

ESP Global Relations/International Committee *Minutes*  
December 22 2006 WisLine

Present: Arlen Albrecht, Tom Cadwallader, Mary Crave, Andrew Dane, Faden Fulleylove-Krause, Joann Hinz, John Preissing, Tom Syverud, Otto Weigand

1) Tom Cadwallader discussed his experience with the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA) volunteer assignments. They are a smaller organization working with cooperatives and individual farmers on entrepreneur development projects. The organization provides a very complete scope of project work, itinerary and contact list prior to the assignment. Home stays are common. ANRE agent Ken Williams is currently on a vegetable project assignment with CNFA.

2) Otto Weigand reported on his recent Farmer to Farmer assignment in Guyana. He described the country in general, climate, lay of the land, etc., and made observations on the educational system, agriculture, business activities, availability of products, volunteer working conditions. His trip report is posted to the International Committee's Webpage.

3) JoAnn Hinz reported on the two professional development opportunities; the Puentes/Bridges Mexico Immersion Trip and the Mexico and Its Culture Trip, a MSU program. The Puentes trip was held in late November/early December and the MSU trip will be held in February, lead by Mary Andrews, retired MSU international liaison. The Puentes trip has been held before with participants from the western side of the state. The trip was well-received and included home stays, learning about the area's culture, meeting family members with relatives in the States, language training and discussions about immigration issues and challenges that face immigrants.

4) Updates to International Committee Website completed;  
Example resume' includes 'Prior International Experience' section  
Link to Journal of Extension article: 'Jumpstart Your International Extension Experience with Farmer-To-Farmer'  
Additional webpage suggestions:  
Re-send to the link to the Assessment Tools on the webpage  
Retrieve older trip reports from the WI/NICA partnership webpage

5) Excerpt from Jumpstart Your International Extension Experience with Farmer-To-Farmer

Active Farmer to Farmer Programs and Countries of Assignments

ACDI/VOCA ([www.acdivoca.org](http://www.acdivoca.org)) – Caucasus, Eastern Africa, Russia  
CNFA ([www.cnfa.org](http://www.cnfa.org)) – Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine  
Florida A & M University - South Africa  
([www.famu.edu/acad/colleges/cesta/internatl-ag.htm](http://www.famu.edu/acad/colleges/cesta/internatl-ag.htm))  
Land O' Lakes – Angola, Malawi, Mozambique  
([www.idd.landolakes.com/programs.asp?Program=FarmerToFarmer](http://www.idd.landolakes.com/programs.asp?Program=FarmerToFarmer))

OCI International – Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal  
([www.oicinternational.org/FtF/FtoF.htm](http://www.oicinternational.org/FtF/FtoF.htm))

Partners of the Americas – Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica  
([partners.net/what we do/agriculture and environment/farmer to farmer/index.htm](http://partners.net/what_we_do/agriculture_and_environment/farmer_to_farmer/index.htm))

Virginia State University ([www.vsu.edu](http://www.vsu.edu)) – Eritrea, Ethiopia

Winrock International ([www.winrock.org](http://www.winrock.org)) – Asia, Central Asia, Latin America

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