



Dr. Jiwan Palta

Dr. Jiwan Palta, former Director, Potato Breeding Program at University of Wisconsin. Dr. Jiwan Palta grew up in small farming town in Punjab, India. He holds MS degree in Soil Science (1973) and a Ph.D degree (1976) from the University of Minnesota in cellular plant physiology and environmental stress. He has conducted pioneering research, spanning from molecular and cellular levels to whole plant and field studies. His research areas include mechanism of injury and adaptation to environmental stresses, and potato tuber quality in relation to calcium nutrition. He has over 200 publications to his credit. Professor Palta has been a faculty at the University of Wisconsin since 1982 and became Director, Potato Breeding Program in the year 2004. He has been recognized by many awards including the Researcher of the Year Award by the American Society of Horticultural Science (2004), Fellow of the American Society of Horticultural Science (2006), USDA Medal of achievement (2010) and a life time achievement award by the Potato Association of America (2012). He is an active member of Potato Association of America.