Dr Sergie Bang, Director-General of the National Agricultural Research Institute of Papua New Guinea was awarded the 2019 Crawford Fund Fellowship. Due to travel issues, including around COVID-19, his visit will now be held when travel restrictions are lifted.

The Fellowship was established in 2002 with the generous support of Dr Brian Booth AM FTSE to provide further training to scientists in agriculture whose work shows significant potential.

Dr Bang will visit Australia to undertake training in financial management and to examine research institutions to gain insights as to how he could strengthen organisational development in NARI.

Dr Bang fills an important position in agricultural research for development in the Pacific, and an outcome of the Fellowship will be a strengthening of the relationship between Australia and an important neighbour.

Whilst in Australia for the Fellowship, Dr Bang will be involved in outreach activities where he will be able to talk about the impact of international agricultural research.