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Subject: Remembering MS Swaminathan

Dear members of the Allince Board,

I write with the very sad news of the passing yesterday of the great Indian scientist, MS Swaminathan, who, among his many accomplishments, is Soumya's father.

Dr. Swaminathan passed away yesterday in Chennai, and I know that his daughters were at his side. TThere will be many official tributes to this great man, whose list of influential positions in a long career included 6 years spent as Director General of IRRI (1982 to 1988) after which he founded the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) which Soumya now chairs. <https://www.mssrf.org/>. He was President of IUCN from (1984 to 1990) and received many, many awards for his accomplishments inclduing the first World Food Prize in 19876 and the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in 1991. MS Swaminathan was often referred to as the "Father of the Green Revoluiton in India". I could say a great deal more, as he was one of my mentors and friends but you can already read press reports about this loss.

We will continue to keep MS Swaminathan in our hearts and minds and send our sincere condolences to Soumya and her sisters

With regards,

Julia

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