

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **SUSTAINABLE FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL BY 2020: FROM DIALOGUE TO ACTION**

*International Congress Centre of the Federal Parliament, Bonn, Germany September 4-6, 2001*

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in close collaboration with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) will organise this event. The conference takes stock of the current situation, reviews progress in achieving sustainable food security since the first 2020 Vision conference in 1995, and offers state-of-the-art projections for scenarios in 2020. The meeting will focus on the emerging issues that are most likely to affect the global goal of achieving sustainable food security for all by the year 2020, and to prioritise actions. For more information and registration, you can visit [www.ifpri.org/2020conference](http://www.ifpri.org/2020conference).

### **DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2001: DIFFERENT POVERTY DIFFERENT POLICIES**

*Manchester University, Manchester, UK, September 10-12, 2001*

The sessions of this conference will include issues of poverty and poverty reduction, agrarian and land reform, urban poverty, livelihood frameworks and poverty analysis, international policy and poverty, e-development and development management. Some of these concepts would be valuable for debates on urban and peri-urban agriculture. For further details, contact the Conference Secretary, Debra Whitehead by e-mail: [dsa2001@man.ac.uk](mailto:dsa2001@man.ac.uk) or visit <http://www.bham.ac.uk/DSA/events.htm>.

### **LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) POLICY WORKSHOP FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA**

*Harare, Zimbabwe, September 10-14, 2001*

This workshop, organised by the Municipal Development Programme, is part of its joint programme with the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Netherlands, in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe. The workshop is meant to bring all strategic players together to enable them to share experiences and options for sustainable economic development at the local level. The role of urban and peri-urban agriculture in the LED will be part of the workshop module. For details, please contact the Director, George Matovu by e-mail: [gmatovu@mdpesa.co.zw](mailto:gmatovu@mdpesa.co.zw).

### **RAINWATER INTERNATIONAL 2001 AT MANNHEIM, GERMANY 10<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS CONFERENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RAINWATER FAIR**

*10-14. September 2001*

Rainwater harvesting within an integrated water resources management concept is one important step forwards to a sustainable water future. The conference will reflect on the growing realisation that rainwater harvesting offers great potential in solving domestic and agricultural water problems in humid and semi-arid areas and also many critical urban-related water issues. It will provide a global platform and an exchange forum for technologies and concepts across countries and continents.

More information: <http://www.rainwaterconference.org/english/programme.htm>

### **SUSTAINING FOOD SECURITY AND MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: CHALLENGES FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

*Thailand, January 8-11, 2002*

This international symposium will discuss possible approaches and innovations that should contribute to achieving food security, reducing poverty and raising food production under sustainable natural resource management in Southeast Asian countries.

For more information visit: <http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/symposium2002>.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "ONE WORLD: RESEARCH FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE"**

*Bonn, Germany, October 9-11, 2001*

The *Deutsche Tropentag* (DTT) 2001 will be held as a two-day conference on tropical and sub-tropical agriculture and forestry, organised jointly by the Universities of Bonn, Berlin,

Göttingen, Hohenheim and Kassel-Witzenhausen, as well as by the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research (ATSAF e.V.), in cooperation with BEAF/GTZ. One symposium of this conference is planned to deal specifically with urban and peri-urban production systems. More information is available at: [http://www.uni-bonn.de/akci/dtt\\_1.htm](http://www.uni-bonn.de/akci/dtt_1.htm)

### **URBAN AREAS - RURAL AREAS AND RECYCLING: THE ORGANIC WAY FORWARD**

*Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 19 - 21, 2001*

This seminar is organised by the working group on Organic Farming of the Danish University Consortium on Sustainable Land Use and Natural Resource Management. After a one-day excursion to an organic farm and an ecological village, a two-day seminar will discuss ecological development of post-industrial societies, focusing on themes such as the consequences of local integration of food production (including urban agriculture); recycling; eco-villages and local self-sufficiency; local collaboration between consumers, processors, distributors and producers; and research needs. More information can be obtained by e-mail: [jma@kvl.dk](mailto:jma@kvl.dk) or telephone: +45 3528 3491

### **IFOAM 2002 ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS: CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES**

*Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, August 21-28, 2002*

The IFOAM 2002 Organic World Congress "Cultivating Communities" will bring together representatives of the organic movement from around the world, and is open to everyone interested in organic agriculture and sustainable development. The event combines the 14th Organic World Congress, the 4<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Exhibition, the 7th International Congress on Viticulture and Wine, and the IFOAM General Assembly.

For more information about Canadian Organic Growers, visit: [www.cog.ca](http://www.cog.ca).

For more information about IFOAM, visit: [www.ifoam.org](http://www.ifoam.org).

### **REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON URBAN AGRICULTURE**

*Quito, Ecuador, November 2001*

The "Cities Feeding People Programme" of the International Development and Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, is collabo-

rating with UMP-LAC/UNCHS-Habitat and its anchoring institute IPES in the development and implementation of the first regional training course on urban agriculture. Specific support to the project will also be provided by ETC-RUAF, NRI-UK and the FAO. The course will allow twenty (20) municipal staff members, researchers, NGO professionals, and representatives of producer or marketing organisations to discuss and evaluate proposals for action-research and concrete intervention in urban agriculture, in order to influence planning and management of their cities. For more information, contact Marielle Dubbeling, Urban Management Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (UMP-LAC/IPES) by e-mail: [marid@pgu.ecuanex.net.ec](mailto:marid@pgu.ecuanex.net.ec)

**MANAGING BIODIVERSITY IN AGRICULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS**

*Montreal, Canada, November 8-10, 2001*  
This meeting is organised by the United Nations University in collaboration with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. More information at <http://www.biodiv.org/areas/agro/default.asp>

**REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS**

**URBAN AGRICULTURE AS PART OF A NEW LANDSCAPE STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES**

*University of North London, UK, June 29, 2001*  
As part of the Architecture Week, organised by the Arts Council, the Low Energy Architecture Research Unit at the University of North London, UK, hosted this conference on Urban Agriculture, which consisted of a series of presentations and short workshop sessions. Contributors explored urban, architectural, environmental, economic and social benefits of Urban Agriculture. The main issues were: “likely strategies for establishing urban agriculture within urban regeneration proposals”; “joining existing research to promote or test the viability of urban agriculture”; financial viability of urban agriculture as a means of local food production. More information can be obtained from Andre Viljoen, Deputy Director of the Low Energy Architecture Research Unit by e-mail: [a.viljoen@unl.ac.uk](mailto:a.viljoen@unl.ac.uk) or at: [www.studioBandV.co.uk](http://www.studioBandV.co.uk).

**ZIMBABWEAN INITIATIVE, UA STAKEHOLDER FORUM**

*MDP Offices, Harare June 18, 2001*  
This meeting made an inventarisation on what has been happening in UA in Zimbabwe. MDP has been asked to further facilitate the process of discussing the subject, which should lead to a policy document on urban agriculture.

**NATIONAL NEEDS ANALYSIS ON TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION NEEDS IN SE AFRICA**

As part of the RUAF Programme, MDP facilitated National Consultative Workshops in June 2001 on the status of Urban Agriculture in Zimbabwe (as well as Zambia, Botswana, Malawi, Tanzania) and the needs of Information, Training and Communication. Reports on the workshops in Tanzania and Botswana can be found on page 24 and 27. Reports on the other countries will be published in the next issue of the *UA-Magazine*, and on the ruaf website [www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org)

**SUBREGIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATION ‘URBAN AND PERI-URBAN HORTICULTURE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES’**

*Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa, January 16-17, 2001*  
The University of Stellenbosch, South Africa under the auspices of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations hosted this meeting which focused on the use of low-cost and simple technologies for crop diversification by small-scale farmers in urban and peri-urban areas of Southern Africa. A full report is available on the RUAF [www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org) and FAO [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org) websites, or contact Lizl Hobson at [LHOB@akad.sun.ac.za](mailto:LHOB@akad.sun.ac.za).

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE (NGOC) OF THE CGIAR**

*Durban, South Africa, June, 2001*  
This workshop was about how NGO and small-farmer organisations could exert more influence on agricultural research for development - not only by the CGIAR centres but also by other research organisations. Urban agriculture was mentioned as one area in which NGOs are involved in research and development. The mid-term meeting of the CGIAR focused on the restructuring of the CGIAR system. If you are interested in further information about regional priority-setting for research in southern Africa - for CGIAR centres and national, subregional and regional research organisations - you might like to get in touch with PELUM (Mutizwa Mukute) - the current NGO contact point for the joint efforts of the CGIAR and the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) in this direction. Email: [pelum@ecoweb.co.uw](mailto:pelum@ecoweb.co.uw).

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: COPING WITH INFORMALITY AND ILLEGALITY IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN DEVELOPING CITIES**

*Leuven and Brussels, Belgium, May 23-26, 2001*  
This was the annual event of N-AERUS: Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South. Papers presented had relevance to issues of urban governance and urban agriculture. Further details and papers can be obtained at: <http://www.naerus.org>.

**HABITAT ISTANBUL + 5**

*New York, USA, June 6, 2001*  
On June 6 and 8 the Istanbul +5, special session of the General Assembly, took place to evaluate progress five years after the Habitat II. This time it was held in New York and convened by the UN Centre for Human Settlements. More information can be found at <http://www.un.org/ga/istanbul+5>. Several discussions were organised simultaneously. One of them was the “Food for the Cities: Food Insecurity and Urban Management” organised by UNCHS, IDRC and FAO. This parallel event had the aim of sensitising participants on the issue of urban growth and its impact on urban food security. Presentations were given on food distribution, the role of urban agriculture and cases from Latin America by UMP/LAC. Dialogue was facilitated by a video presentation. More information can be obtained from the respective organisations, or at: <http://www.unchs.org/istanbul+5/pel2.htm>

## THE AGRICULTURE-URBANISATION INTERFACE IN COASTAL LEBANON AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

*The French Cultural Centre of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, June 13-16, 2001*

The regional information and training needs assessment under RUIAF was jointly organised with a workshop on the results of a four-year running research programme in Lebanon (see *UA Magazine* no. 3).

The programme was meant as a foundation for broader regional exchanges, which would cover neighbouring countries in the southern and eastern Mediterranean basin. The coastal Lebanon programme and the regional needs assessment are coordinated by Joe Nasr, vice-president of The Urban Agriculture Network (TUAN) and researcher at the CERMOC. CERMOC is also the main host. The Lebanon programme is included within the activities of the *CERMOC's Observatoire de recherches sur Beyrouth et la reconstruction*. For further information, contact: Joe Nasr by e-mail: joenasr@compuserve.com

## PARTNERS

### URBAN FOOD INSECURITY AND VULNERABILITY MEETING

The FAO Regional Office for East and Southern Africa based in Harare, Zimbabwe is holding periodic meetings on this topic and brings together members from key international development institutions as well as local stakeholders. For further details on these initiatives, contact Farayi Zimudzi or Karori Izumi from the FAO Subregional Office for SE-Africa. Email: Kaori.Izumi@fao.org

### FORMULATION OF URBAN AGRICULTURE POLICY ADVISORY TOOLS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

As part of its "closing the loop" activities, the "Cities Feeding People" programme initiative will collaborate with the Urban Management Programme, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (UMP-LAC/UNCHS- HABITAT/UNDP) and its anchoring institute IPES to produce a set of seven Policy Briefs known in Spanish as *Directrices o lineamientos de Política*, intended for local governments in the LAC Region. The general content will include: arguments for better municipal policies on UA, examples of good municipal practice, practical

planning and management guidelines, and resources. The purpose of the Briefs is to raise awareness, mobilise support for and strengthen capacities and provide ways for municipal governments to implement urban agriculture programmes and policies. The Briefs will discuss and define strategic approaches for disseminating new knowledge and an agenda for change. Draft Briefs will be validated by the target group, convening the LAC City Working Group on Urban Agriculture and Food Security, and the Latin American Chapter of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA-LAC), the Federation of Municipalities of Central America (FEMICA) and the Caribbean Local Governments Association (CALGA). The Briefs will be disseminated by sending 20,000 copies (in both Spanish and English) to municipal urban governments throughout the region.

For more information, contact Marielle Dubbeling, Urban Agriculture Adviser, Urban Management Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (UMP-LAC/-IPES) by e-mail: marid@pgu.ecuanex.net.ec

### NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH NETWORK ON URBAN AGRICULTURE: RED AGUILA

AGUILA, the network of Latin American and Caribbean institutes and organisations working on urban agriculture (see earlier issues of the *UA Magazine*) is again complete. Since January 2001, the Secretariat of AGUILA has been managed by the Institute for Promotion of Social Economy- IPES, located in Lima, Peru. The new Executive Secretary who recently started in Lima, is Mario González Novo. Together with Gunther Merzthal and Maritza León they form the Aguila Secretariat. For further information, contact Aguila by e-mail: aguila@ipes.org.pe

### AGROPOLIS

Agropolis is the research and training awards programme, coordinated and led by the IDRC on behalf of the Support Group on Urban Agriculture (SGUA). Agropolis supports innovative Masters' and Doctoral research in urban agriculture around the world. Each award covers field research expenses of up to CA\$ 20,000 for the research period (between 3 and 12 months).

#### The deadline for applying for 2002 awards is December 31, 2001.

Agropolis now has its own homepage in three languages. Please link to:

<http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/agrhome.html> for English

<http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/fagrhome.html> for French

<http://www.idrc.ca/cfp/sagrhome.html> for Spanish

#### Agropolis Award themes

AGROPOLIS International Graduate Research Awards in Urban Agriculture AGROPOLIS. The AGROPOLIS award recipients for 2001 are:

- ❖ CHUO, Adamu Nsangu (Mr.) from Cameroon, on "Urban Agriculture and Physical Planning: A Case Study of Zaria Urban Area, Nigeria";
- ❖ DANSO, George Kwasi (Mr.) from Ghana on "Perception and willingness to pay for composted municipal waste and night soil by farmers of different urban and peri-urban farming systems in three Ghanaian cities (Kumasi/Tamale/Accra)";
- ❖ HOVORKA, Alice (Ms.) from Canada on "Exploring the Effects of Gender on Commercial Urban Agriculture Systems in Gaborone, Botswana";
- ❖ ABULO, Grace (Ms.) from Uganda, on "The Assessment of Heavy Metal Pollution To Crops Grown Around Kampala City Kampala, Uganda";
- ❖ NGUYEN, Quang Linh (Mr.), from Vietnam, on "The Use of Local Feed Resources to Strengthen Animal Smallholdings and Poverty Alleviation in Urban Hue, Central Vietnam"
- ❖ SCHAMI, Danielle J. (Ms.), from Canada, on "Planning for Sustainable Urban Food Systems: From Toronto to Guadalajara"

This site, on Water and Environmental Health, is managed by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the Water, Engineering and Development Centre, Loughborough University, and further supported by a network of collaborating institutions. WELL is a resource centre promoting environmental health and well-being in developing and transitional countries.