



## 2008 Grant Competition in Cambodia and Laos Congratulations to the Winning Team!

In August 2008 the John D. Rockefeller 3<sup>RD</sup> Scholars Program of Winrock International held an open grant competition in Cambodia and Laos for applied research to assess socio-economic factors affecting prevention and control of Avian Influenza (AI) among backyard poultry farmers.

In October, three applicants were selected by a panel of local experts to receive planning grants of US \$1,200 to assemble multi-disciplinary, bi-country research teams and prepare one-year proposals for submission.

In November, the team led by Mr. Suon Seng, Executive Director of the Center for Development-Oriented Research in Agriculture and Livelihood Systems (CENTDOR), Phnom Penh, was selected to carry out the proposed research over a one-year period.

Mr. Seng's project is titled "*Uncertain Future of Smallholder Poultry Producers: What are the Influencing Factors to Determine Smallholder Poultry Production in Cambodia and Lao PDR?*"

Seng and his team will investigate the socio-economic impacts of AI on smallholder livelihoods in both countries and will recommend policy changes to better support small poultry producers.



Vientiane, Laos, November 17, 2008 – Dr Deepa Joshi presents an award certificate to Mr. Suon Seng, leader of the winning team in the Cambodia-Laos Avian Influenza grant competition.