

UWEX ESP Global Relations Committee 2005 Annual Report



***Purpose:** 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*

The ESP Global Relations Committee has joined with others from UWEX who, while not part of ESP, have been active historically with international work. We currently have approximately ten active committee members and about 31 total members, based on our current email list. Last year Faden Fulleylove-Krause joined us from the ESP board.

From our January 2005 planning retreat we identified three goals. Action plans have been developed and are in varying stages of being implemented. The goals are:

- ✓ **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.**

2005 Activities and Accomplishments

- ✓ Approximately 15 people traveled overseas on assignments, most of which went to Nicaragua through the Farmer to Farmer program. We are building a relationship with the Winrock Foundation, the new partner in Nicaragua for the Farmer to Farmer program. We continued to work with Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners, our long standing collaborator. We expanded a relationship with the Wisconsin National Guard on projects in Nicaragua.
- ✓ Through UW Stevens Point's and Marquette University's grant, we supported an ambitious HIV/AIDS prevention and nutrition project. Tom Syverud and Arlen Albrecht were the lead extension participants.
- ✓ Assisted UWEX in developing and delivering the NELD session on globalization in Miami.
- ✓ Submitted two (unsuccessful) grants to the USAID/Mexico TIES program.
- ✓ Had guest presentations to our Committee meetings – 1) the national ESP Global Relations Chair, Kendra Wells; 2) Arlen Leholm on the Millennium Challenge Corporation; and 3) Mary Albrecht on the eastern Africa Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Aliesha Crowe, JoAnn Hintz, Tom Cadwallader, Mary Crave, Yvonne Horton, and Arlen Leholm represented UWEX at the second CSREES Globalizing Extension Conference. They made three presentations.

- ✓ Aliesha Crowe, Mary Crave, JoAnn Hintz, and Marty Havlovic presented at the national Outreach Scholarship Conference.
- ✓ Completed our Action Planning Retreat. Through working meetings and small groups, made progress on the three goals.

2006 – 2007 Goals:

- ✓ Continue to implement the committee goals.
- ✓ Update our website to coordinate the international activities occurring and opportunities for UWEX.
- ✓ Host a poster session for the 2006 JACEP Conference. The focus will be on visually interesting opportunities.
- ✓ Continue to enhance ties with Winrock International, who now leads the Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Continue to support Partners of the Americas, through participation in their programs and organization.
- ✓ Explore more opportunities for programs and exchanges with the east African Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Pursue more training elements to develop our staff's capacity in international work.
- ✓ Work on a succession plan for international program leadership.

ESP/UWEX Global Relations Committee:

Arlen Albrecht	Mary Ellen Bell	Robert Burke
Mary Crave	Aliesha Crowe	Carl Duley
Karen Early	Martin Havlovic	JoAnn Hinz
Paul Ohlrogge	Dave Williams	Larry Jones
Ed Hass	Richard Pederson	Jeanine Knapp
Tom Syverurd	Tom Cadwallader	Brenda Janke
Andrew Dane	Otto Wiegand	John Preissing, Chair
Faden Fulleylove-Krause, ESP Representative		

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