

**ESP/UWEX International Committee
Meeting Notes
June 10,, 2005**

Present: JoAnn Hinz; Arlen Albrecht; Tom Cadwallader; Faden Fulleylove-Krause; Aliesha Crowe; Tom Syverud; and John Preissing.

1. Recent Trip Updates: Three recent trips or programs were discussed.

A. Tom Cadwallader will be traveling to Moldova next week for a two week program to meet with greenhouse growers. It will focus on marketing related issues for the horticulture industry. It is sponsored through the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA). Their website: <http://www.cnfa.org/>.

B. Arlen Albrecht reported that the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners working in conjunction with the Wisconsin National Guard is seeking up to four agricultural professionals for a mid-July week long training program at UNA of Nicaragua. The areas are forestry, dairy nutrition, forage crops, and artificial insemination. This is sort of sudden because other speakers are not participating that were originally counted upon.

C. Also with the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners a group of 4H members, two Extension members, and chaperones are traveling to Nicaragua for a 10 project and exchange trip. We will ask Jean to share the results later.

2. Update from the JCEP Conference: Faden reported that there was an interested group of people that learned about our current work. She thanked JoAnn for sharing her materials. About 12 people participated. We have not learned yet if there are potential new members for our committee.

3. TIES Grants: John shared that two proposals were submitted with UWEX involvement. One was with UW-Oshkosh focusing on water basin management and education in Mexico while the other focused on outreach and extension training around entrepreneurial and new agriculture ventures. He will check with Ken Shapiro and John Kerrigan (or Tom Grogan) for any updates.

4. Kenyan Project: Arlen Albrecht and Tom Syverud shared the project with the group. The overall goal is to improve the well-being of HIV/AIDS patients and their communities. The UW Stevens Point project is active in the intensive gardening domain of the project. Arlen and Tom have conducted needs assessments for the intensive community gardening projects. When the project is approved Tom will most likely be the stateside project consultant as a 50% time appointment. His work will include two to three trips per year, project management, and training and orientation for others going to the project. This is being operated at UW SP through their Global Environmental Management Center.

5. Strategic Plan Actions: The committee reviewed the plan, which is located at the website under “About Us.” For each of the three goals we a number of strategies and actions exist. See the following update below:

Goal 1 – Develop individual capacity of UWEX staff to lead in a global society. We are not working on these strategies and action plans first.

Goal 2- Develop institutional capacity to assist UWEX staff and communities to succeed in a global society. We are working on two strategies

A. Develop international center for UWEX. Our first task is to explore current international center models. Tom Cadwallader will learn about OSU and Cornell’s models; JoAnn Hinz will learn about University of Miami’s; Tom Syverud will learn about Penn States; and John Preissing will look into Purdue’s and North Carolinas. We ask each person review the institutions’ website and to reach their contact person international extension programming. The exploration should be focused on what is the institution’s main activities; how are they funded; and what is their organizational structure. The four people should report out on this investigation with no more than a one page summary for the next meeting.

B. Teach communities and stakeholders new perspectives about our place/their place in a global society. Tom Cadwallader and perhaps Jean Berger will explore the CSREES funded training modules developed by Purdue and others. They will report back at the next meeting.

Goal 3 – Provide a scholarly framework for UWEX international programs.. Two initial strategies and another one from today’s meeting have been developed to reach this goal.

A. Aliasha Crowe and Mary Crave will promote and prominently place scholarship related materials on our site and explore links to other sites.

B. No work is going on yet to recognize and recommend international work and and scholarship for tenure and promotion.

C. We will seek to have the actual trip reports or summarized and re-purposed international trip reports for our website. This is a form of sharing and providing examples of the work. Aliasha and Mary will be asked for progress on this by the next meeting.

6. Next meeting: The next meeting was set for August 18, 2005 at 11:00 AM via Wisline Audioconference. *Faden offered to make a contact with the national ESP international committee chair. We may invite the person to attend, via wisline, to our next meeting.*