

ESP Global Relations Committee - 2006 Annual Report

Purpose:

The purpose of the UWEX Cooperative Extension international program is to contribute to the improvement of Wisconsin and international communities through the sharing of expertise and experiences of extension staff.

The ESP Global Relations Committee has joined with others from the University of Wisconsin (Extension International Committee) in the continuing effort to 'Internationalize Cooperative Extension'. While members of the International Committee may not be part of ESP, all participants have been active in International work or are interested in participating in international work. Currently we have 15 active committee members and over 50 on the email list. Tom Syverud, Committee Chair regularly reports to the ESP Board. 2006 ESP Board Rep – Faden Fulleylove-Krause.

Three main committee goals have been identified;

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

2006 Activities and Accomplishments

- Approximately 20 faculty and staff participated in a range of international assignments this past year. Projects were conducted in Jamaica, Guyana, Nicaragua, Kenya, Bolivia, Congo, Rwanda and Moldova.
- Additional tools were added to the Extension International Committee webpage to help facilitate faculty and staff participation in international work, including additional staff trip reports, an example resume for international work and more opportunity listings. Visit the webpage at www.uwex.edu/ces/international
- A display on international opportunities was utilized at the 2006 JCEP Conference, for the 2007 JCEP Conference the focus is on the Guyana Modernization Project.
- The working relationship with several active agencies sponsoring the Farmer to Farmer Programs was enhanced, offering more opportunities to faculty and staff. These include the following with countries of most participation listed; CNFA – Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Partners of the Americas – Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Virginia State University – Ethiopia and Winrock International – Latin America

- The committee was asked by US AID to make comments on a project proposal to ‘Help Modernize the Guyana Extension Service’. After suggestions were made, the Partners of the Americas Washington Office and Guyana’s Minister asked UW Extension to lead the project. Two senior staff, Cadwallader and Preissing will be a facilitation team in spring 2007, a team of 6 to 8 will conduct a review the summer of 2007. Many more individual opportunities will be available.

Future Committee Goals Include;

- Modify the ESP Global Relations website to provide more international related information and to compare with the Extension’s International website
- Continue to implement the committee’s goals
- Continue to identify more international opportunities
- Continued website improvement

ESP Global Relations/ International Committee core members;

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

Visit the International Committee webpage at www.uwex.edu/ces/international

Visit the ESP Global Relations webpage at

www.uwex.edu/ces/admin/esp/committees/global.html

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