

Dedication:

Dirk R. Vuylsteke: *Musa* Scientist and Humanitarian

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This volume of *Plant Breeding Reviews* is dedicated to the memory of Dirk R. Vuylsteke who died tragically in an air crash on January 30, 2000, while actively engaged in his lifelong passion, the betterment of efforts to fight hunger and poverty in tropical Africa. Dirk was a leading *Musa* scientist who contributed to and led a wide range of development projects in tropical Africa. He dedicated all his professional life to plantain and banana improvement for the small landholders of sub-Saharan Africa. Vuylsteke's most notable contributions were in the field of *Musa*

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