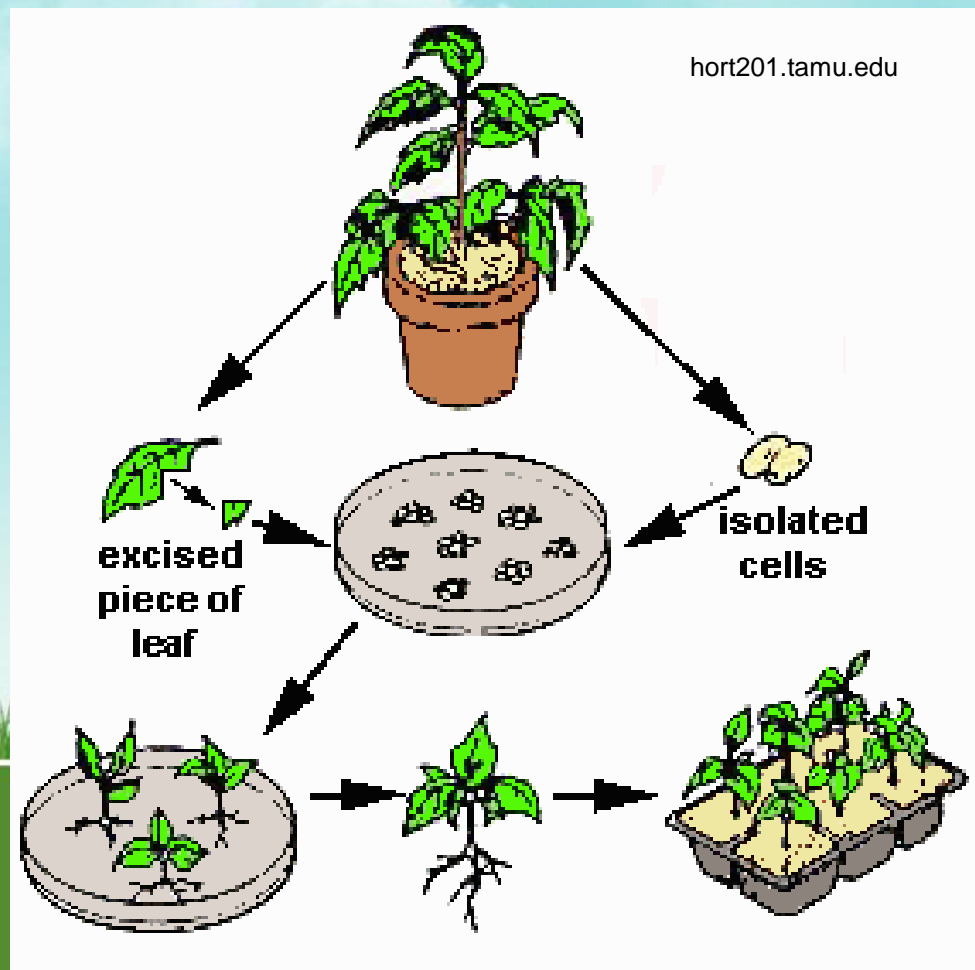
PLASTICITY



- the ability of a plant cell wall to stretch irreversibly

- auxin, first isolated by Dutch botanist Frits Went in the 1920's, increases wall plasticity
- auxin stimulates shoot growth

TOTIPOTENCY



- ability of the a plant cell to maintain its genetic potential & regenerate into whole plant

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



Requirements

- 1. Explant**
- 2. Culture medium**
- 3. Culture environment**

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



Requirements

1. Explant

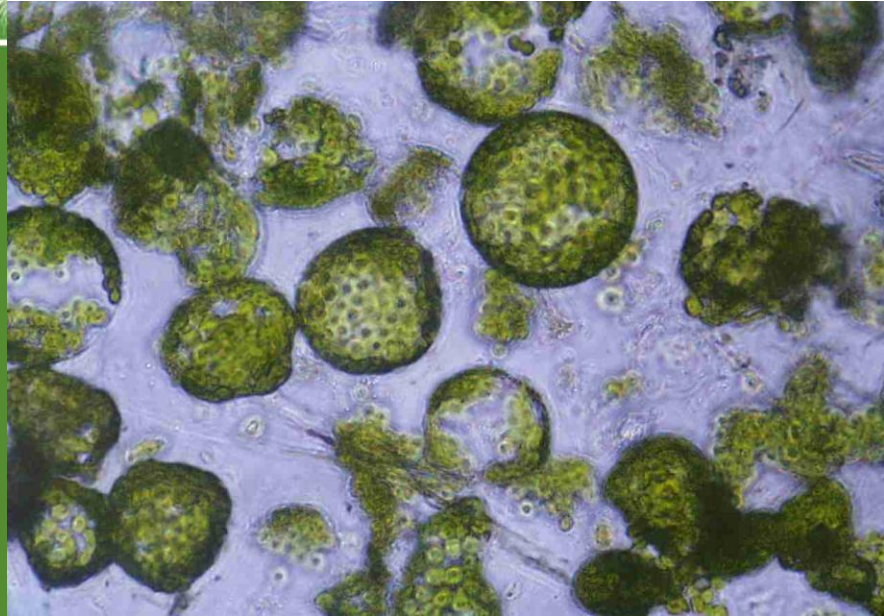
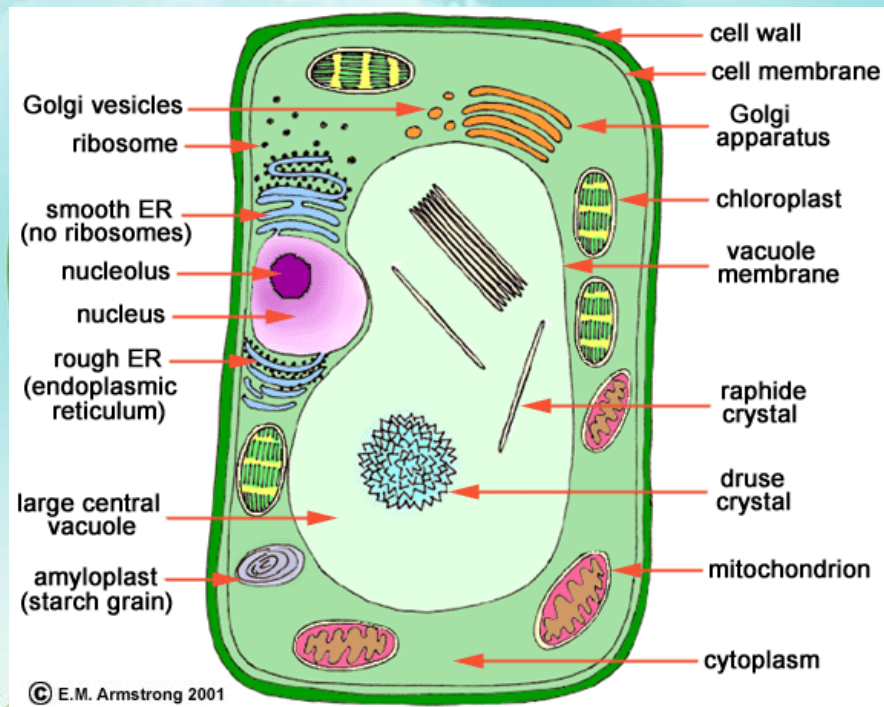
- a. **Cell**, with or without cell wall (protoplast)
- b. **Tissue** – a group of cells that form a structure
- c. **Organ** – leaf, shoot, root
- d. **Whole plant** - embryo

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

Requirements

1. Explant

a. Cell, with
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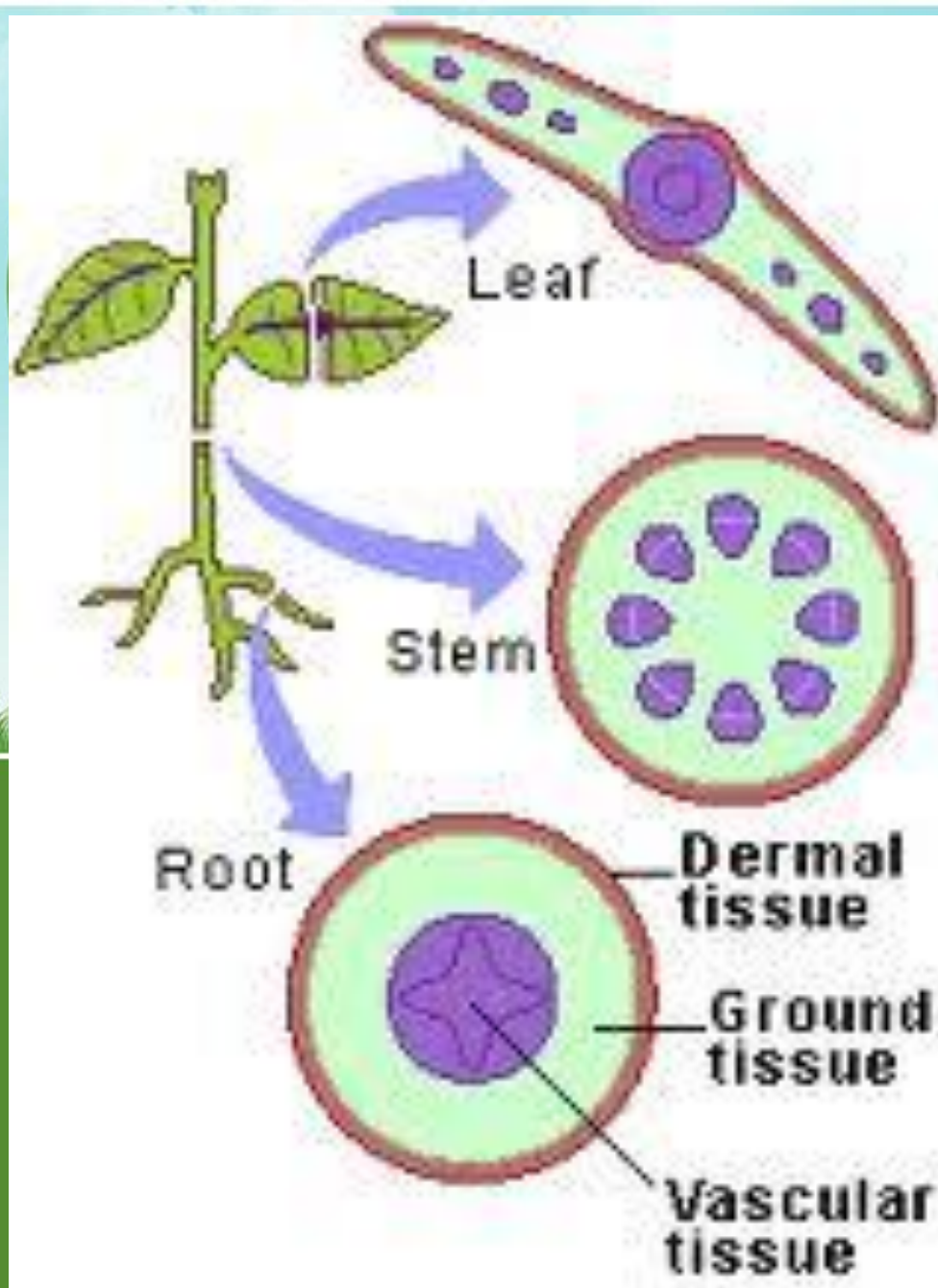


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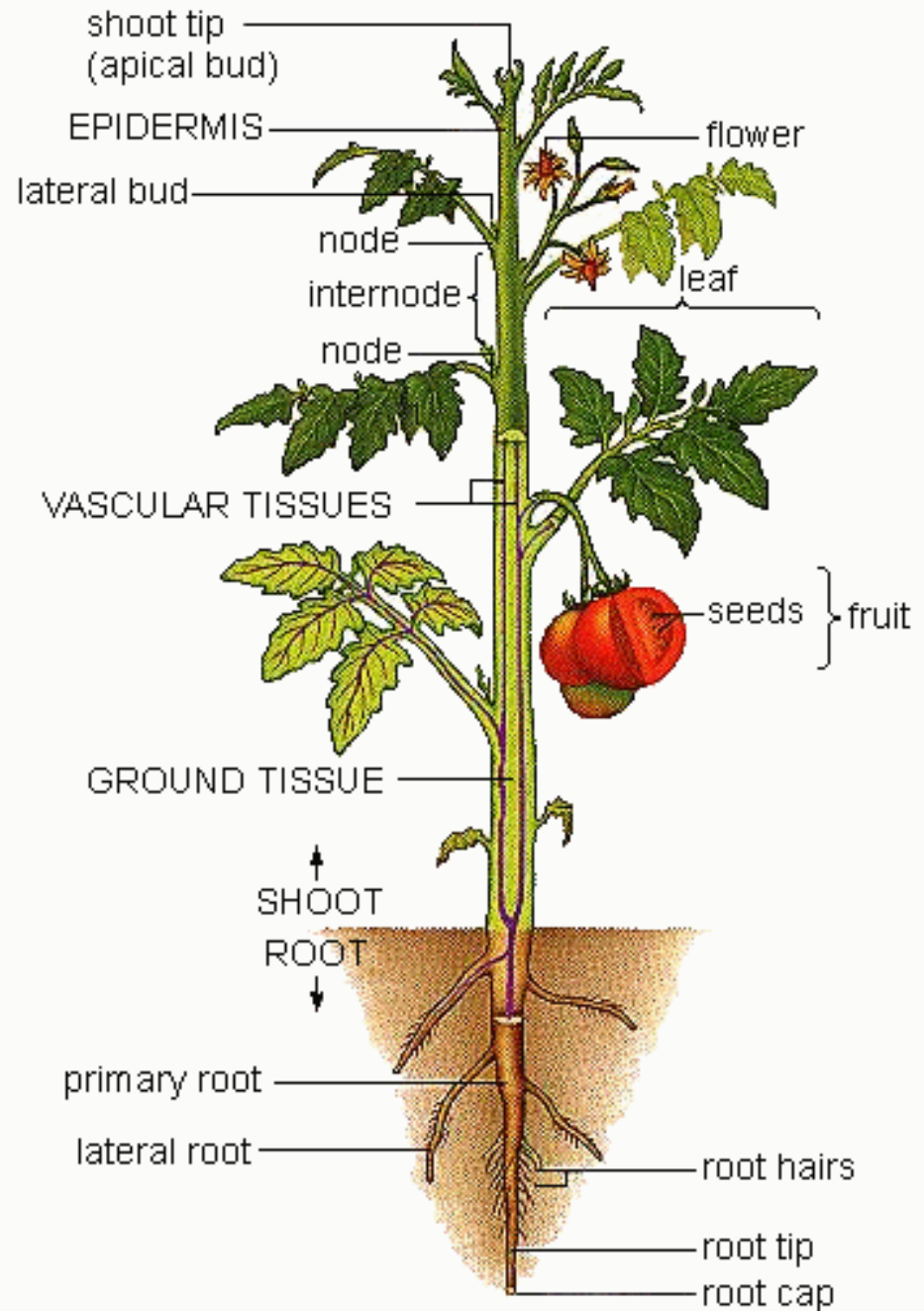
b. Tissue



PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

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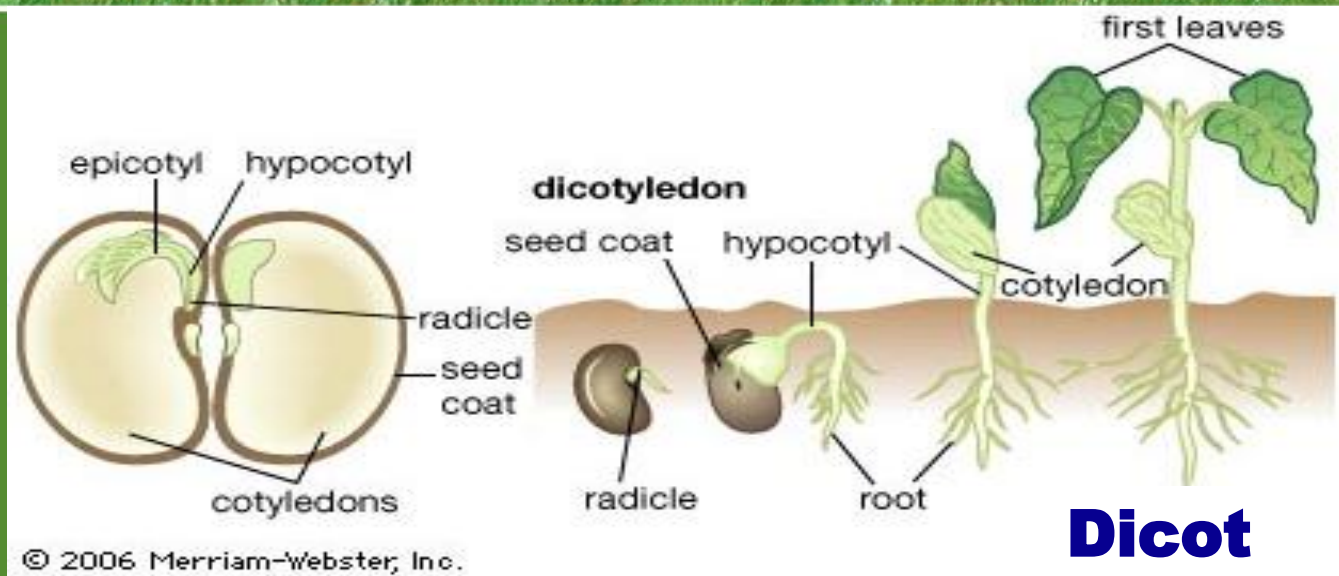
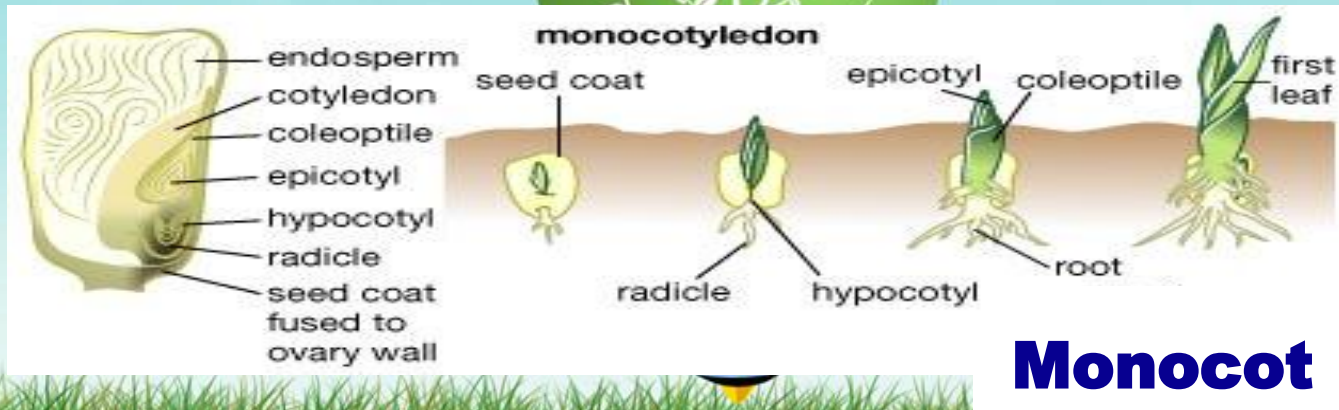
1. Explant c. Organ



PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

Requirements

1. Explant – d. Whole plant (embryo)



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PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



Requirements

2. Culture medium

- 1. MS** 1. Essential elements (macro & micronutrients)
- 2. B5** 2. Organic supplements (vitamins, amino acids, yeast extract)
- 3. BP** 3. Carbon source (sucrose)

Murashige and Skoog (MS) Medium (1962)



Dr. Toshio Murashige, developer of the MS medium, Ph.D. adviser of National Scientist Dr. Ramon C. Barba, moved to University of California Riverside (UCR) from University of Hawaii. He is now Professor Emeritus at UCR.

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



Requirements

2. Culture medium

Others

1. Gelling agent (agar, gelrite, etc)

2. Plant growth regulators

a. auxins

d. abscisic acid

b. cytokinins

e. ethylene

c. gibberellins

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

Requirements 2. Culture medium

Plant growth regulators:

- a. Auxins (IAA, IBA, 2,4-D, NAA, Dicamba, Picloram)**
- b. Cytokinins (zeatin, BAP, 2iP, kinetin, Thidiazuron)**
- c. Gibberellins (GA₃)**
- d. Abscisic acid (ABA)**
- e. Ethylene**

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE MEDIUM

BA 1 NAA 0	BA 1 NAA 0.5
BA 0 NAA 0	BA 0 NAA 0.05

Requirements 2. Culture medium

shooty



callus

control

rooty

Auxin (NAA)- Cytokinin (BA) interaction

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



3. Culture environment

- a. temperature
- b. pH
- c. light (quality & duration)
- d. gaseous environment
- e. Osmotic pressure




II. APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE



1. Micropropagation
2. Tool in genetic transformation
3. Generation of variability through:
 - a. Somatic hybridization
 - b. Somaclonal variation
4. Embryo rescue/ culture



APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

- 5. Haploid production**
- 6. Production of virus-free plants**
- 7. Production of pharmaceuticals**
- 8. Germplasm conservation & exchange**

APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

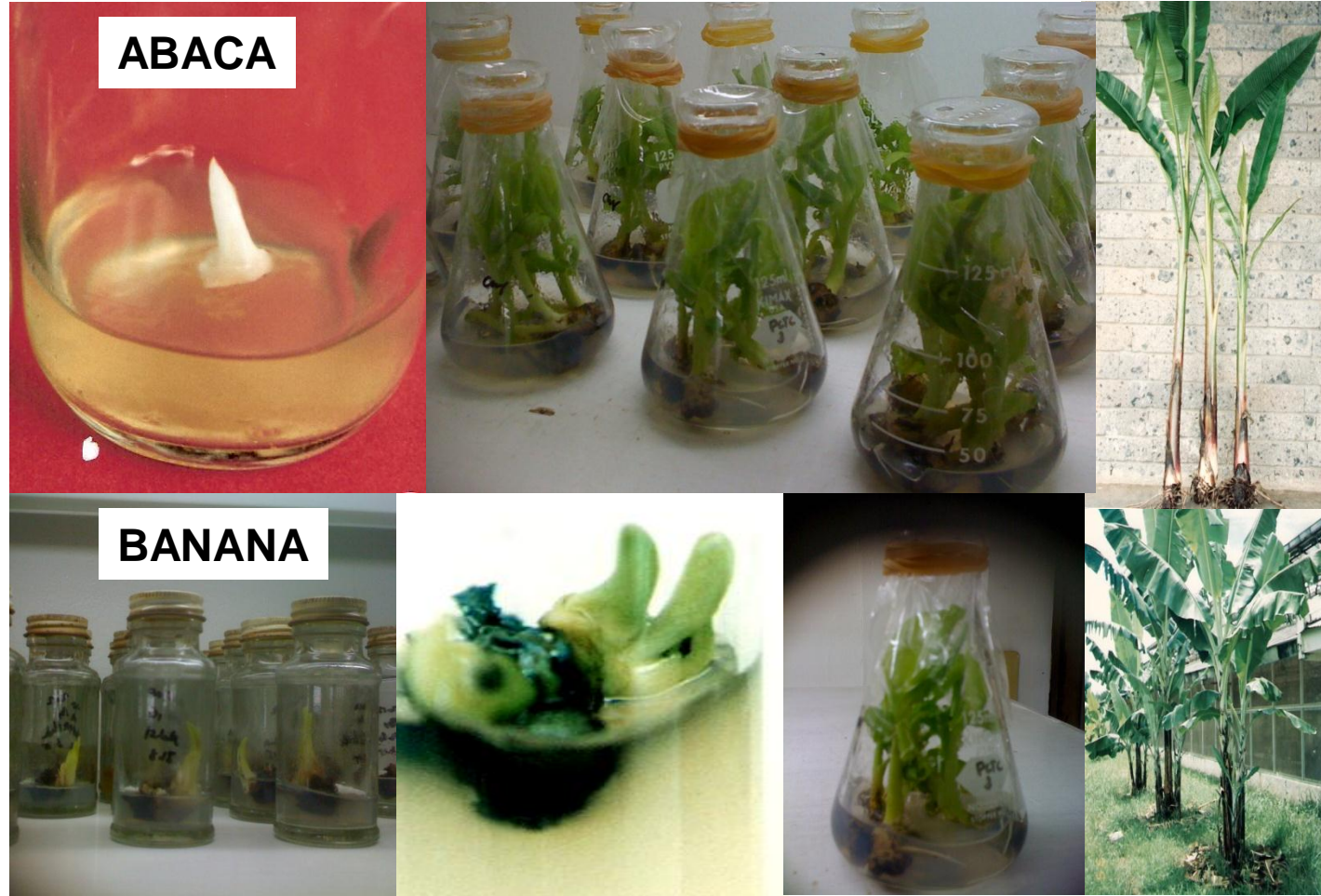
1. Micropropagation

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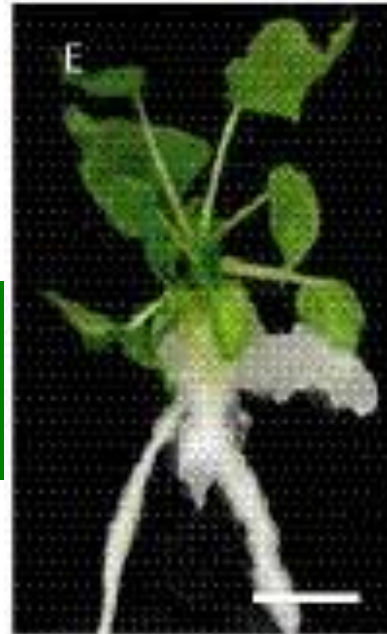
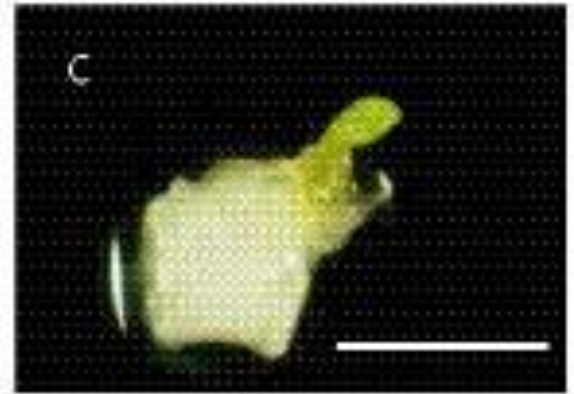
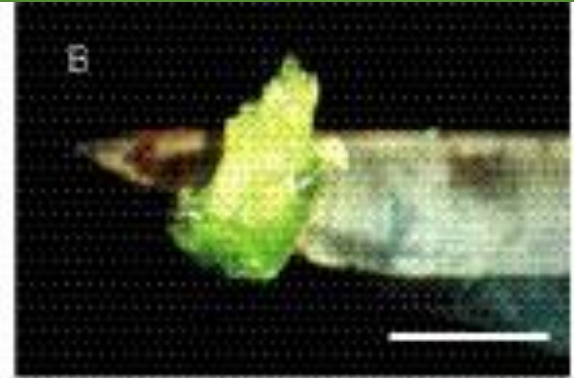
1. Micropropagation



APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

2. Tool in genetic transformation

**Delayed ripening
in papaya**



APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

2. Tool in genetic transformation

Bt Corn and Bt Talong

Bacillus thuringiensis

Golden Rice

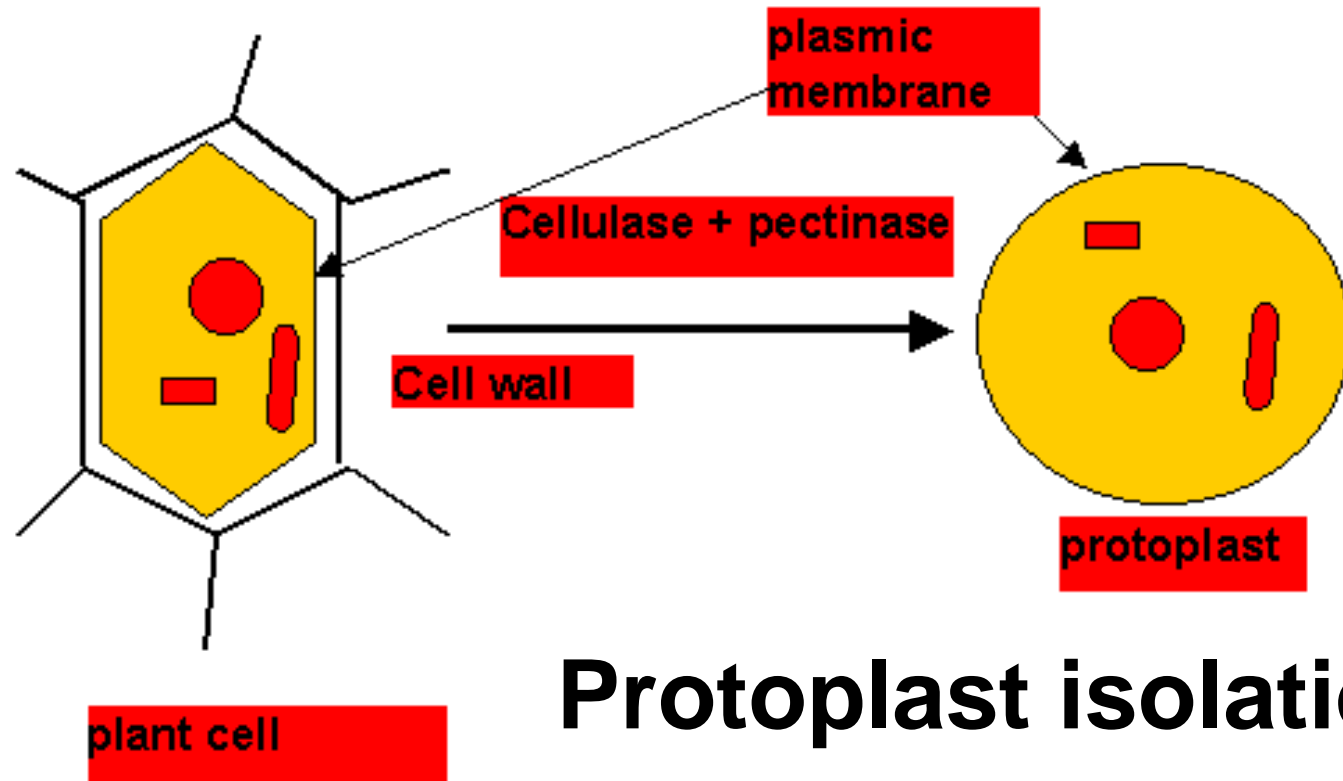
3. Generation of variability through:

a. Somatic hybridization

- **development of hybrid plants through the fusion of protoplasts of somatic cells of two different plant species/ varieties**
- **somatic cells = cells associated with structure or functions other than reproduction**

3. Generation of variability through: a. Somatic hybridization

When a plant cell loses its cell wall, it takes a spherical shape from a polygonal one resulting in the loss of the very rigid cell wall.



Protoplast isolation

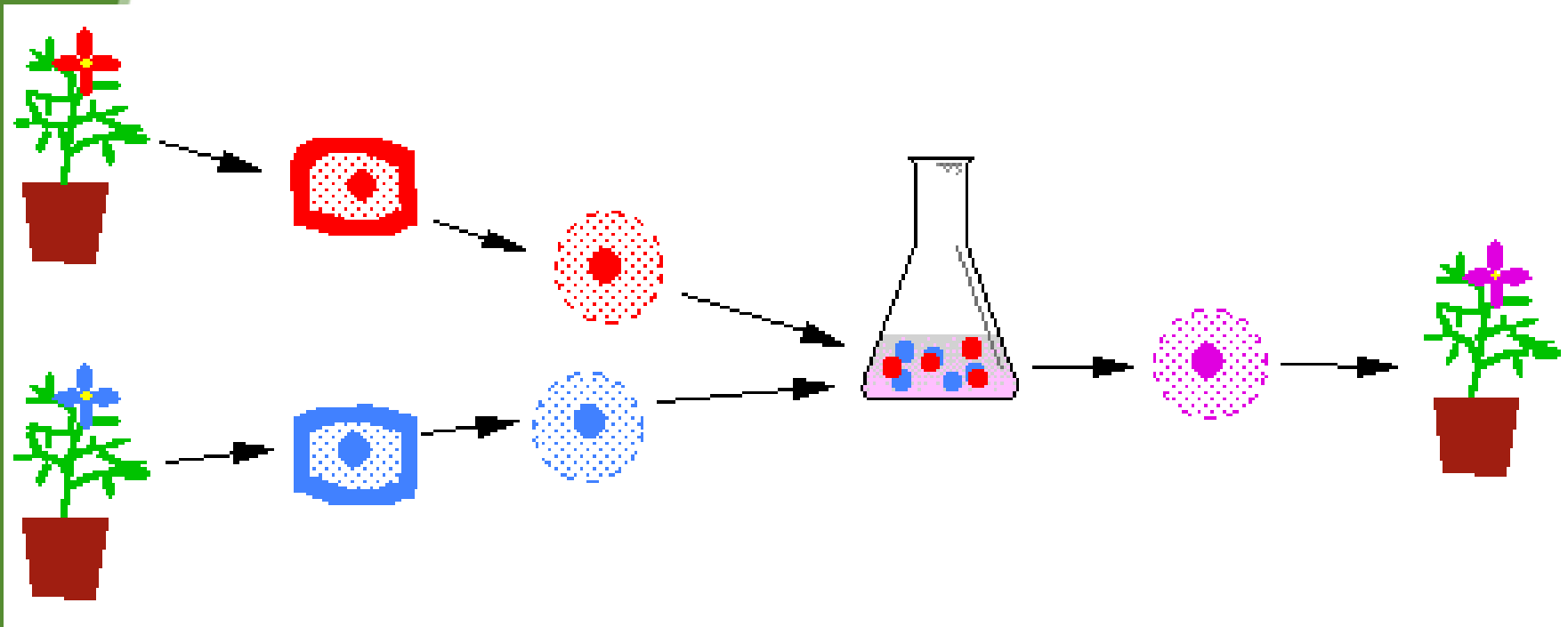
3. Generation of variability through: a. Somatic hybridization



Fused protoplast (left) with chloroplasts (from a leaf cell) and coloured vacuole (from a petal).

Protoplast or somatic fusion

To create new genotypes of plants



Somatic cell hybridization

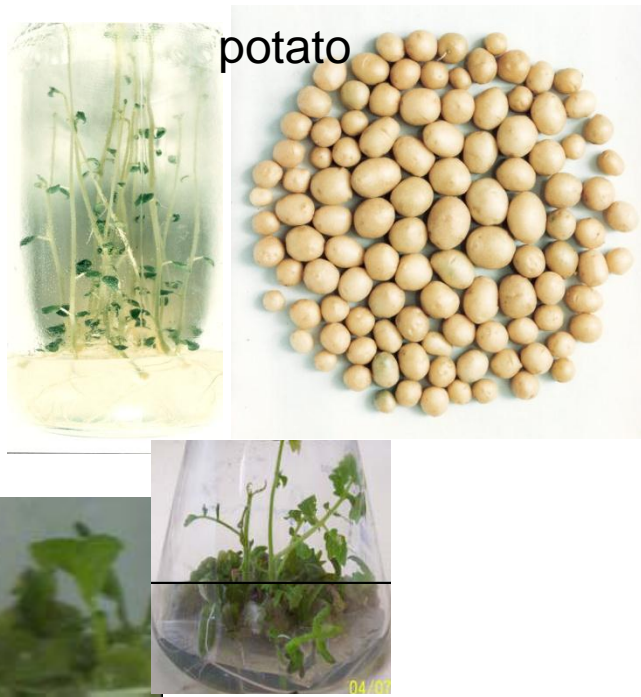
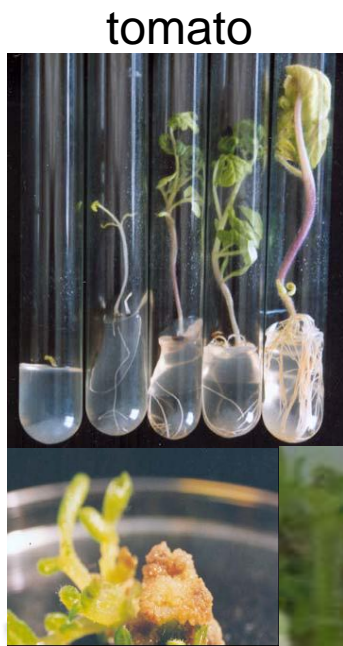
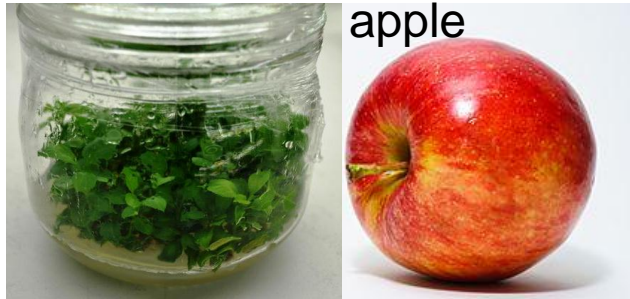
3. Generation of variability through: b. Somaclonal variation

Somaclonal variations can be selected for:

- ✓ **disease resistance,**
- ✓ **improvement of nutritional quality,**
- ✓ **adaptation of plants to stress conditions,**
- ✓ **resistance to herbicides etc.**

3. Generation of variability through: b. Somaclonal variation

Somaclonal variation has been observed in plants such as:



sugarcane

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE: 4. EMBRYO RESCUE

Embryo Rescue

- culture of embryos resulting from cross-pollination of distantly related species
- embryos are cultured to provide nutrients for their growth, or else they will die

PAPAYA EMBRYO RESCUE

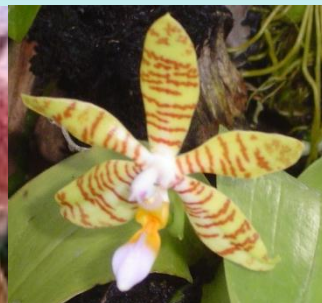
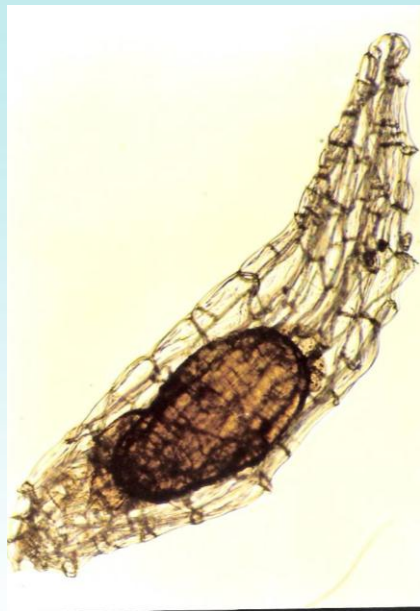


OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE: 4. EMBRYO CULTURE



MAKAPUNO COCONUT TISSUE CULTURE

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE: 4. EMBRYO CULTURE

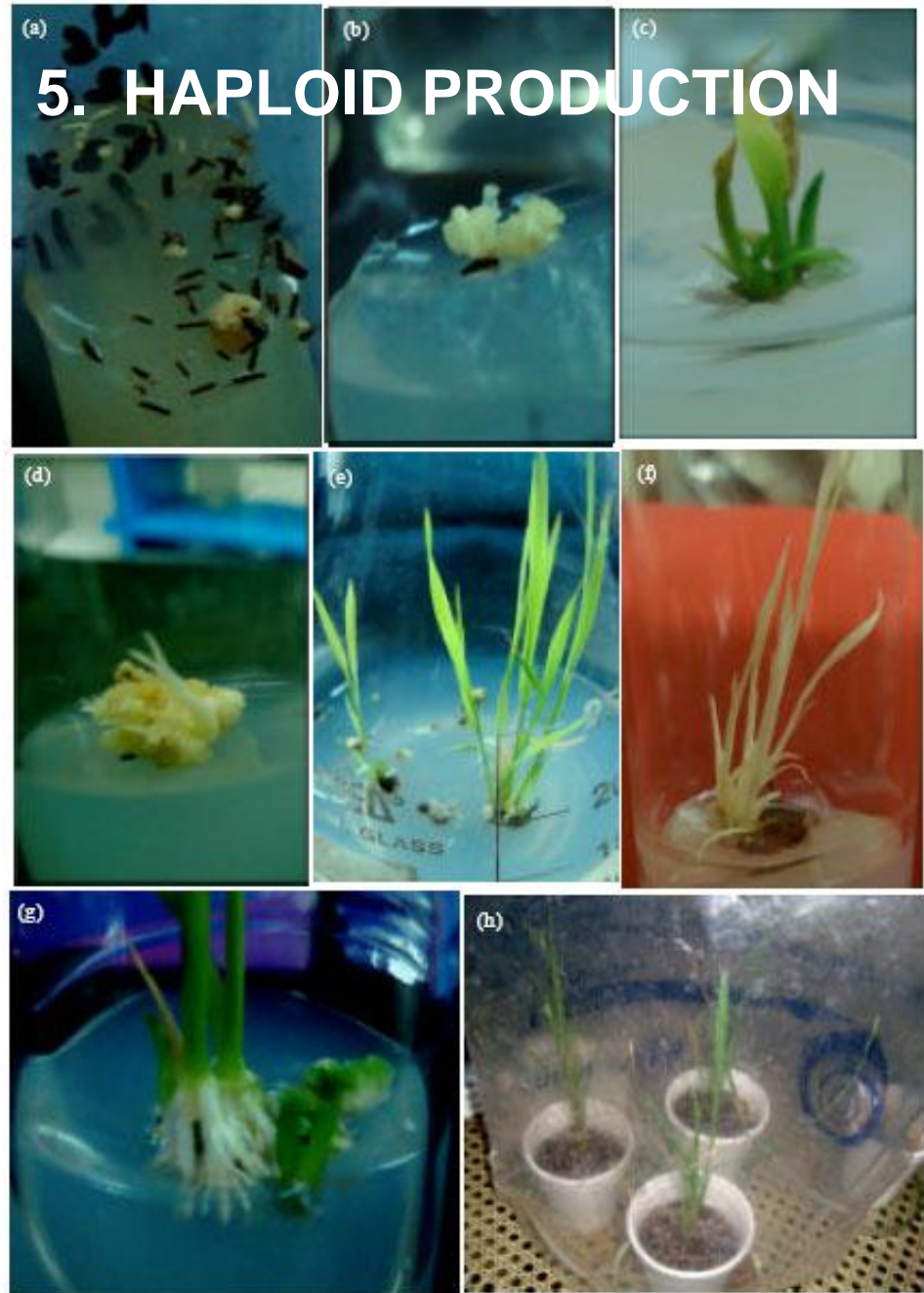


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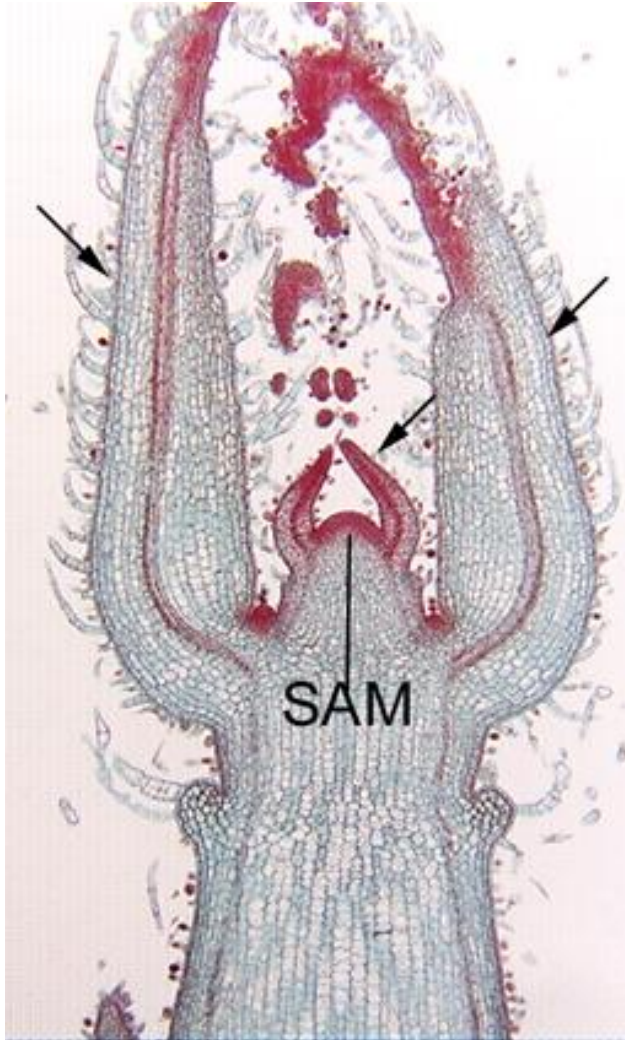
Anther Culture
Response in Boro
Rice Hybrids (2011)

Chaitali Sen & R.P. Singh

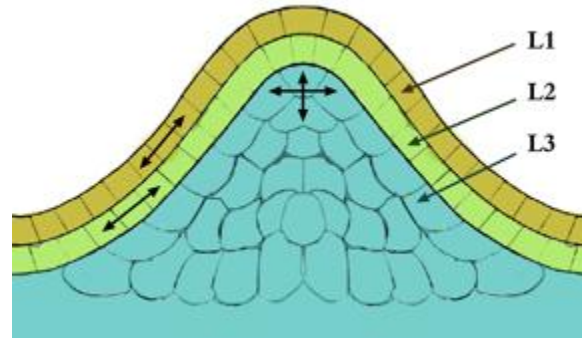
- (a) Callus induction,
- (b) Callus proliferation,
- (c) Initiation of green shoots
- (d) Initiation of albino shoots,
- (e) Elongation of green shoots,
- (f) Elongation of albino shoots,
- (g) Initiation of roots,
- (h) Hardening and acclimatization of green plants



6. Production of virus-free plants



Shoot Apical Meristem (SAM)



Tunica-Corpus model of the shoot apical meristem (growing tip). The epidermal (L1) and subepidermal (L2) layers form the outer layers called the [tunica](#)[]. The inner L3 layer is called the corpus. Cells in the L1 and L2 layers divide in a sideways fashion, which keeps these layers distinct, whereas the L3 layer divides in a more random fashion.

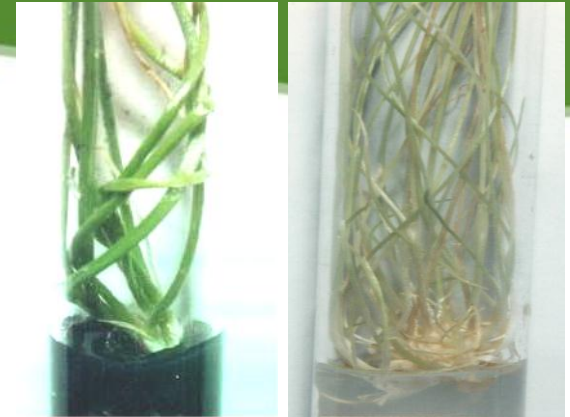
Excision of SAM using a microscope



Virus-free Garlic



- 1**
Garlic bulbs
Cloves separated
Washed
Pre-treatment (ref or RT)



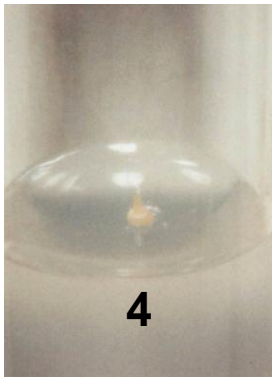
- 5** Multiple shoots
index



- 2**
Garlic bulbs under
thermotherapy
50°C (≤1 hr)

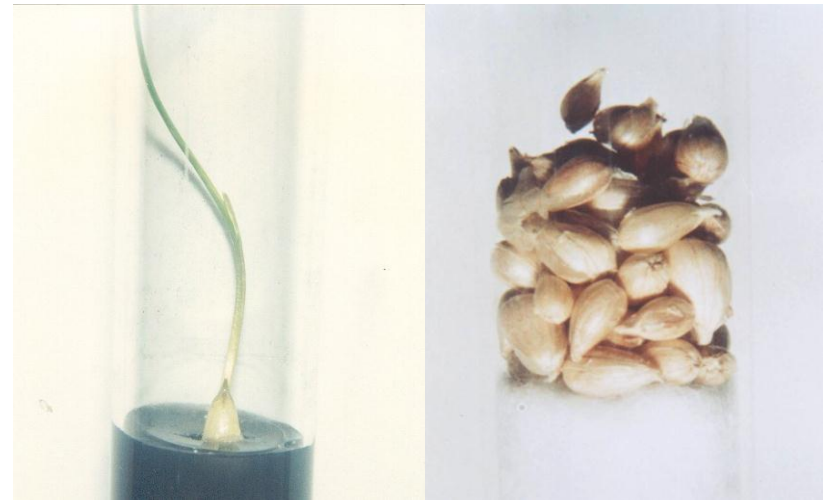


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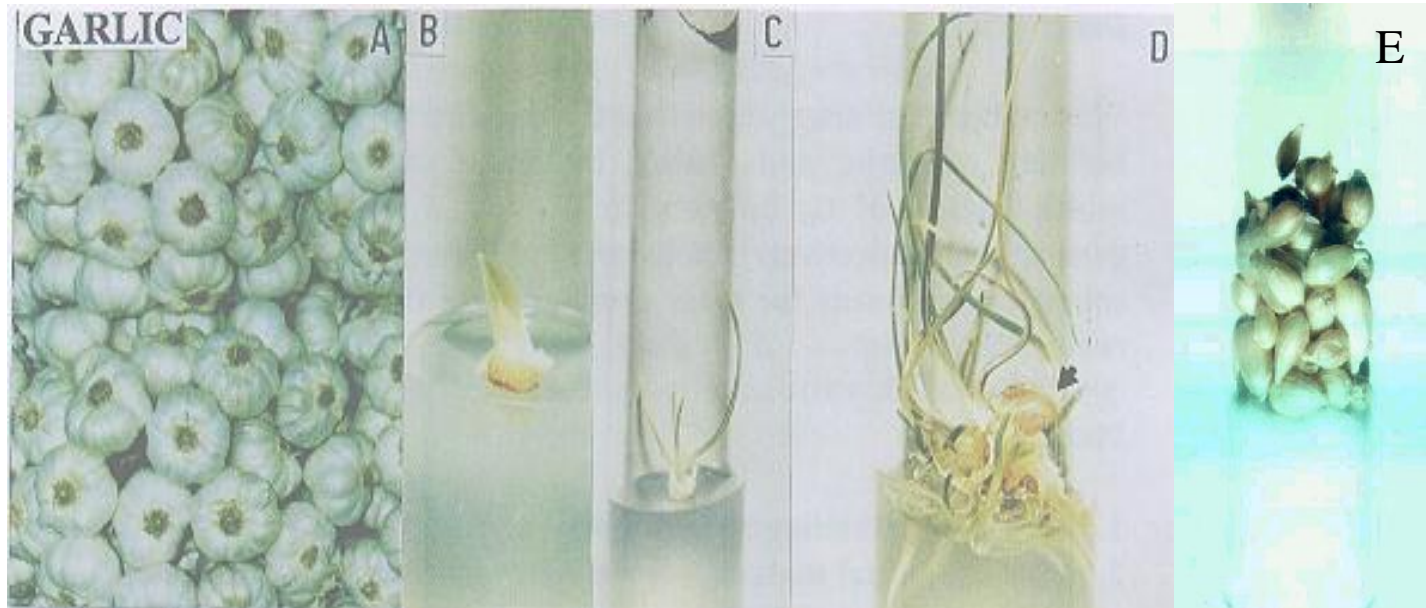
- Shoot tip (left);
meristem
(right) culture



- 6** Bulblets (G₀) with shoot (left);
dormant (right)



ELISA Color Reaction:
None – negative, Yellow
- positive



Virus-free certification using ELISA



MASS PROPAGATION OF VIRUS-FREE AND TRUE-TO-TYPE SHALLOTS

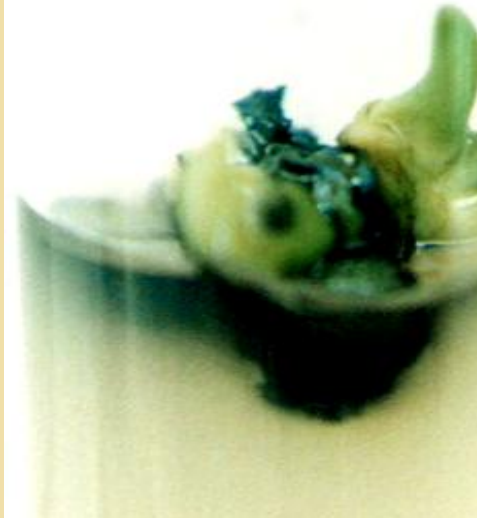


MASS PROPAGATION OF VIRUS-FREE AND TRUE-TO-TYPE WHITE POTATO (IPB, MADC)

ABACA



BANANA



RAPID PROPAGATION OF VIRUS-FREE AND TRUE-TO-TYPE ABACA AND BANANA BY TISSUE CULTURE, SEROLOGY AND MARKERS*

7. Production of pharmaceuticals

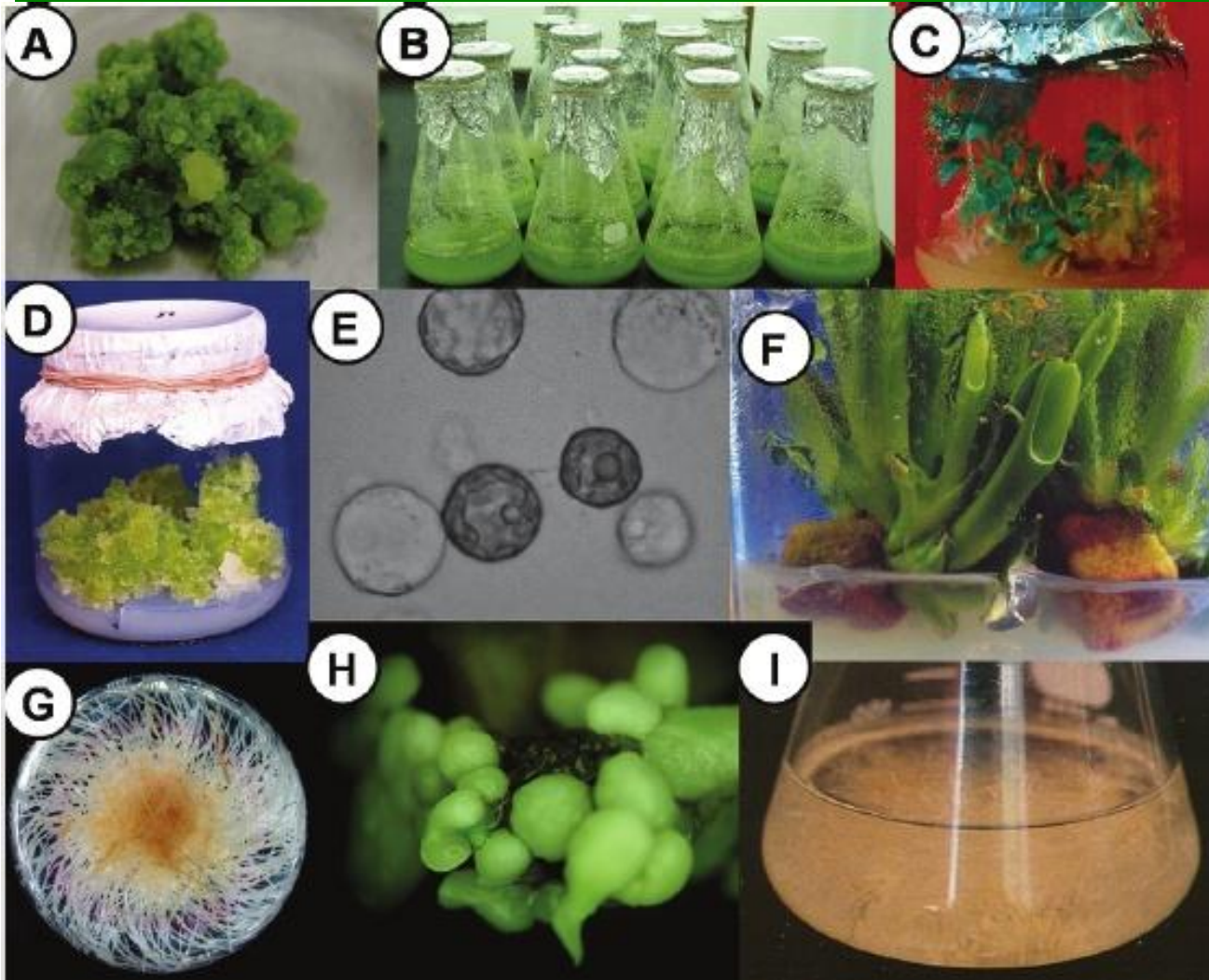
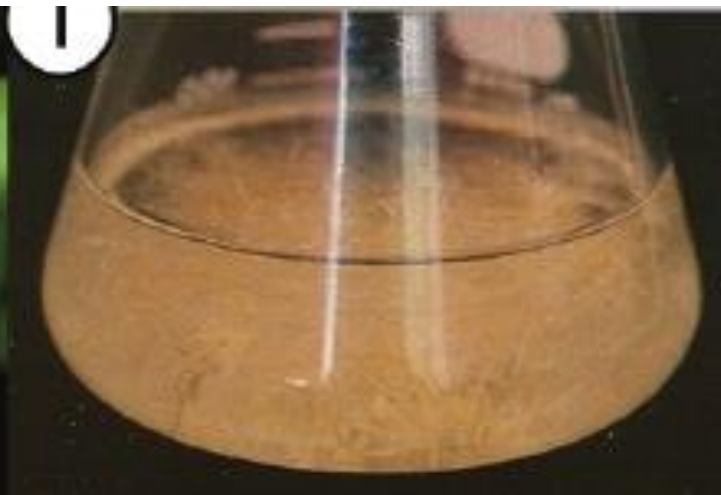
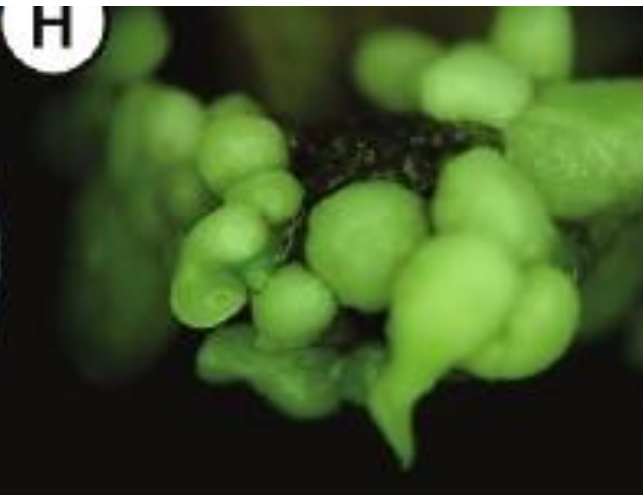
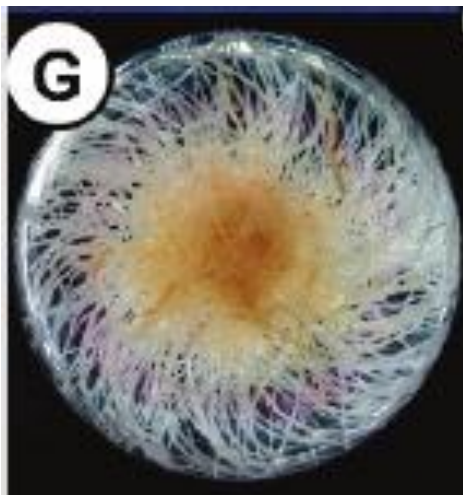


Fig. 50.1. A. Callus from *Catharanthus roseus*. B. Suspension culture from *C. roseus*. C. Regeneration of plantlets from *C. roseus* callus. D. Tumors from *C. roseus*. E. Protoplasts from *C. roseus*. F. Micropropagation of *Agave tequilana*. G. Hairy roots from *C. roseus*. H. Somatic embryogenesis of *Coffea canephora*. I. Root culture from *C. roseus*. Pictures A–E, G–I from the authors' laboratories. Picture F from the laboratory of Dr. Manuel Robert all of them at Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán

7. Production of pharmaceuticals



OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE: 8. GERMPLASM CONSERVATION AND EXCHANGE

8.1. Germplasm conservation

8.1.1. Slow growth

8.1.2. Cryopreservation

8.2. Germplasm exchange

8.2.1. Land, air, sea

8.2.2. Requirements

8.2.3. Packaging

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TC:

8.1. GERMPLASM CONSERVATION

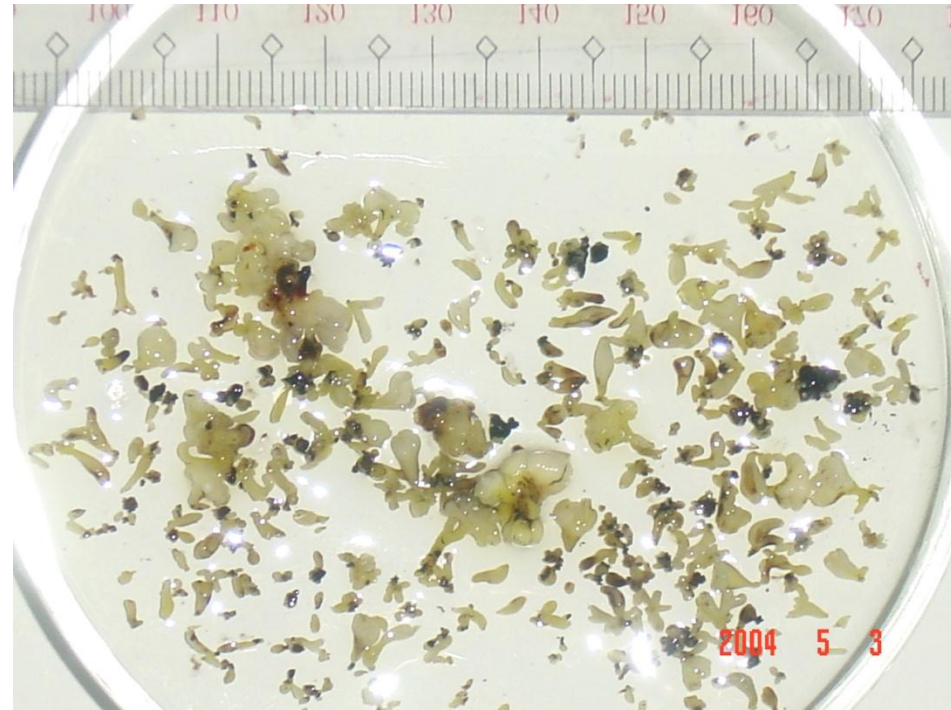
8.1.1. Slow growth



Sweet potato



Cassava



Somatic embryos from nucellar tissue explants of mango

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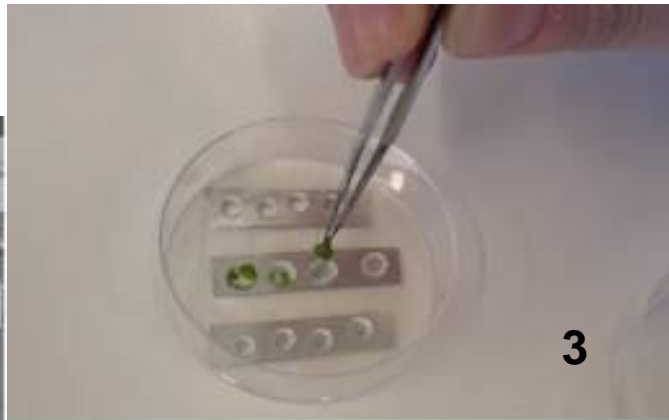


Cryopreservation

- **preservation in liquid nitrogen (-196°C) of plant germplasm**
- **vegetative cells in state of absolute quiescence (all physical & biochemical reactions are put on hold)**

Cryopreservation

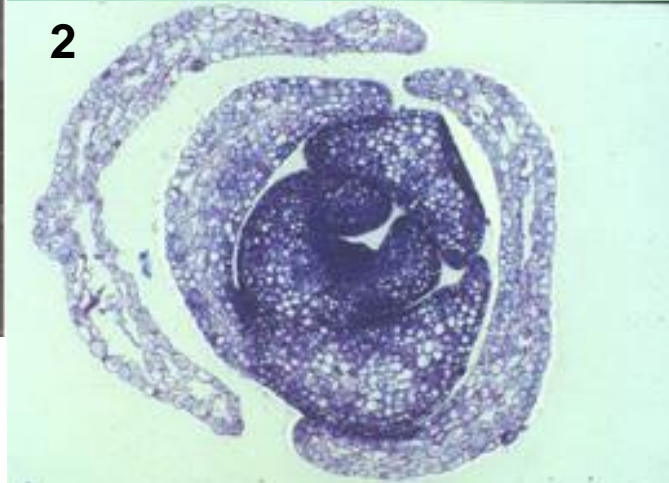
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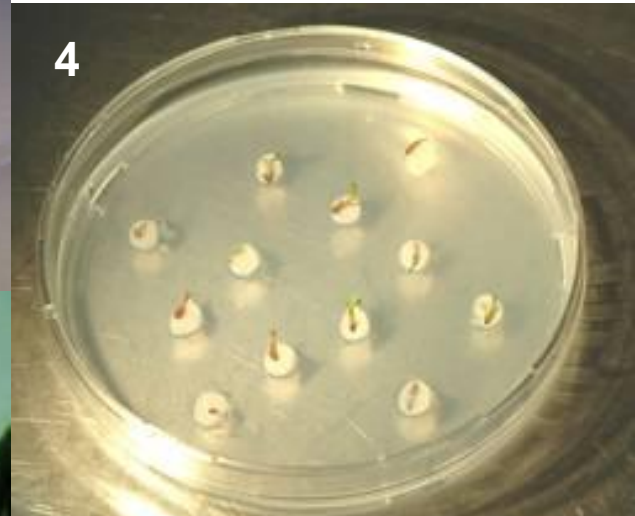
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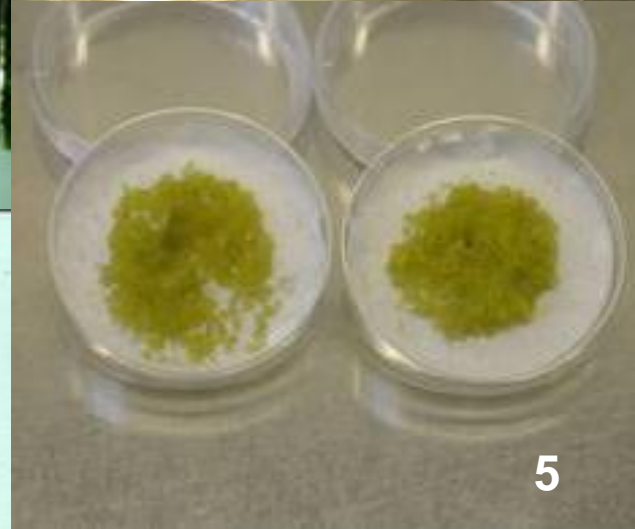
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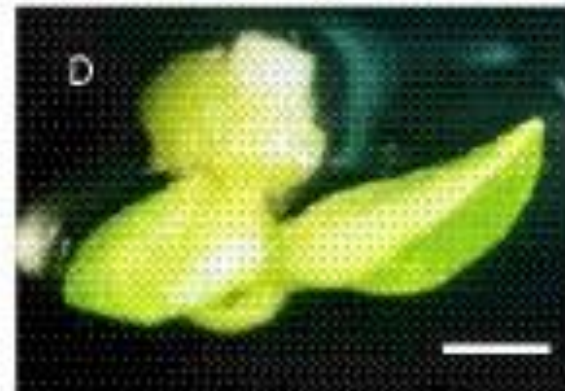
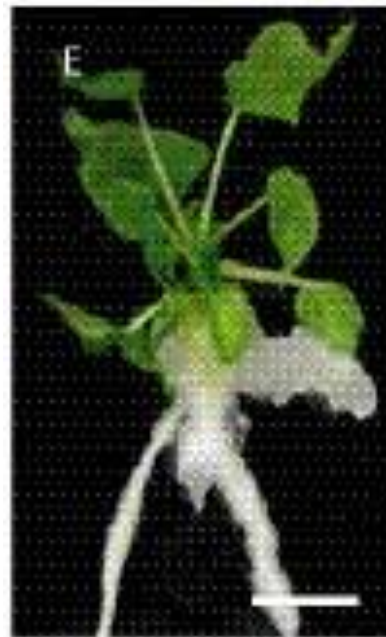
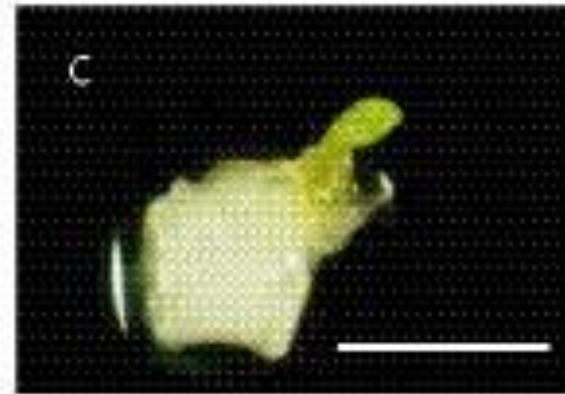
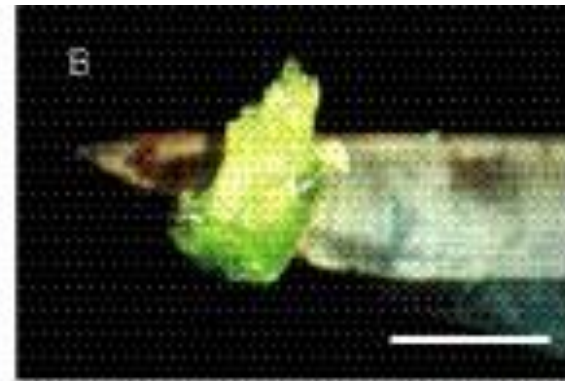


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Growth of cryo- preserved papaya shoot tips



Yuan-long WANG, Ming-jen FAN, And Song-ian LIAW (2004)

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OTHER APPLICATIONS OF PLANT TC:

8.2. GERmplasm EXCHANGE

8.2.1. Cultures in bottles transported via land, air, sea

Land – using cars, trucks, etc

Air - using airplane,

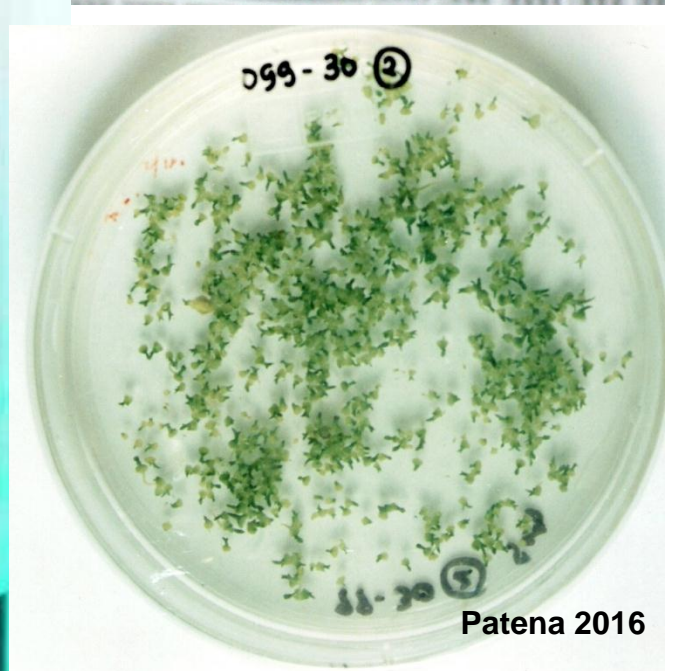
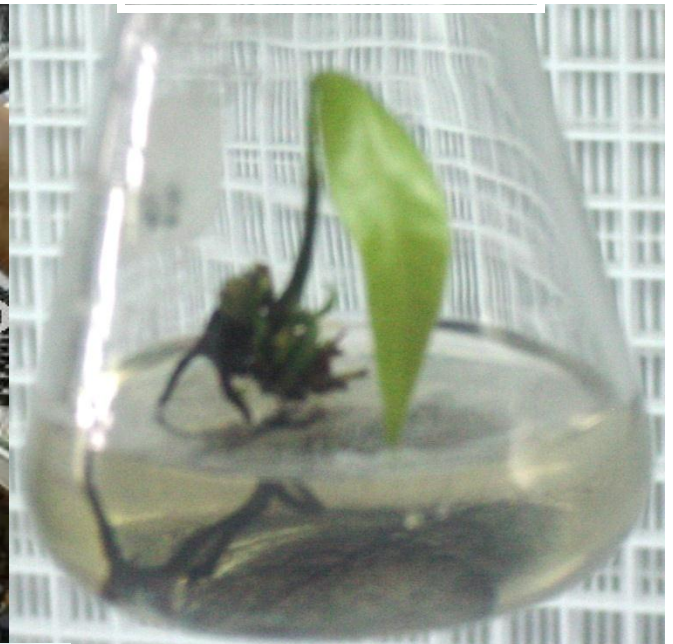
Sea – using boat, ships

Phytosanitary certificate

- an official document issued by the plant protection organization of the exporting country to the plant protection organization of the importing country
- certifies that the plants or plant products covered by the certificate have been inspected according to appropriate procedures and are considered to be free from quarantine pests and practically free from other injurious pests, and that they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country

➤ facilitates trade but it is not a trade document.

8.2.3. Packaging



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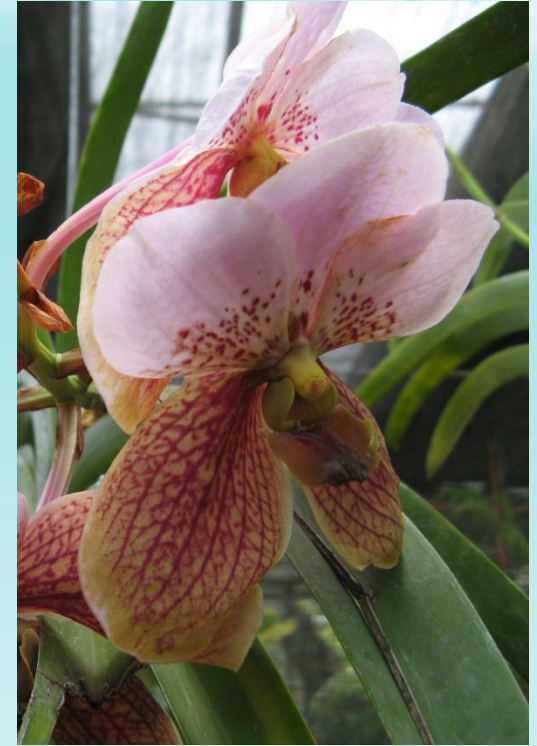
8.2.3. Packaging



- ❖ Tightly packed
- ❖ Proper label (fragile, this side up)
- ❖ Secured with tape or tie
- ❖ Correct addresses (from and to)

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**“Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters
cannot be trusted with important matters”**

— Albert Einstein —

