



The Global Exchange

Dear Colleagues:

Today's headlines remind us once again of the important role we all must play in fostering international development and cross-cultural understanding. Those of us who have had the opportunity to live overseas, or work with foreign visitors and immigrant populations here in this country, need to share the meaning of those experiences with our fellow citizens and policymakers. Because we interact within our own circles much of the time, we tend to forget that the vast majority of Americans have not had the opportunity to gain significant firsthand insights into the world beyond our borders. As we work around the world on research, education and extension programs, maybe we should all step back for a moment and contemplate effective means of sharing our global perspective with local communities here at home.

In addition to announcing new programs and opportunities for our university partners in each of these updates, we thought it might be interesting to highlight a topic. The next issue, therefore, will report on the international activities of the 1890 land-grant universities. If you are associated with one of these institutions and have an international program that you would like to share, please let us know. We will be in touch with all of the 1890's in the coming weeks to solicit information. Along with activities you are carrying out overseas, please also consider in-state programs that involve foreign participants or immigrant populations. We would like to feature at least one program from every one of our 1890 partners.

As always, we would also welcome international program updates from *any* of your universities to share in this forum.



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University Personnel On CSREES International Assignments

Several university personnel recently served on overseas assignments with CSREES. In **Armenia**, these include: Ron Prescott, **Iowa State University**, Credit Advisor; David Slusser, **Pennsylvania State University**, Dairy Marketing Advisor; Dora Rumsey, **Washington State University**, Extension Advisor; and, Bill Eryasian, **California State University at Fresno**, Foundation Director. In **Ghana**: Kwame Garcia and Kofi Boateng, **University of Virgin Islands**, Crop Marketing and Agribusiness Advisors. In **Nicaragua**: William Dobson, **University of Wisconsin**, Dairy Advisor. In **Guatemala**: Ron Billings, **Texas A & M University**, Pest Management Specialist.

Overseas Opportunities with CSREES

Our International Programs office is seeking university personnel for the country projects indicated below. Salary and benefits are included as part of our reimbursable agreements with universities and all travel-related costs are covered.

Armenia: There are several opportunities for specialists to work with our Marketing Assistance project in Armenia. The duration of the assignments run from four weeks to nine months. The most immediate needs are for a sugar beet agronomist, a viticulturist and a pomologist. Between now and this summer, we are also seeking a post-harvest physiologist, a food sensory specialist, an enologist, and a fruit drying specialist. If you're interested in being considered for any of these assignments, please send a resume and cover letter expressing your interest to Tim Grosser, tgrosser@reeusda.gov, phone: 202-690-0402.

Ghana: A post-harvest handling specialist is needed for a 1-week assignment in mid-to-late April for a train-the-trainer program for agricultural extension agents. Specialist will provide practical hands-on training in post harvest handling and value addition of chili pepper and okra for both domestic and international markets. For more information on this assignment, contact Patty Fulton at 202-720-3801 or pfulton@reeusda.gov.

Extension en Espagnol (EEE) Coming Soon

Hundreds of extension-related documents in Spanish are now available on the Internet for users to view and download free of charge. The web site will include bilingual news reports, columns and feature stories, links to other extension web sites with Spanish language materials, educational materials to learn more about Hispanic communities and reaching out to Spanish-speaking audiences, and an online forum to consult with other specialists about Spanish language materials. In addition, EEE will offer free translation services for those who have documents that may have substantial use nationally, providing they meet other established criteria. You can visit this resource at <http://extensionenespanol.net/index.cfm>. An Internet conference on April 9, 2003 from 2-3:00 pm Eastern Standard Time will provide users instructions on accessing the resources on EEE. To register for this guided tour, send an e-mail message to Sonja Jo Serna at sserna@nmsu.edu. Please include a contact name, your organization, an e-mail address to send information on the virtual conference, and a phone number. You will be able to log on to the tour from any computer in the U.S., but due to a limited number of ports, organizers are requesting that you try to gather multiple viewers for each computer. This is a collaborative effort involving CSREES and Texas A&M University, New Mexico State University, the University of Illinois and the University of California.

National Conference on Internationalizing Extension

It looks like we have reached the maximum number of participants for this conference scheduled for March 24-27, 2003 at Michigan State University. Last-minute cancellations may allow additional people to register; if you're interested, please visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu/intext/natinit.htm>. For those unable to attend, we will share proceedings from the event and guidelines for a mini-grants program aimed at helping states strengthen the international dimension of their extension programs. For more information, contact Mike McGirr at 202-205-3739 or mmcgirr@reeusda.gov.

AIAEE Annual Conference

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) is holding its 19th Annual Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina from April 8-12, 2003. The theme for this year's

conference is "Going Forward in Agricultural and Extension Education: Trends, Policies and Designs Worldwide." For more information on AIAEE, including conference registration forms, please visit <http://ag.arizona.edu/aiase/>. The conference will include paper, poster and carousel presentations; workshops and study tours. This is an excellent organization for university faculty and students interested in international education and extension issues and programs. The membership represent countries around the world and, in addition to the university community, come from private voluntary organizations, government departments and ministries, agribusiness, international agencies, foundations and financial institutions.

USAID Recruiting New Entry Professionals

The U.S. Agency for International Development is once again recruiting individuals for its Foreign Service program. Successful applicants will be provided a series of rotational assignments in Washington, DC and abroad. After several years of downsizing, career opportunities in agriculture and rural development are once again on the rise at USAID. For more information on the New Entry Professionals program, please click on <http://www.usaid.gov/about/employment/nepbro.htm> .

USDA Forest Service International Training Seminars

The Forest Service International Programs has announced four international training opportunities for 2003. The training topics include protected area management, forestry and natural resources administration and management, and watershed management. Colorado State University, University of Montana, University of Idaho and University of Wisconsin are collaborating with the Forest Service in conducting the programs. Three of the programs are intensive seminars designed for English-speaking senior natural resource management professionals. The trainings will take place this summer, but deadlines for two of the programs are coming up within the month. For more information, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/welcome.html>.

Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program for the Americas

Ph.D. students are eligible to apply for scholarships to conduct research critical to conserving the national parks in the Americas. The program is a collaboration among Canon, USA, Inc., the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the U.S. National Park Service. Research projects in the biological, physical, social and cultural sciences are eligible. For more information and a copy of the application, please click on www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/ Applications must be received by May 15, 2003.

Internet Resources

The U.S. Agency for International Development has a web site entitled, "U.S. Higher Education Community: Doing Business with USAID." By visiting <http://www.usaid.gov/university/> you can access information on preparing proposals, annual research awards, fellowship and internship opportunities, regional and central bureau contacts and more.

You can access an online directory of *Chiefs of State and Cabinet members of Foreign Governments*. The site is maintained and updated weekly by the Central Intelligence Agency. Ambassadors to the U.S. and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations are also included in the listing. You can access this resource at <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/chiefs/index.html> .

Michigan State University's "Global Access Database" includes 8,000 annotated resources organized according to various geographical and topical categories. Designed by MSU's International Studies and Programs, the data base can be accessed on-line at

<http://www.msuglobalaccess.net> . Features include separate pages for every country and world region, as well as pages on the environment, industry and labor, human rights, world and country maps, and region specific news sources.

A study conducted by CSREES, in cooperation with Purdue University, looks at "Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in the Food and Agricultural Sciences...2000-2005." The study includes information on available graduates, job opportunities, who's hiring, and race/ethnicity data. To check out this site, please go to <http://www.reeusda.gov/serd/hep/supplydemand/home.htm> .



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