

directory of INFORMATION CENTRES

More than two years ago, the first ILEIA register was published. Some 2,500 names of institutions and individual members were listed, where possible with an indication of their characteristics and specialisations. Since that time, a considerable number of new members have been enlisted, bringing the subscription list to a total of 6,640. This is a very heartening fact in itself, for it shows the potential impact a journal like the ILEIA Newsletter can have, and also the interest aroused by sustainability issues.

But how to squeeze 6,640 names into an ILEIA Newsletter-like size of publication, with limited funds at our disposal? We decided to omit, in the register itself, all information about type of organisation, activities, orientation, and ecozones. However useful such information may be, it applies mainly to organisations, and remains rather sketchy, at any rate.

After much hesitation, we also decided split the address file into regional subfiles, to be produced separately, and to be sent on request only. To obtain your free copy, fill out the a form you find in this insert and send it back to us.

Apart from the register of addresses, we herewith present a listing of 57 national, regional or international information centres (in the

widest sense of the word). A short description is given, including any services rendered. The criteria for inclusion were mainly practical: existing contacts, existing publications, knowledge of existing services, and the like. Many of these centres took the trouble to refine and adapt the draft description we sent to them for verification. Still, the information given may not be complete or free of errors.

This list is only a small selection of institutions. More addresses and descriptions can be found in other publications that are listed at the end of this directory. If you are operating a documentation centre in the field of LEISA, as a principal activity or even a sideline, and if you are willing and able to respond to requests on sustainable agriculture issues in your region, please write to us, so we can include your information in the next version of our register.

Wietse Bruinsma
Leusden, June 1993

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- ▶ valued as a useful perspective in planning and implementing agricultural research, education and extension,
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• BELGIUM •

Collectif d'Echanges pour la Technologie Appropriée (COTA)
(Exchange Group for Appropriate Technology), rue de la Sablonnière 18, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. phone +32-2 2181896. fax +32-2 2231495.

This service centre was created in 1979 by a group of Belgian NGOs. Their objective is to promote knowledge and know-how on matters related to the development of the people in Third World countries. To achieve this, COTA runs a documentation centre and several technical support units. It offers three types of service: information, research and consulting. COTA also publishes a quarterly bulletin in French, named "Echos du COTA", and various documents covering its areas of research, including agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, food processing, renewable energy, drugs and development, and research on development methods. Bibliographical requests always receive an answer, technical requests only in as far as possible.



• BOLIVIA •

Agroecología Universidad Cochabamba (AGRUCO)
Fac. de Agronomía, Casilla 3392, Cochabamba, Bolivia. phone +591-42 27485 / 27890. fax +591-42 45613. tlx 6220 CP BV.

AGRUCO is a project of the Universidad Mayor de San Simon and started its activities in 1985. Its main objective is to support education and training related to agroecology and indigenous knowledge within Bolivian institutions. Participatory research in Andean communities is the framework for AGRUCO's training and education activities. Facilitation and revitalisation of

indigenous knowledge of Andean farmers constitutes a new approach for AGRUCO. It issues a very worthwhile series in Spanish, "Serie Técnica", and a free newsletter called "Agroecología y Saber Campesino". It also organises an annual international training course for university professors. AGRUCO operates an information centre, containing some 3,000 documents on rural development, agroecology and indigenous knowledge.



• BRAZIL •

Brazilian Agroforestry Network (REBRAP), Caixa Postal 70060, Ipanema, 22422-970 Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil. phone +55-21 5217896. fax +55-21 5211593.

This network, established in 1988, promotes agroforestry alternatives to deforestation and site degradation. REBRAP produces agroforestry documentation, amongst which a quarterly technical newsletter "REBRAP: Rede Brasileira Agroflorestal". It provides specialised training courses, involving field practice and helps implementing specific agroforestry-based development projects for low-income rural and forest dwellers' communities.

Assessoria e Serviços a Projetos em Agricultura Alternativa (ASPTA)
(Consultancies to Alternative Agriculture Projects), Rua Bento Lisboa, 58-3o andar, Catete, 22211-011 Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil. phone +55-21 2855857. fax +55-21 2658876. email AX:PTA.

This NGO was established with the objective to disseminate documented information on alternative agriculture, small-scale agriculture and participatory technology development, in Portuguese or translations. AS-PTA is part of a Brazilian information network. The institute provides project evaluations and runs a documentation centre with over

10000 documents. It publishes a quarterly journal "Atualização em Agroecologia" and an acquisitions bulletin.



• BURKINA FASO •

Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Sociales d'Afrique Occidentale (CESAO)

(West African Centre for Economic and Social Studies), BP 305, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

This study centre supports development of rural communities, and documents issues related to rural development, including ecological agriculture practices in francophone West Africa. CESAO publishes a bimonthly journal in French called "Construire Ensemble".



• CAMEROON •

Association pour la Promotion des Initiatives Communautaires Africaines (APICA)

(Association for Support to African Community Initiatives), BP 5946, Douala-Akwa, Cameroon.

phone +237 42 12 28.
tlx AGRICHIM 5632 KN.
This non-governmental organisation is active in rural development and transfer of appropriate technology in Cameroon. It manages a documentation centre, has a question-answer service, and provides training. APICA publishes a journal in French named "Communautés Africaines".



• CANADA •

Developing Countries Farm Radio Network (DCFRN), 40 Dundas Street West, Box 12, Suite 227B, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 2C2.

phone +416-593 3752.
fax +416-593 3752.

This network produces radio scripts intended for over 100 Third-World countries, as well as a number of international networks. Subjects are sustainable agriculture, health and nutrition, women in farming, environment, all with a practical focus. All of these scripts are available free, in English, French or Spanish. DCFRN also issues a biannual newsletter called "Voices". DCFRN welcomes all requests for information.



• CHILE •

Centro de Estudios en Tecnologías Apropriadas para América Latina (CETAL)

(Appropriate Technology Study Centre for Latin America), Calle Abtao 576, Cerro Concepción, Casilla 197-V, Valparaíso, Chile. Established in 1979, this centre aims at investigating, developing and disseminating socially appropriate technologies throughout Latin America. Its publications unit has published numerous monographs and translations into Spanish. CETAL also offers courses in ecological agriculture intended for members of Latin American grassroots organisations.



• COSTA RICA •

Centro Agronómico de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE) (Centre for Agricultural Research and Education), 7170 Turrialba, Costa Rica.

phone +506-560858. fax +506-561533.
tlx 8005 CATIE CR.

This International Research and Education Center was founded in 1973 with a mandate of research

and training in the field of agriculture and natural resources in the Americas, specifically Central America, concentrating on smallholders. CATIE publishes numerous monographs and technical series, especially in the field of forestry and agroforestry, but also on economic issues and on agricultural extension. Also published are a number of periodicals: the quarterlies "Revista Forestal Centroamericana", "Revista Agroforestal de las Américas", and the irregular newsletters "Silvoenergía" and "Revista MIP". CATIE operates a database of its collection, out of which documents can be ordered, mostly against a fee. The information centre is open to the public.



• FRANCE •

Groupe d'Etudes et de Services pour l'Economie des Ressources (GEYSER)

(Study and Consultancy Group for Resource Management), 30260 Corconne, France.
phone +33-66771311.
fax +33-66771206.

This French NGO was founded in 1983 and deals with issues like natural resource management, biological, biodynamic and sustainable agriculture. Regions covered are: Latin America, West Africa, North Africa and Mediterranean Countries. GEYSER publishes, together with the Institut Technique de l'Agriculture Biologique, a quarterly journal called "Alter Agri", in French. GEYSER supplies photocopies of documents and bibliographical lists.

Réseau Groupements - Associations Villageoises - Organisations Paysannes (GAO)

(Network for Village Groups and Associations and Farmers' Organisations), 16, rue Claude Bernard, 75231 Paris Cedex 05, France. phone +33-1 44081636. fax +33-1 44081855.

This network was established in 1987. It aims at monitoring and

giving support to local rural development organisations in French-speaking Africa. To reach this goal, GAO helps define development strategies through information exchange. GAO has initiated various working groups. Results and views are published in GAO's quarterly newsletter "La Lettre du Réseau GAO".

Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques (GRET)

(Technological Research and Exchange Group), 213, rue La Fayette, 75010 Paris, France.
phone +33-1 40351314.
fax (+33-1 40350839).
tlx 212 890 F.

This association was established in 1976. GRET is active in the field of information dissemination, networking and R&D. Technology transfer, rural development, agriculture, habitat, small enterprises, and food processing are its fields of interest. GRET publishes numerous works, in French, on these issues. It also issues a quarterly periodical called "Chroniques: Réseaux Technologie, Culture et Développement". GRET animates various networks which respond to questions from the field.



• GERMANY •

International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Oekozentrum Imsbach, D-66636 Tholey-Theley, Germany.

phone +49-6853 5190.
fax +49-6853 30110.
IFOAM, founded in 1972, unites the efforts of its 500 member organisations in 80 countries all over the world to promote organic agriculture as an ecologically and socially sound and sustainable method of food production. The federation aims at information exchange between its members, informing the public, and setting standards for organic products. Apart from regular periodicals, in English and German, IFOAM also publishes other documents, among which the proceedings of

its biannual international scientific conferences. There is a quarterly "Internal Letter" and the quarterly journal "Ecology and Agriculture". IFOAM runs an information centre.

German Appropriate Technology Exchange (GATE), PO Box 5180, D-6236 Eschborn, Germany. phone +49-6196 794801. fax +49-6196 794820. tlx 4 07 501 gtz d. email geo2:netmbk2-fad.

GATE, founded in 1978 as a special division of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), disseminates and promotes appropriate technologies for developing countries, as well as sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. GATE provides support in the form of personnel, material and equipment for the development and adaptation of technologies for developing countries. It collects and disseminates information on appropriate technologies, sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. There is a question-answer service, and a quarterly periodical called "GATE: questions, answers, information". It maintains several specialised databases, among which on sustainable agriculture, and offers free information service for all public and private development institutions dealing with the development, adaptation, introduction and application of technologies. A useful publication is "Information Sources on Sustainable Agriculture in the Third World" by A. Drews, available from GATE.



• HONDURAS •

Centro Internacional de Información sobre Cultivos de Cobertura (CIDICCO) (International Cover Crops Clearinghouse), Apdo. Postal 4443, Tegucigalpa, MDC, Honduras. phone +504-32 6474. fax +504-31 2222. CIDICCO is an NGO established in 1989. This centre collects

information and experiences with cover crops, and acts as a clearinghouse for disseminating experiences. CIDICCO also publishes an English quarterly newsletter "CIDICCO Cover Crop News" and sends information about cover crops on request, against a charge, or as part of an exchange agreement. CIDICCO maintains contacts with more than 500 cover crop users in 67 countries.



• INDIA •

Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation (BAIF), 'Kamdhenu', Senapati Bapat Road, Pune 411 016, India. phone +34 26 21. tlx 0145-7283. The BAIF Development Research Foundation was established in 1967 as a non-profit voluntary organisation. It aims at improving the quality of life of the rural poor in India through regeneration of the degraded resources. This involves a crossbreeding programme, community health, rehabilitation, watershed planning, afforestation and bioenergy. BAIF runs an information resource centre managing documentation for field staff and farmers. It also publishes the quarterly "BAIF Journal", in English. BAIF has established several regional training centres for demonstration purposes and also organises workshops.



• INDONESIA •

Asia Soil Conservation Network (ASOCON), PO Box 133 JKWB, Jakarta 10270, Indonesia. phone +62-21 5703246 / 265. fax +62-21 5700263. tlx 45303 ASOCON IA. An inter-country network for developing programmes dealing with problems of sustainable and environmentally sound land use on a smallholder level. The

network, established in 1989, involves, thus far, members from South-East Asia including China and Papua New Guinea. ASOCON runs an information service. A database on soil and water conservation issues has been planned. ASOCON publishes a 4-monthly English language newsletter called "Contour", provided free of charge until now (this policy might change in the near future).



• KENYA •

Kenya Energy Non-Governmental Organisation (KENGO), PO Box 48197, Nairobi, Kenya. KENGO is a coalition of NGOs working on energy source development and its many applications. KENGO circulates information and materials relevant to all aspects of energy development, including tree planting and appropriate fuelwood technology, throughout Eastern and -more recently- Southern Africa. Publications in English are the "Internal Newsletter" and the journal "Resources". Recently, KENGO has also been involved with genetic resources management.

African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), PO Box 45917, Nairobi, Kenya. phone +254-2 744047 / 744095. fax +254-2 743995. The ACTS is a not-for-profit institution established in 1986 to conduct policy research, training and information dissemination in Africa. Focus points are: technological change, environmental management, and institutional innovation. ACTS Press is an autonomous wing of ACTS and publishes very interesting series and monographs in English with a Kenyan and regional East African orientation.



• MALI •

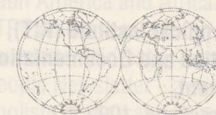
Réseau Sahélien d'Information et de Documentation Scientifiques et Techniques (RESADOC) (Sahelian Network for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation), Institut du Sahel, BP 1530, Bamako, Mali. phone +223-222 148.

This regional information and documentation centre is a joint undertaking of the Sahelian countries united in the CILSS, the Interstate Committee on Drought Control in Sahelian Countries, established in 1973. Its orientation is food self-sufficiency and environmental conservation in the Sahelian countries. RESADOC provides training in information management, operates a bibliographic database with English, French and Portuguese titles, and runs a question-answer service.



• NEPAL •

Institute for Sustainable Agriculture Nepal (INSAN), GPO Box 3033, Kathmandu, Nepal. phone +977-1 471448. fax +977-1 524509. tlx 2439 ICIMOD NP. INSAN is an NGO with a mandate of creating a self-reliant, sustainable, ecologically viable agricultural system in Nepal. Membership of INSAN entitles to discounts on publications and INSAN's 6-monthly Newsletter in English. INSAN also regularly organises regional courses.



• NETHERLANDS •

Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA),

PO Box 380, 6700 AJ Wageningen, The Netherlands. phone +31-8380 60400. fax +31-8380 31052. tlx (44) 30169 CTA NL. CTA was established in 1983, and operates under the Lomé Convention between member states of the European Community and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states. Its mandate is to provide better access to scientific and technical information for the ACP countries in all issues related to agricultural and rural development. CTA maintains close links with research centres and other national and international institutions. It runs a question-answer service, and organises numerous conferences. CTA has an extensive publications programme of monographs, proceedings and translations, and also publishes the bimonthly bulletin "Spore", in English, French and Portuguese. All services of the centre are provided free of charge for nationals of ACP countries.

Center for International Research and Advisory Networks (CIRAN).

PO Box 90734, 2509 LS The Hague, The Netherlands. phone +31-70 3510574. fax +31-70 3510513. email gerardw@antenna.nl. CIRAN is a newly-established centre dealing, in the first place, with indigenous knowledge, on a global scale. It has just published its first issue of the "Indigenous Knowledge & Development Monitor", a quarterly newsletter replacing the well-known CIKARD News. The new journal provides a forum through which IK Centres can interact with people or institutions studying the role that IK can play in truly participatory approaches to sustainable development. The Newsletter is, at this moment, available free, on request.

Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Information and Documentation Department,

63 Mauritskade, 1092 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands. phone +31-20 5688290. fax +31-20 5688444. tlx 15080 KIT NL. The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)

has a long-standing reputation in collecting and disseminating information on tropical agriculture and rural development. The Information and Documentation Department offers several high-quality services, against a fee. It publishes two abstracting journals: "Abstracts on Tropical Agriculture" and "Abstracts on Rural Development in the Tropics". The abstracts contained in these journals are also available on one CD-ROM, "KIT Abstracts". KIT also runs a question-answer service, and provides literature request and document delivery services. Tariffs are available on request.

BOS Foundation (Dutch Forestry Development Cooperation).

PO Box 23, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands. phone +31-8370 95353. fax +31-8370 24988. Promotes information exchange in the field of tropical forestry. Its aim is to increase public awareness of the importance of tropical forests. This is achieved by publishing a newsletter and desk studies. BOS manages a network of people and organisations. It also runs a question-answer service. The English language "BOS Newsletter" is published quarterly.

AGROMISA Foundation.

PO Box 41, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands. phone +31-8370 12217. A non-profit organisation, consisting mainly of students and graduates of the Wageningen Agricultural University. AGROMISA gives advice on agricultural problems, publishes technical brochures, has a library and organises training courses. Their question-answer service is the first priority. Fields of interest are: human nutrition, food processing, biogas, animal husbandry, water and soil management, crop husbandry, agricultural engineering. AGROMISA is backed up by information sources from the Wageningen University. It publishes "AGRODOK", a series of inexpensive, practically-oriented small monographs, in English and French.



• NIGERIA •

Alley Farming Network for Tropical Africa (AFNETA),
c/o IITA, Oyo Road, PMB 5320, Ibadan, Nigeria.

This network, established in 1989, aims at developing sustainable cropping systems based on alley farming and general agroforestry principles, for various agroecological zones in sub-Saharan Africa. The network also aims at reducing environmental destruction by improving the efficiency and stability of land use under smallholder farming systems. AFNETA publishes an English language newsletter called "Afnetan".



• PERU •

Proyecto Andino de Tecnologías Campesinas (PRATEC)

(Andean Project on Rural Technologies), Pumacahua 1364, Lima 11, Peru. phone +5114-729380. PRATEC builds on indigenous knowledge of Andean farmers. It encourages information exchange through the organisation of workshops and various publications, aiming at strengthening an Andean identity of the rural communities. For PRATEC, culture and agriculture are strongly linked and need to be revived.

Consorcio Revista Medio Ambiente

(Publishing Association of "Medio Ambiente"), Apartado 11-0288, Lima 11, Peru. phone +5114 378327. fax +5114 336617 / 378327. email AX:CIED, GEO2:CIED, CIED@RCP.PE. Various organisations have constituted a consortium publishing "Medio Ambiente", a very readable periodical about sustainable development in South America, and, particularly, Peru.

Grupo Asociado Talpuy (Talpuy Association), Apartado 222, Huancayo, Peru.

phone +5114-232126. Talpuy was established in the early 1980s to contribute to the construction of an Andean Technological System through research and experimentation in the traditional practices used by farmers and facilitating communication among farmers. This association issues a remarkable journal in Spanish, called "Minka", every four months, with a distinct focus on Andean culture and identity, but also with much attention for traditional sustainable agriculture practices. Minka has been the vehicle for the building up of a network.



• PHILIPPINES •

Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PhilDHRRA),

59 C. Salvador St., Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Philippines. phone +63-2986944. fax +63-2961335. tlx 23312 RHP PH. This organisation has been publishing "PHILDHRRA Notes" since 1985. This quarterly newsletter in English is a joint endeavour of a network of Philippine NGOs involved in social development among poor communities on a national scale. It contains information about pressing national issues as well as profiles of PhilDHRRA partners and their projects.

Sibol ng Agham at Teknolohiya (SIBAT),

PO Box 375, Central Post Office, Manila, Philippines. phone +63-2994781. fax +63-2994781. tlx 23313 NPC PH. This NGO was established in 1984 to revive and promote sustainable agriculture in the Philippines. The common goal is to promote socio-economic development through grass roots initiatives. The network supports

community initiatives in rebuilding sustainable farming systems in rural areas, through extension, training, information dissemination and community development projects. Apart from other publications, two periodicals are published: the quarterly "SIBAT Newsletter" and the semiannual "SIBOL Journal", both in English. SIBAT runs a regional question-answer service. The information centre is accessible for visitors.

Appropriate Technology Center for Rural Development (ATCRD),

PO Box 7368 Domestic Airport, Post Office, Domestic Road, Pasay City 1300, Philippines. phone +63-2989728. fax +63-25217225. tlx (ITT) 40404.

This NGO was founded in 1984 to provide services on a national level. ATCRD operates a database on appropriate technology and resource management. The information center is accessible for visitors. ATCRD publishes a 6-monthly newsletter English language "ATCRD Digest".

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR),

Silang, Cavite 4118, Philippines. phone +63-2582659. fax +63-25222494. tlx 40856 IIRR PM.

This international NGO has 6 partner national rural reconstruction movements in various countries of the world. The IIRR became involved with sustainable agriculture in 1984. It publishes regular newsletters, and the journal "Rural Reconstruction Review", as well as practically-oriented documents, in English, on issues such as regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, upland agriculture, low-external-input rice farming, and bio-intensive gardening. Various training courses, on a national, regional and international level, are organised on IIRR's campus in the Philippines, which include agricultural extension, rural development and sustainable livelihood.

User's Perspective with Agricultural Research and Development (UPWARD),

PO Box 933, Manila, Philippines.

phone +63-9450015/19, +63-9450235. fax +63-28178470 / 8182087. tlx 40890 RICE PM.

UPWARD is a network of researchers dedicated to redirect agricultural research and development towards users, with a distinct focus on marginalised, resource-poor households. It is an initiative of the International Potato Centre in Asia. UPWARD focuses on the production and utilisation of root crops. UPWARD advocates a broad vision of food systems rather than looking at individual production factors, and supports research in the areas of production systems, genetic resources and marketing, processing and consumption. It has organised conferences and workshops on a regional level, where research findings were presented and discussed. UPWARD also sponsors several training programmes, in the framework of a training-of-trainers philosophy, publishes a newsletter in English, "Notes from the Field", and operates a library.



• SENEGAL •

Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN),

C.P. 3, Dakar-Fann, Senegal. phone +221-251808. fax +221-254521.

Development field staff can benefit tremendously from sharing their experiences and ideas. But network activities very often tend to reach only more senior staff of both GO and NGOs. Information very rarely gets to the workers at the grassroots and their voice is seldom heard. The Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN), established in 1988, tries to facilitate networking at this grassroots level. They issue an excellent journal called "Baobab" and also publish other documents. In addition, ALIN has supported the organisation of regional workshops, but it does not run a documentation centre. Their networking functions can generate fruitful contacts, though.

West Africa Rural Foundation (WARF),

C.P. 13, Dakar-Fann, Senegal. phone +221-254953 / 241400. fax +221-254953.

The West Africa Rural Foundation (WARF), a prolongation of the PRAAP programme (Programme de Recherche-Appui des Associations Paysannes), is an independent, international, non-governmental African institution. WARF works in Senegal, Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, and Guinea, where it seeks to solve the problems of rural society by strengthening rural organisations and promoting participatory methods of research and development. WARF gives grants to African organisations. It organises training programmes and seminars on non-profit organisational development, participatory methods for village development, and on agricultural research and natural resource management.

ENDA-PRONAT (Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde (ENDA),

Equipe Protection Naturelle (PRONAT)) (Third World Environment and Development, Natural Crop Protection Team), BP 3370, Dakar, Senegal. phone +221-225565. fax +221-222695. tlx 51 456 SG.

ENDA, an NGO founded in 1981, aims at supporting people at grass roots level in Senegal. It carries out study programmes with a number of partners and also acts as a publisher of very relevant documents in the field of resource management, sustainable agriculture, storage and others. The study group of PRONAT publishes a French language newsletter "Nouvelles de PRONAT", containing articles on biological pest control, farmers' experimentation, and agroecology. A number of translated articles from the ILEIA Newsletter have appeared in this periodical.



• SPAIN •

Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN),

Jonqueres 16, 6^o D, E-08003 Barcelona, Spain.

phone +34-33105909.

fax +34-33105952.

email geo2:grain.

This foundation studies the problem of erosion of genetic diversity. Its orientation is clearly political and awareness-raising. GRAIN has produced numerous publications on new biotechnologies, and their potential impacts on developing countries. GRAIN has built up a network that critically monitors these new developments, lobbying for conserving and utilising genetic resources for the benefit of the poor and the powerless. The bimonthly journal "Seedling", in English, is sent free of charge to interested groups and individuals.



• SWEDEN •

Forests, Trees and People Programme (FTPP),

IRDC, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SUAS), Box 7005, S-750 07 Uppsala, Sweden. phone +18-671000. fax +18-673420.

tlx 819 50 68 UNRUDEV S.

This network is designed to share information about improved strategies to support efforts by rural people to best utilize their natural resources, especially trees and forests. It is part of the global Forests, Trees and People Programme (FTPP), which is coordinated by the Community Forestry Unit of the FAO, Rome, Italy. The network is run as a collaborative effort between the International Rural Development Centre (IRDC) at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden, SILVA in Paris, France and regional facilitators in Asia, Latin America and Africa. The FTTP issues a quarterly newsletter "Forests, Trees and People Newsletter", available in English, French and Spanish, free of charge to interested institutions or individuals working with community forestry and related rural development activities. In addition, over

40 other publications related to this theme are available. There are regional contact points, a list of which is available at IRDC.



• SWITZERLAND •

Innovations et Réseaux pour le Développement (IRED)

(Development Innovations and Networks), 3, rue de Varembe, Case 116, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

phone +41-22 7341716.

fax +41-22 7400011.

IRED is an international network, with a distinct focus on grassroots organisations. It acts as a facilitator in exchanges of experiences among the member associations. IRED assists in setting up and developing local networks, and provides technical support on training, management, organisation, appropriate technologies, financing, and policy issues. IRED has set up various network nodes that can assist in information gathering. IRED issues a quarterly newsletter in French, English and Spanish, "IRED Forum". This periodical also contains addresses of the regional contact points.

AGRECOL (Agriculture and Ecology), c/o Oekozentrum, CH-4438 Langenbruck, Switzerland.

phone +41-62 601420.

fax +41-62 601640.

The Swiss NGO AGRECOL was created to support farmers in the Third World in implementing new ecofarming methods based on traditional knowledge and capable of coping with present-day challenges. AGRECOL acts as an information centre facilitating access to existing practical and theoretical knowledge on ecologically sustainable farming methods and systems. AGRECOL wants to contribute to the self-determined development of rural people, based on harmony with their natural and social environment. AGRECOL makes its document collection and knowledge base available to interested parties, with a focus on Africa and Latin

America. It networks between persons and institutions engaged in sustainable agriculture and organises national and international workshops. AGRECOL operates a limited question-answer service. The centre is open to visitors. AGRECOL publishes regular bibliographies on sustainable agriculture and occasional technical books. Finally, it supports the creation of information centres in Africa and Latin America.



• THAILAND •

Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) Thailand,

17 Phahonyothin Golf Village, Phahonyothin Road, Bangkok, Bangkok 10900, Thailand.

phone +5133031 / 5347.

CUSO is an independent Canadian development organisation that funds and implements self-reliance projects. There are branches in several developing countries. CUSO Thailand has been involved in the promotion of sustainable agriculture in South-East Asia, a.o. traditional rice-fish farming in Northern Thailand. CUSO conducts conferences, workshops and field days. The organisation issues two interesting newsletters in English, the "Sustainable Agriculture Newsletter" and the "Small Farm Newsletter", as well as conference proceedings.



• UNITED KINGDOM •

International Bee Research Association (IBRA),

18 North Road, Cardiff CF1 3DY, United Kingdom.

phone +44-22 2372409.

fax +44-22 2665522.

IBRA, founded in 1949, is a non-profit scientific trust providing a comprehensive information service on all aspects, practical

and scientific, of bees and beekeeping. IBRA maintains a large information network with members from many countries, organises conferences and workshops, disseminates information through numerous journals and other publications, and also operates a library service. It provides retail services in apicultural publications.

Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG),

Myson House, Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HT, United Kingdom. phone +44-78 860631. fax +44-78 8540270.

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The Intermediate Technology Development Group is an international development agency which works with rural communities in the Third World. Its aim is to enable poor people to develop and use productive technologies and methods which give them greater control over their own lives and which contribute to the long-term development of their communities. ITDG is active at all levels, from the provision of education materials and curriculum development in schools to advising policy makers. ITDG has several field projects, runs a consultancy service, provides training in the use and application of improved technologies, and operates a technical enquiry unit. ITDG issues, amongst others, the quarterly "Intermediate Technology News". Through its subsidiary company IT Publications Ltd., an extremely wide range of interesting books on appropriate technology, sustainable agriculture and environmental issues are available at low prices. The catalogue "Books by Post" is available on request.

Henry Doubleday Research

Association (HDRA), National Centre for Organic Gardening, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3LG, United Kingdom.

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The HDRA was established in 1958. It acts as a research centre for organic horticultural research in the UK, but also in the tropics. Its role is to improve methods of organic growing and to promote

organic cultivation, and also, more generally, sustainable ways of production. The HDRA also implements projects in developing countries. Various publications are available free on request, amongst others on multipurpose trees. The HDRA Overseas Department operates a tree seed distribution project and responds to requests for information and advice on tropical organic agriculture. Both these services are available free of charge to anyone in developing countries.

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED),

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The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), established in 1972, has worked together closely with the development assistance community for the last two decades promoting sustainable development in the Third World. It advises bilateral and multilateral agencies on development policies and programme work relating to environmental issues in developing countries. It carries out its role of promoting the sound management and sustainable use of natural resources through three main channels of activity: policy research, advocacy and services. IIED's programme work is made available to a wide audience through its many publications - books, research reports, journals, technical papers. A specific mention for "Haramata" and the "Gatekeeper" series, both very useful publications. IIED's publications catalogue is available on request.

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The Overseas Development Institute was founded in 1960 as an independent centre for

development research and a forum for discussion. The Institute is engaged in policy-related research on a wide range of issues which affect economic relations between the North and South, and influence social and economic policies within developing countries. ODI provides consultancies to international bodies. It operates a well-stocked library, the "Index to Development Literature" of which one can subscribe to. ODI organises four specialist agricultural networks of practitioners and researchers in agricultural research and extension, irrigation management, pastoral development and social forestry. ODI publishes various monographs, newsletters and papers, amongst which we mention: "ODI Briefing Papers", available free of charge and "ODI Working Papers", available at low prices. All four networks publish their own newsletters, available free of charge to the network members. A publications list is available free on request.



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World Resources Institute (WRI), 1709 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, USA. phone +1-2026386300. fax +1-2026380036. tlx 64414 WRIWASH.

The WRI is a policy research center created in 1982 to study issues on natural resource management in relation to sustainability. The Institute's research aims, on a global level, at providing information (in the form of numerous English language publications) and developing politically and economically workable proposals. WRI also provides field services and technical programme support for GOs and NGOs in developing countries. The institute operates a database, with variable charges for requests. Among the publications, there is the extremely interesting annual

"State of the World", a periodical called "World Watch" and a series "Worldwatch Papers" on specific issues in relation to a sustainable society. The documentation centre is open for visitors.

World Neighbors, 4127 NW 122 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-8869, USA. phone +1-4057529700. fax +1-4057529393. tlx 510 600-2674.

World Neighbors was established in 1951 as a non-profit organisation with a general mandate of eliminating hunger, disease and poverty in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It tries to reach these goals through strengthening the capacity of marginalised communities to meet their basic needs. Programme priorities are food production, community-based health, family planning, water and sanitation, environmental conservation and small business. People's participation in these programmes is of paramount importance. World Neighbors produces quality learning materials, of a very practical nature, and offers these through a catalogue which is available on request. There is a biannual newsletter: "World Neighbors in

Action", which is published for field staff, in English, French and Spanish.

Nitrogen Fixing Tree Association (NFTA), 1010 Holomua Road, Paia, HI 96779, USA. phone +1-80825988555. fax +1-80825988555. tlx 5101004385 NITRO FX TREE ASN.

Formed in 1981 as a non-profit corporation, the NFTA aims at more widespread use of nitrogen-fixing trees through research, workshops, curriculum development and technical assistance publications in English. "NFTA Highlights" are technical information sheets. There is also an annual "NFTA Research Reports" and the biannual newsletter "NFTA News". NFTA maintains regional contact points for question-answer services.

Rodale Institute, 611 Siegfriedale Road, PO Box 323, Kutztown, PA 19530, USA. phone +1-2159675171. fax +1-2156838548. tlx 6503141861 MCI. Rodale Institute is a non-profit educational and research organisation. The Institute works closely with farmers, scientists

and extension agents to develop sustainable farming methods. The organisation is active in worldwide networking to build up self-reliance through regenerative agriculture. Rodale organises numerous courses on themes related to sustainability. Rodale publishes a bimonthly newsletter "International Ag-Sieve: a sifting of news about regenerative agriculture" and also various other works of interest. Rodale Senegal (BP A 237, Thiès, Senegal) publishes a French version: "Entre Nous: Bulletin d'Echange d'Informations sur l'Agriculture Régénératrice". The Senegalese branch also operates a question-answer service.

Heifer Project International, PO Box 808, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, USA. phone +1-5013766836. tlx 4949415.

This association, in existence since 1944, publishes a practically-oriented newsletter on animal husbandry issues. Up to 10 copies of reprints of articles listed in the newsletter can be ordered free of charge. Heifer also publishes their own material, available against moderate prices. The association publishes a bimonthly newsletter in English, free of charge, the



"Heifer Project Exchange" with a special insert on Women in Livestock Development (WILD).

Coordination in Development (CODEL), Environment and Development Program, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1842, New York, New York 10115, USA. phone +1-2128703000. CODEL is a private, non-profit consortium of some 40 development agencies working in developing countries. CODEL funds community development activities that are locally initiated and implemented. These activities include agriculture, water, forestry, health, appropriate technology, and training projects. The Environment and Development Program provides workshops and information to document the urgency, feasibility, and potential of an approach to small-scale development that stresses the interdependence with human and natural resources. Codel distributes, free of charge (but contributions are welcomed), the quarterly "Codel News", in English.

International Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture (IASA), Newman Center, University of Minnesota, 1701 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis,

Minnesota 55414, USA. phone +1-6123311099. fax +1-6123791527. IASA is a not-for-profit organisation, founded in 1983 to realise sustainable agriculture on a worldwide scale. It encourages networking through its newsletter "Manna". It has also published a directory, a resource guide and other works of interest, in English.

Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA), 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 500, PO Box 12438, Arlington, Virginia 22209-8438, USA. phone +1-7032761800. fax +1-7032431865. tlx 440192 VITAUI. email internet: vita@gmuvax.gmu.edu; bitnet: vita@gmuvax. VITA is a private, non-profit organisation engaged in international development. Since its inception in 1959, VITA has been committed to helping people in developing countries improve the quality of their lives through the collection, distillation and transfer of information. VITA maintains an international inquiry service, broadcasts a weekly Voice of America radio programme, produces a variety of publications including an electronic newsletter, conducts communications training and

information management courses, and directs several overseas projects that promote economic growth and protection of the environment.

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, PO Box 376, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110-9537, USA.

This institute, established in 1985, is an autonomous, nonprofit organisation, aiming at increasing agricultural productivity, improving nutrition and general well-being through sustainable agricultural development. Its main areas of emphasis are human resources, renewable resources, food policy, animal agriculture and farming systems. It organises numerous workshops, often in conjunction with local organisations. Winrock operates a book store named 'Agribookstore', with many interesting titles in English. A catalogue is available on request

For further information on Information and Documentation Centres, here are some useful resource guides:

Planting the future: a resource guide to sustainable agriculture in the third world by Meera Nanda. Minneapolis: International Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, 1990. 309 p.

Working towards LEISA: a register of organizations and experiences in Low-External-Input and Sustainable Agriculture in the Philippines: a startup for a Philippine network on LEISA by Vickee Garcia-Padilla. Pangasinan (Philippines): AGTALON - ILEIA, 1990. 159 p.

Information sources on sustainable agriculture in the third world by Andreas Drews. Eschborn: GATE, 1992. 145 p.

Agriculture écologique en Afrique francophone: bibliographie sélective commentée - organismes - périodiques. AGRECOL, ENDA, GEYSER, INADES, 1987. 96 p.

Agroecología en América Latina: una guía by Irene Täuber, Christoph Beau. AGRECOL, GEYSER, 1987. 144 p.

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