

ESP Global Relations 2004 Annual Report

Mission: *The purpose of UWEX Cooperative Extension international efforts is to contribute to the improvement of Wisconsin and international communities through the sharing of expertise and experiences*

Vision: *UWEX will have a focused, vibrant, and active international program linking Wisconsin to the world to benefit our staff, communities, and international partners.*

We currently have approximately ten active committee members and about 31 total members, based on our current mailing list and recent survey. Dave Muench represents us from the ESP board.

At our 2005 action planning retreat we identified three goals:

- ❑ Develop individual capacity of UWEX staff to lead in a global society
- ❑ Develop institutional capacity to assist UWEX staff and communities to succeed in a global society.
- ❑ Provide scholarly framework for UWEX international programs.

2004 Activities and Accomplishments

This past year was a very busy and productive one for the committee and its members in their international work.

- ✓ Approximately ten people traveled overseas on assignments - to Nicaragua, Kenya, China, and to CIS states (former Soviet bloc countries).
- ✓ Our Internationalizing Extension grant, a CSREES initiative, was completed. This was led by JoAnn Hinz and Tom Cadwallader. The highlight was an intensive workshop with 40 participants representing all program areas and of UWEX Cooperative Extension. The attendees heard excellent guest speakers and completed a number of group exercises that were used to further our goal and action planning development.
- ✓ The excellent partnership between Wisconsin's Partners of the Americas and Nicaragua was diminished when Partners of the Americas was not awarded the USAID Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Developed international set of web pages for UWEX, providing a one stop place for resources, policies, tools, opportunities, and committee business. See the pages at: www.uwex.edu/ces/international.
- ✓ International skills assessment tool was developed to assist faculty and staff in understanding how the current skills match what international programs skills are needed. Successfully piloted at the fall Central District In-service. Available at website.
- ✓ Three presentations were made at the Second USDA CSREES Globalizing Extension Conference held in early 2005 in Orlando. Six people from Wisconsin attended.

- ✓ The display developed in 2003 was used for the 2004 Department Head conference and JCEP conference.

2005 – 2006 Goals:

- ✓ Continue to implement the committee goals.
- ✓ Develop a cross-cultural (domestic diversity) professional development opportunity. This may be in conjunction with our multiculturalism initiative.
- ✓ Seek to create more matches for people to international experiences
- ✓ Offer training on international activities and using international skills assessment tools.
- ✓ Explore the development of an international center for UWEX.
- ✓ Teach communities and stakeholders new perspectives about our place/their place in a global society.
- ✓ Develop partnerships with other UW system organizations, non-profits, and others to enhance our international programming.
- ✓ Promote and explore further scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ Enhance ties with Winrock International, who now leads the Central American Farmer to Farmer program. Explore ties with Virginia State University who now leads the African Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Continue to support Partners of the Americas, through participation in their programs and organization.

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