

## EVENTS

### CONGRESS ON AGROFORESTRY (ORLANDO, USA)

27 June – 2 July 2004

Agroforestry professionals worldwide, from academic institutions and government organisations, the private sector and voluntary groups, will gather for this 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Agroforestry in Orlando, Florida, USA. The main objective is to share knowledge and develop strategies for research, education and training in agroforestry. Visit the congress web site for further details: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/wca>

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN AGRICULTURE, URBANAG 2004 (BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA)

Mid-2004.

*Urbanag 2004* will focus on the city of Brisbane, and its role as global leader in urban agricultural practices, as well as emerging urban agricultural trends in the Western Pacific region. More information: Geoff Wilson. Phone +61 7 3349 1422; fax 61 7 3343 8287; e-mail: [fawmpl@powerup.com.au](mailto:fawmpl@powerup.com.au). [www.urbanag.info](http://www.urbanag.info) Australia.

### ASSURING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN AFRICA BY 2020 (KAMPALA, UGANDA)

1-3 April 2004

Food and nutrition security remain Africa's most fundamental challenge. However, Africa has climbed back on the agenda. There are new political initiatives gaining momentum both inside and outside the continent. This all-Africa conference will bring together the traditional and new actors and stakeholders to deliberate on how to bring about change and action to assure food and nutrition security. The International Food Policy Research Institute, under the auspices of its 2020 Vision Initiative, will facilitate an international conference in Kampala, Uganda, in partnership with the Government of Uganda. For more info: [www.ifpri.org/2020AfricaConference/sponsors.asp](http://www.ifpri.org/2020AfricaConference/sponsors.asp)

### URBAN RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM (WASHINGTON, USA)

15-17 December 2003

In December 2002, individual researchers, representatives of public and private organizations and members of research networks from around the world joined World Bank specialists to review recent and ongoing research on urban poverty. That conference marked the Bank's renewed interest into urban research and allowed this institution to reconnect. The Bank likes to see the Symposium to become an annual forum. This

second Urban Research Symposium is taking place at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC and is titled "Urban Development for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction". Contact: [urbansymposium@worldbank.org](mailto:urbansymposium@worldbank.org); telephone: 202-473-0539; fax: 202-522-3232. or [www.worldbank.org/urban/symposium2003](http://www.worldbank.org/urban/symposium2003)

### FIRST GLOBAL WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) FORUM (DAKAR, SENEGAL)

1 - 5 December 2003

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) is organising this Forum, with the objectives of examining lessons learnt from successful water, sanitation and hygiene programmes; the impact of sector reforms and development partnerships on the eradication of poverty; and the strengthening of regional and national partnerships. Further announcements on this event will be made later this year. Web address: [http://www.wsscc.org/load.cfm?edit\\_id=332](http://www.wsscc.org/load.cfm?edit_id=332)

### 4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE (MEXICO CITY, MEXICO)

12 - 14 November 2003

This event is organised by the International Water Association (IWA), Mexican Federation of Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (FEMISCA), Mexican Association of Environmental Engineers (CINAM), Institute of Engineering - National Autonomous University of Mexico (II-UNAM). It will focus on regulations; integrated management; agricultural reuse; potable reuse; industrial reuse; and public services. Visit: <http://pumas.iingen.unam.mx/isw/> or contact: Blanca Jiménez, Instituto de Ingeniería, UNAM, [iwa@pumas.iingen.unam.mx](mailto:iwa@pumas.iingen.unam.mx) or Alma C. Chávez Mejía, [acm@pumas.iingen.unam.mx](mailto:acm@pumas.iingen.unam.mx)

### ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE: "OPTIMISING AGRICULTURAL LAND USE IN THE CITY AREA" 3-22 November, 2003.

The objectives of this Electronic Conference are: to share and discuss local experiences on

- ❖ Alternative strategies to improve access of the urban poor to land within the city boundaries for food production;
- ❖ The development and enforcement of municipal by laws, norms and regulations on access to land for urban agriculture.

It is intended to base the conference on discussions within a pre-selected core group of participants that have valuable experience on the topic. The RUAF partners will select 5-10 resource persons in each region, who will be invited to actively participate in the discussions, drawing from the four main case studies developed by the resource persons. Other participants are invited to follow the discussion and make contributions. The discussions will take place via email. The first part of the conference will inventorize and analyse the strategies used to promote access to land, while the second part will discuss the development of adequate laws, norms and regulations. A summary of the discussions on each part will be available at [www.ruaf.org/conference](http://www.ruaf.org/conference)

### THE PERI-URBAN INTERFACE IN DEVELOPING AREAS: APPROACHES TO SUSTAINABLE NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE USE. ANNUAL CONFERENCE (LONDON, UK)

3 - 5 September, 2003

The periurban interface in developing areas is characterised by intense pressure on natural resources by increasing human activity. The Developing Areas Research Group of Royal Holloway, University of London (CEDAR, Department of Geography) is organising this event to present ongoing research and findings. The impacts of rapid urbanisation on livelihoods and poverty in the PUI and the resulting pressures on land and water are major issues. Presentations will focus on the implementation of sustainable

solutions, the problem of reconciling human needs and with resource sustainability. Contact: Duncan McGregor (d.mcgregor@rhul.ac.uk)

## **NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FOOD POLICY COUNCILS (DES MOINES, IOWA)**

*September 4 & 5, 2003*

This National Workshop aims to promote the IOWA official bodies of the Local and State Food Policy Councils, which comprise of stakeholders from various segments of state or local food systems. The workshop is sponsored by Drake University (Agricultural Law Centre) and the Iowa Food Policy Council. For more information, please check: [www.statefoodpolicy.org](http://www.statefoodpolicy.org)

## **XI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS (MEXICO CITY, MEXICO)**

*25 - 29 August, 2003*

This conference is an annual event organised by the International Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (IRCSA). The 2003 theme is "Towards a New Green Revolution and Sustainable Development Through an Efficient Use of Rainwater". The main topics to be discussed are: food security, prevention of land degradation, impact on society, economy and ecology; supply/sanitation concerns, water quality; mega cities and rural communities; promotion through educational programmes and women's participation; irrigated and dryland agriculture.

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## **24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY GARDENING ASSOCIATION (ACGA), (CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)**

*July 31-August 3, 2003*

This was the yearly National meeting of the Community Gardening Association (ACGA) to gather people involved in all aspects of community gardening, food security, and greening programs to share experiences and learn from each other.

## **10<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON VEGETABLE CROPS PRODUCTION (ARUSHA, TANZANIA)**

*July 7-November 7, 2003.*

The Africa Regional Programme of the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre (AVRDC-ARP) was established in 1992 in Arusha, Tanzania, to help improve nutrition, health, employment, and income of the poor in Africa.

This intensive training course on vegetable crops production is offered to African professionals and involves a mix of lectures and hands-on laboratory and field studies. Emphasis is placed on vegetable crop species identified by African NARES as deserving high priority. The training course has been designed for research and extension personnel from national research and extension institutions, including Universities, NGO's and private sector.

For more information on future courses and the course curriculum, contact: The Director, AVRDC Regional Center for Africa, P.O. Box 10, Duluti, Arusha, Tanzania, Tel: +255-27-2553093/2553102; Fax: +255-27-2553125 E-mail: [avrdc-arp@cybernet.co.tz](mailto:avrdc-arp@cybernet.co.tz)

## **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON URBAN LAKE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (HYDERABAD, INDIA)**

*16 - 18 June, 2003*

Lakes are important freshwater ecosystems that perform many important functions in urban areas. In the last 50 years, lakes have been degraded due to over exploitation and improper management. Scientists, Governments & Civil society will have to work together in order to preserve and manage this natural heritage. Hyderabad Urban Development Authority (HUDA) has undertaken conservation of lakes within the metropolitan boundaries of the

historical city. Recognizing the need for such initiatives in other parts of the country, HUDA organised this 3-day International Workshop, in an effort to focus national and international attention on this long neglected area.

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## **FOOD AND SOCIETY (FAS), HOUSTON TEXAS May 2003**

This was the third annual meeting of the FAS programme, a networking conference sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation. The focus of the discussion was on food systems that promote healthy communities, people and ecosystems, and the main driving forces. Remarkable events were the face to face conversation between Unilever and the Burlington, Vermont Intervale Collaborative of 15 small-scale urban farmers, and representatives of USDA talking directly to labourers, refugees and inner-city Youth. Jac Smit of TUAN (RUAF partner) ran a workshop Entitled: "Location, Location, Location", (which is a real estate slogan), examining the significance of promoting and actualising food production as close as possible to communities with a high level of food insecurity. Although this meeting was held in one of the five richest countries in the world, most of the emerging conclusions are applicable in towns and cities on all five continents and the discussions are relevant to low-income communities, global agribusiness, agriculture ministries and departments and municipalities and metropolises. Many of the Conference presentations are available at: [www.foodandsociety.org](http://www.foodandsociety.org)

## **DESIGN, ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF URBAN AGRICULTURE FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

*January 12 - 23, 2004 in Wageningen, The Netherlands*

A course for people involved in policy formulation and action planning, from NGO's, private and public sector involved in urban agriculture for poverty alleviation and management or even re-vitalization of new and old cities. The course discusses practical cases and theoretical backgrounds to the problems and opportunities of integration of urban agriculture in sustainable urban development. It also provides methodologies and participatory approaches to assist participants in preparing action plans for their own conditions. The range of specialists and experience represented by the organizers and the participants themselves guarantees access to up to date information and networks. The course is organized by the International Agricultural Centre ([www.iac.wur.nl](http://www.iac.wur.nl)) and the Resource Centre on Urban Agriculture and Forestry (RUAF) of the ETC-Foundation ([www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org)). More information from:

<http://www.iac.wur.nl/services/training/urbag/>

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