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Dear Dr Hariharan,

I have received the sad news of the death of Professor M.S. Swaminathan and would like to offer my sincere condolences to his family and your organisation.

Professor Swaminathan received an honorary doctorate from Wageningen University in 1988 for his outstanding international reputation, work, and social impact in our scientific domain. In the same year he also received the World Food Prize which allowed him to set up the prestigious M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. Professor Swaminathan was instrumental in agricultural sustainable development in India, with particular attention for environmentally friendly agriculture, sustainable food security, and biodiversity protection. He himself called this an 'evergreen revolution'. The spreading of high-yield varieties of rice and wheat helped turn India from a country dependent on food imports in the 1960's to an agricultural superpower. In later decades he used his stellar reputation to argue for food security in many developing countries.

I would like to ask you to inform his family of our gratitude for his lifetime's work and we wish them and the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation strength in coming to terms with his loss.

With kind regards,

Prof. dr Arthur P.J. Mol
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