

**ESP/UWEX International Committee  
Meeting Notes  
October 14 2005**

**Present:** JoAnn Hinz; Arlen Albrecht; Tom Cadwallader; Marty Havlovic, Mary Ellen Brown, Faden Fulleylove-Krause; Aliasha Crowe; Tom Syverud; and John Preissing.

**1. Recent Trip Updates:** Recent trips or programs were discussed.

A. Mary Crave reported on her involvement with the USDA President's initiative on Education in Africa. This includes school gardens and nutrition in schools. Her project work is in Brazzaville or the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There is also some possible tribal college involvement in this project. Mary did report that the project was looking for an additional agricultural specialist for the November timeframe.

B. Tom Syverud reported on his work with the Kenya GEM project. It is an HIV/AIDS community nutrition project focusing on home and community gardens with UW Stevens Point and Marquette universities in the lead. He will have a 50% appointment to this project over the next one to three years. The immediate goals are to train 200 community health workers and to install up to 1000 gardens. Arlen Albrecht is also working with this project. He noted that there may be potential for others to become involved in this project in the future.

C. An update was provided on current Wisconsin-Nicaragua work. Twenty women from Nicaragua traveled to Wisconsin representing diverse regions and groups from the country. They were here for training and exchange. They were also key guests for the WI-NI 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

D. Arlen Albrecht reported that the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partnership will be doing more work with the Wisconsin National Guard, particularly focusing on health and nutrition and disaster prevention/recovery work. The organization will be seeking volunteers much like the Farmer-to-Farmer program; that is, people for 1-2 week stints to assist in their areas of expertise. There will also be exchanges in this program.

E. Arlen Albrecht also reported that Jim Resick and he will travel to Ciudad Dario for project work with WINROCK as well.

**2. Eastern Africa Farmer to Farmer Update:**

John reported that due to continuing problems in Eritrea, the eastern Africa project is focusing on Ethiopia. Intensive training programs are being requested. John recommended inviting Mary Albrecht, the program lead, to speak to our group at the next audio conference in December. The group approved this by consensus.

**3. Updates on Work from Goals Two and Three:**

No new activity was shared. It was suggested that we share our international work and goals with the UW Colleges over time, perhaps inviting them to share. [The goals are presented below]

**4. Outreach Scholarship Conference:**

Mary Crave, JoAnn Hinz, and Marty Havlovic presented at this year's conference, adding to our goal of greater scholarship on our global relations work. They reported that the presentation was well received.

**5. Other Business:**

A. JoAnn Hinz and John Preissing on their work with the NELD Extension leadership program. They are on a team focusing on an international seminar – Leading in a Global Age. This program will take place in Miami from December 7 – 10, 2005.

B. John briefly discussed Arlen Leholm's email on the Millennium Challenge Corporation. The Corporation is a quasi-public/private effort to foment international economic development using more private sector involvement. It is an approach favored by the current administration and may be one of the trends in international economic development. Arlen will be invited to our next conference call to discuss this and other questions concerning our international work.

**6. Next meeting:** The next meeting was set for Friday December 2, 2005 at 11:00 AM via Wisline Audioconference. *John will contact Mary Albrecht and Arlen Leholm to invite them to join us.*