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# Ecoagriculture Partners Newsletter

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Dear Ecoagriculture Partners,

Over the past year, we have circulated to the Ecoagriculture Partners' listserv occasional Updates about the partnership and information on Resources. We are now upgrading our communications to a regular Newsletter, that will be circulated every 4 to 6 weeks, so that our information and announcements are more timely. To accommodate our diverse partners, we will send it out both as an e-mail text and an attachment. We will also post the Newsletters on the Ecoagriculture Partners website so you can refer to them easily ([www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/resources.htm](http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/resources.htm)).

This Newsletter will keep evolving, so send us your suggestions. Also, please send useful news and announcements to include in upcoming issues to Christian Isely, who is helping to edit the Newsletter (e-mail: [CIsely@ecoagriculturepartners.org](mailto:CIsely@ecoagriculturepartners.org)). We will continue to circulate highly time-sensitive materials separately to the listserv, but will try to respect your e-mailboxes by keeping these to a minimum.

Best regards,

*Sara J. Scherr, Director, Ecoagriculture Partners*

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## **Ecoagriculture Partners Update**

### **1. Ecoagriculture Partners Secretariat: Who to Contact?**

Please contact the following individuals for different types of information:

- \* Questions or Names for the Listserv – Anne Thiel ([athiel@ecoagriculturepartners.org](mailto:athiel@ecoagriculturepartners.org))
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- \* Executive Committee – Sara J. Scherr, Jeff McNeely ([jam@hq.iucn.org](mailto:jam@hq.iucn.org)), Dennis Garrity ([D.Garrity@cgiar.org](mailto:D.Garrity@cgiar.org)) or Michael Jenkins ([MJenkins@forest-trends.org](mailto:MJenkins@forest-trends.org))

### **2. International Ecoagriculture Conference: Update**

Organization and planning for the International Ecoagriculture Conference and Practitioners' Fair in Nairobi, Kenya, September 27-October 1 is well underway.

Information about the Conference program may be found on our website:

[www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/events.htm](http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/events.htm). To participate in the meeting, you must send Ecoagriculture Partners a "request for an invitation" with information about your work.

Once you have received an invitation, you can register for the conference, hotel, field trips, etc. directly with the World Agroforestry Centre through the website. Please

encourage any outstanding ecoagriculture innovators you know to participate in the Conference. Please request an invitation by **April 30**.

Some recent highlights:

- More than 30 organizations have signed up to be co-sponsors of the Conference, contributing significant resources by preparing commissioned state-of-the-art papers on key topics, sponsoring a group of international participants, and/or co-organizing and -leading the Working Groups. The co-sponsors include farmer, conservation, agriculture & rural development, private sector, research and inter-governmental organizations from around the globe. An updated list will be on our website by next month. **SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR CO-SPONSORS.**
- The Equator Initiative and IUCN have begun to organize the Community Shamba (Farm)—a special program for grassroots practitioners who will be participating in the Conference. An announcement will be circulated soon;
- ILEIA has agreed to publish a special issue of their magazine on Ecoagriculture, drawing upon cases presented at the Conference. This magazine circulates to field practitioners of sustainable agriculture in 6 editions: global (English), Latin America (Spanish), Indonesia (Bahasa Indonesia), West Africa (French), India (English) and Brazil (Portuguese).

### **3. Ecoagriculture Profile Template Ready for you to Complete**

Our new Ecoagriculture Profile Template and Manual (version 1.0) are located on the Ecoagriculture Partners website. We encourage all partners to complete a profile for at least one Ecoagriculture system, and we want to hear your comments as to how we might improve both the template and the manual.

To obtain copies of the template, visit: [www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/profiles.htm](http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/profiles.htm)

### **4. Steering Committee to be Organized: We Need your Partnership Form**

The Ecoagriculture Partners Steering Committee will be chosen by July, so that their first meeting can be held right after the Conference in September. To be, or vote for, members of the Steering Committee, an institution must be a formal partner.

To obtain the partnership agreement, go to:

[www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/join\\_printer\\_institution.htm](http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/join_printer_institution.htm)

### **5. Washington DC Working Group**

The Washington DC Ecoagriculture Working Group has been formally constituted and will be coordinated by Julie Kunen from USAID ([jkunen@usaid.gov](mailto:jkunen@usaid.gov)) and Robyn Fink ([rfink@winrock.org](mailto:rfink@winrock.org)). If you would like to join the group, please send your contact information to Anne Thiel ([AThiel@ecoagriculturepartners.org](mailto:AThiel@ecoagriculturepartners.org)).

### **6. Ecoagriculture Partners at the 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties for the Convention on Biological Diversity**

*Agriculture and Biodiversity Day' at the Community Kampung - Thursday  
12th February*

The day's program addressed a number of key issues for facilitating ecoagriculture: conserving plant and animal genetic diversity; technology transfer and agricultural biodiversity; and biodiversity conservation within agricultural landscapes. Highlights included presentations by four Equator Prize 2004 nominees whose work had a particular focus on ecoagriculture, a lunchtime discussion on Technology Transfer, chaired by Patrick Mulvany of the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG) and an afternoon discussion on landscape-scale strategies with Jeff McNeely (IUCN) and Mohamed Bakarr (ICRAF).

*Ecoagriculture: Opportunities for conserving biodiversity within working landscapes', CBD lunchtime side event - Thursday 19th February*

The side-event provided an opportunity to introduce ecoagriculture and Ecoagriculture Partners to a wider audience of CBD attendees. Ecoagriculture examples from the Philippines and Zimbabwe were eloquently presented by Equator Prize 2004 nominees Donato Bumacas and Gladman Chibememe. This was followed by an overview of Ecoagriculture Partners' objectives and activities, presented by Claire Rhodes. The side event was attended by over 30 attendees from governments, non-governmental organizations and the CBD Secretariat, and thus offered a valuable opportunity to discuss how best to strengthen linkages between the on-going activities of partners and potential partners worldwide.

Copies of the power point presentations from the side-event will be made available on the Events section of Ecoagriculture Partners website:

[www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/events.htm](http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/events.htm)

For further information or queries relating to Ecoagriculture Partners' CBD activities, please contact Claire Rhodes at [crhodes@ecoagriculturepartners.org](mailto:crhodes@ecoagriculturepartners.org)

## **7. International Ecoagriculture Research Assessment: Update from Cornell University**

The Cornell University team working on the International Ecoagriculture Research Assessment is an inter-disciplinary group comprised of: Louise Buck, Norman Uphoff, David R. Lee, Thomas Gavin, Diji Chandrasekharan Behr, and Fred Werner from the Departments of Natural Resources, Rural Sociology and Applied Economics. The study is being undertaken for the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Support Program (SANREM/CRSP), sponsored by USAID, in collaboration with Ecoagriculture Partners. An International Advisory Group of Ecoagriculture Partners in the research community, is providing input to the Team. An Ecoagriculture Working Group has also been organized at Cornell to provide knowledge resources to the group from a wider range of biological and social science disciplines.

The Team's report is due to be completed by the end of May. The document will be presented at the Ecoagriculture Partners Conference in Nairobi, and provide input for the Working Groups looking at research issues. Louise Buck, Cornell senior extension associate in natural resources, leads the team. "Around the world there has been too much competition between agriculture and natural resources," says Buck. "This initiative is bringing together the state of the art in natural science and social science research, for managing agricultural land systems and conserving biodiversity. We are looking for synergies."

## **7. Ecoagriculture Partners Side Event at World Agroforestry Conference**

Ecoagriculture Partners is currently putting together a side event for the World Agroforestry Conference. Details about the conference are listed below. Please contact Sara Scherr if you plan to attend the meeting and are available to participate in this event. Stay posted.

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## **Partners' News**

### **1. 2004 Equator Prize Winners Announced**

The UNDP Equator Initiative announced the winners of the 2004 Equator Prize on February 19, 2004 at the COP7 to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Equator Initiative is designed to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt by fostering, supporting and strengthening community partnerships. The Equator Prize seeks to highlight innovative and successful examples in the tropics of community-based conservation of biodiversity and poverty reduction. This year, all six of the winners incorporated ecoagriculture practices and strategies. Of the 24 prize finalists, 19 are examples of ecoagriculture.

For more information, visit [www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/](http://www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/)

### **2. Beahrs Environmental Leadership Course Sponsors Cyberspace Discussion on Agriculture and Environment**

From January 5-13, The Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program (ELP), organized by the Center for Sustainable Resource Management of the University of California, Berkeley, sponsored a "cyberspace discussion" on Agriculture and Environment. Alumni of the ELP posed questions to three panelists: Norman Borlaug (Nobel Prize Laureate 1970 for his role as "Father" of the Green Revolution, Christopher Doveswell (Sasakawa Foundation) and Sara J.Scherr (Director, Ecoagriculture Partners). ELP alumni actively responded and discussed the issues raised with the panelists and among themselves. The discussion was fascinating, and illustrated the remarkable range of perspectives and experience around the world about the interface between agriculture and environment. A summary of the discussion may be found at: [http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/BeahrsELP/Summary\\_of\\_Discussion.htm](http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/BeahrsELP/Summary_of_Discussion.htm)

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## Ecoagriculture Resource Materials

### 1. Agrobiodiversity in India

Ashish Kothari recently completed a paper exploring the state of agrobiodiversity, why it is under threat, what is being done to bolster agrobiodiversity, and what the future policy implications are.

For access to the paper, visit: [www.mtnforum.org/resources/library/kotha99a.htm](http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/library/kotha99a.htm)

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### 2. The Overstory: Agroforestry E-Journal

The latest edition of *The Overstory* contains a very useful article entitled, “Giving Back: Making Research Results Relevant to Local Groups and Conservation” written by Shanley, P. and S.A. Laird.

For the article, visit [www.asb.cgiar.org/ma/other/shanley.doc](http://www.asb.cgiar.org/ma/other/shanley.doc)

For past editions of *The Overstory*, visit [www.overstory.org](http://www.overstory.org)

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## Call for Papers or Partners

### 1. 2004 Ralf Yorque Memorial Competition – Call for Papers

*Ecology and Society* invites all subscribers and readers to participate in a manuscript competition that exploits novel ways of performing integrative science and policy research. The novel paper will integrate different streams of science to assess fundamental questions in the ecological, political, and social foundations for sustainable social-ecological systems, and employ unique advantages of electronic publishing and facilities of the WEB to help communicate complex ideas simply. The winner will be published. The aim is to push the limits of how scholarly research is communicated and conducted.

Deadline for submission: June 30, 2004

For more information, visit: [www.ecologyandsociety.org/submit/rysubmit.html](http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/submit/rysubmit.html)

### 2. Landscapes of the Heart - Call for Papers

Scholars, writers, and environmentalists are invited to submit manuscripts for consideration in an expanded edition of the book *Landscapes of the Heart* – one that will cross the boundaries of ecology, economics, law, culture, health, the social sciences, and the humanities. Individuals already involved include E.O. Wilson (Biology, Harvard), Noam Chomsky (MIT), David Cash (Kennedy School of Government, Harvard), Maurice Strong (Chair of the World Resources Institute and the Earth Council and senior advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Prime Minister Paul Martin). Students (including undergraduates) and women are encouraged to participate.

Earliest submission date: May 31, 2004  
Deadline for submission: August 31, 2004

For more information, visit:

[www.telusplanet.net/public/aleksiuk/homepage/call\\_for\\_papers](http://www.telusplanet.net/public/aleksiuk/homepage/call_for_papers)

### **3. Terralingua Survey on Biocultural Initiatives – Call for Input From Practitioners**

Terralingua is compiling information for a Global Source Book on Biocultural Diversity and invites your input in a survey of biocultural diversity projects, programs, and initiatives. The aim of the book is to collaborate with practitioners of biocultural diversity initiatives in order to provide this field with its first global source of information. We invite you to participate if you feel that your research or applied project is effectively making links between biological and cultural diversity.

For more information, visit [www.terralingua.org/GSBBCD.htm](http://www.terralingua.org/GSBBCD.htm)

To participate, contact Dr. Ellen Woodley at [ewoodley@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ewoodley@uoguelph.ca)

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## **Calendar of Related Upcoming Events**

### **1. Food Sovereignty, Conservation, and Social Movements for Sustainable Agriculture in the Americas**

*Location:* Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

*Date:* April 15-17, 2004

*Organized by:* Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

*Description:* This workshop will explore cutting-edge research, on-the-ground practice, and social movements that bring together agriculture, conservation, development, and policy change.

*Other Information:* Speakers will include Christine Padoch (New York Botanical Garden), Silvia Rodriguez (GRAIN International), Richard Levins (Harvard School of Public Health), and Kristin Dawkins (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy).

*Contact Details:* Visit [www.yale.edu/las/food/index.doc](http://www.yale.edu/las/food/index.doc), RSVP to [agroecology@yale.edu](mailto:agroecology@yale.edu)

### **2. World Agroforestry Congress**

*Location:* Orlando, Florida

*Date:* June 27 – July 02, 2004

*Organized by:* Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida

*Description:* This conference will seek to evaluate progress, assess available options, and design strategies for the future of agroforestry. It will also seek to provide a global forum for agroforestry professionals to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas and to help plan future strategies in agroforestry research, education and training, and development.

*Other Information:* Planned publications include a state-of-the-art compendium of about 30 chapters, a book of abstracts of all presentations, and a *Congress Declaration*. Selected presentations will be published as peer-reviewed journal articles after the congress. The *Congress Declaration* that will capture the discussions and deliberations



during the congress will be developed for use as a policy document for further promotion of agroforestry.

*Contact Details:* Visit <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/WCA/#registration>  
Register by March 31<sup>st</sup> for a discounted registration fee.

### **3. Globalization and Food Systems: Scientific Workshop and Science Policy Forum**

*Location:* Nicoya, Costa Rica

*Date:* 24 October 2004 - 6 November 2004

*Organized by:* International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) and Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)

*Description:* The Institute will focus on interactions between processes of globalisation and global environmental change, and the implications of these interactions for food systems and food security.

*Other Information:* Registration Information Funding is available for up to 25 applicants. Click here for more information. The deadline for applications is 15 April 2004.

*Contact details:* [i2004-geci@dir.iai.int](mailto:i2004-geci@dir.iai.int), [www.ihdp.org](http://www.ihdp.org)

### **4. Brazilian Congress of Agroforestry Systems**

*Location:* Curitiba, Brazil

*Date:* October 25-28, 2004

*Organized by:* La Sociedad Brasileira de Sistemas Agroforestales y Embrapa Florestas.

*Description:* El tema central sera SAF4s: desenvolvimiento con proteccion ambiental, seran abordados los aspectos relacionados al uso de la tierra con sistemas agroforestales.

*Other Information:* The official language will be Portuguese but papers can be presented in English.

*Contact Details:* [cbsfa@cnpf.embrapa.br](mailto:cbsfa@cnpf.embrapa.br), [ww2.cnpf.embrapa.br/cbsa/](http://ww2.cnpf.embrapa.br/cbsa/)

### **5. First Diversitas International Conference On Biodiversity**

*Location:* City of Oaxaca, Mexico

*Date:* November, 2005

*Organized by:* Diversitas International

*Description:* The conference will provide in-depth overviews of a broad range of topic in biodiversity research. In keeping with Diversitas' mission, the conference will promote integrative and social disciplines in an effort to produce socially relevant new knowledge and further develop the scientific basis for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

*Other Information:* All prospective participants are invited to submit ideas for a symposium. Proposed symposia that bridge two or more disciplinary areas are welcomed and encouraged. All authors will have to supply abstracts. The deadline is April 30, 2004.

*Contact Details:* [secretariat@diversitas-international.org](mailto:secretariat@diversitas-international.org), [www.diversitas-international.org](http://www.diversitas-international.org)



**6. International Organic Coffee Conference** [from IFOAM website]

*Location:* Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda

*Date:* October 6-8, 2004

*Organized by:* Uganda Coffee Development Authority

*Description:* The conference will explore the current state of organic coffee production bottlenecks and the research agenda to improve organic coffee production, the current state of organic coffee markets, bottlenecks and strategies for the future, the present certified organic coffees in order to stimulate market uptake, smallholder certification schemes, and to inform the coffee sector of the developments in organic coffee in East Africa.

*Contact Details:* [www.ifoam.org/](http://www.ifoam.org/)