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THE UA MAGAZINE IN 2004

RUAF is in the final months of its first phase and the partners are working hard to continue the activities in a second phase of work. At the same time, the RUAF partners have decided to use this moment to look back and document in book form the state-of-the-art in urban agriculture, as well as the achievements and challenges ahead. One major result of this project is that only two issues of the *UA Magazine* will be published this year. We have decided that after this issue on gender and urban agriculture the next issue (no. 13) will focus on urban and periurban forestry. The planned issue on multi-functional urban land use will be postponed until next year. The articles submitted so far will be used for that issue, unless of course they are appropriate contributions for inclusion in issue no. 13.

NO. 13 URBAN AND PERIURBAN FORESTRY, OCTOBER 2004

Deadline for submissions is 1 July 2004.

This issue will be published in collaboration with the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre, the Danish Forest and Landscape Research Institute, and the Forestry Division of FAO. Despite the explicit reference to forestry in the name RUAF, we have not had a special issue as yet on the topic, since other issues have taken priority. But the call for attention to urban greening, parks, agroforestry, etc., has come from a number of different quarters. This special issue will therefore focus on the relation between urban agriculture and forestry in the city. Contributions are invited that discuss concepts and methodologies; advantages and potential; disadvantages and risks of different types of urban agroforestry, and the influence of site-specific conditions therein; the access to and the control over resources such as land, water, and inputs; and legal arrangements.

THE UA MAGAZINE IN 2005

The topics suggested for 2005, and on which you may start submitting your ideas, abstracts or articles, are:

- multi-functional land use and agro-tourism
- urban food systems and urban agriculture
- urban aquaculture
- contribution of urban and periurban agriculture to the Millennium Development Goals

Other topics suggested by the RUAF

partners are

- strengthening urban farmers' groups and organisations

- agriculture in urban policy development; multi-stakeholder approach; mayors and senior municipal staff; NGOs
- urban soil and water pollution
- risk management strategies in urban agriculture
- urban and periurban-based food industry; chain of productionproduct quality management and private enterprises
- (transition strategies to) commercial urban agriculture

We welcome article contributions on urban agriculture of approximately 2,500 words (three pages), 1,700 words (two pages), or 800 words (one page), preferably accompanied by an abstract, references (maximum of 5), figures and digital images or photographs of good quality. The articles should be written in a manner that is readily understood by a wide variety of stakeholders all over the world. We also invite information on recent publications, journals, videos, photographs, cartoons, letters, technology descriptions and assessments, workshops, training courses, conferences, networks, web-links, etc.

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All back issues of the *UA Magazine* have been translated into Portuguese by Mr Joaquim Moura of Brazil, with the support of RUAF in collaboration with UMP-LAC. The articles are published on the web site <http://www.agriculturaurbana.org.br/RAU/>

VIDEO ON-LINE

A part of the RUAF Urban Agriculture Video has been put online, on the Cities Feeding People website of IDRC. The video has been produced to facilitate a greater understanding of urban agriculture among policy-makers, urban planners, NGOs, sectoral organizations and other people who can make a contribution to the integration of urban agriculture into urban planning policies, plans and development programmes. If you would like to have a look at it, please go to: http://web.idrc.ca/ev.php?ID=46121_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC or to www.idrc.ca/cfp and click on Publications and then Videos. The same will be done for the video, titled: "Making a living along the Musi river: Wastewater use in and around Hyderabad City", produced by IWMI-India in 2003, with support of ETC-RUAF and DFID.