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Dear colleagues,

November must be the month of newsletters: we have four newsletter announcements today, from the GFU, Ecoagriculture Partners, ISHS-SETS and Agora. All of them are interesting to read and invite readers to make contributions for a wider audience. I was pleased to see that at least 2 ICUC-News readers took up the invitation to submit abstracts to the special issue Biodiversity that we announced a couple of weeks ago.

ICUC, together with the GFU is preparing for the CGIAR Annual General Meeting in Beijing China 2-5 December. We will be organising a side event on 2 December and will also be present with an exhibition stand – see 4.2 for more information.

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With best wishes,
Hannah

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1. Funding & Job opportunities

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1.1 Three Vacancies: African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) Project

[from Vicki Wilde]

Project Manager – Mentoring/Training Specialist – Science Communications Specialist

THE CGIAR GENDER & DIVERSITY PROGRAM (G&D) wishes to recruit a dynamic team to deliver an innovative new project to build up the talent pool of African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD).

Specifically, we are looking for:

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- a Project Manager: a scientist with expert project management and communication skills, proven leadership ability, and broad knowledge of agricultural research issues in Sub-Saharan Africa;
 - a Mentoring & Training Specialist: a scientist with expertise in mentoring and training staff, and good knowledge of Sub-Saharan African agricultural R&D networks; and
 - a Science Communications Specialist: a communications professional with strategic and operational skills spanning a range of media.

All three appointees will possess commitment to the professional development of women, knowledge of Sub-Saharan African agricultural science systems, and highly-developed team skills. The appointees will be supported by two administrative staff.

We provide a gender- and diversity-friendly work environment, and we particularly encourage African women and men to apply.

For each of the position announcements, we have provided:

- an overview of the AWARD project;
- the role description for each position;
- the selection criteria for each position; and
- information on how to lodge applications.

Please go to the links below for more information on the position you are interested in.

Application deadline: the deadline for receiving applications for all three positions is 21 December 2007.

- Project manager:
http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/cast_the_net/G&D_AWARDProject%20Manager.doc
- Communication Specialist:
http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/cast_the_net/G&D_AWARDScienceCommunicationsSpecialist.doc
- Mentoring and Training Specialist:
http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/cast_the_net/G&D_AWARDMentoringTrainingSpecialist.doc

The CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program is hosted at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), Nairobi, Kenya. For more information, please visit <http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org>

Thank you.
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You can view back issues at: http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/newsletter/GD_news.asp

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1.2 Nutrition Coordinator/DGO – Harvest Plus Program

[from Howard Bouis]

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to ask you to help us identify candidates to replace Christine Hotz, who regretablely will be leaving us as the HarvestPlus Nutrition Coordinator. Below is the job announcement that will appear in the Journal of Nutrition and American Journal of Clinical Nutrition in December.

There is no specific timetable for Christine's departing as Nutrition Coordinator -- she will help with the transition to the new person. We hope that Christine can still take charge of some projects that she started, on a consultancy basis, and so help to reduce the workload on the new person coming in.

TITLE: NUTRITION COORDINATOR
DIVISION: DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
LOCATION: WASHINGTON, D.C
GRADE: 17/18
REPORTS TO: HOWARTH BOUIS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR – HARVESTPLUS PROGRAM
CLOSING DATE: 1/3/08

Job Summary

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a Nutrition Coordinator for the HarvestPlus Challenge Program, one of four Challenge Programs (CPs) approved by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The Nutrition Coordinator will provide overall leadership for research related to human nutrition and food technology under this inter-disciplinary project. This position is a three-year, fixed term, renewable appointment based at IFPRI headquarters in Washington DC.

HarvestPlus is an international, multi-disciplinary alliance, which seeks to breed and disseminate staple food crops, which are relatively high in bioavailable micronutrients as a promising means to reduce micronutrient malnutrition in developing countries. The initial target micronutrients are iron, zinc, and vitamin A. HarvestPlus involves collaboration between ten CGIAR Centers and a large number of partner institutions in developing and developed countries.

Essential Duties

Specific duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Oversee the implementation of scientific, state-of-the art methods to assess micronutrient content and bioavailability in food, as well as micronutrient absorption and status using in vitro, animal and human models.
- Commission research in the areas of human nutrition and food technology (e.g. bioavailability studies, efficacy trials, retention studies) for more than ten staple food crops (in particular rice, wheat, maize, cassava, orange sweet potato and bean); oversee contracts that are awarded.
- Commission research in the area of 'Nutritional Breeding Objectives' research which seeks a better understanding of bioavailability-related research issues; oversee contracts that are awarded.
- Along with the Program Director and other members of the Program Management Team:
 - Implement the strategy of the program and decide on the allocation of its resources
 - Interact with the Program Advisory Committee
 - Help in the planning of and participate in annual project meetings (also selected crop meetings)
 - Facilitate information flows across the Program components
 - Identify potential sources of funding for specific nutrition-related activities; participate in proposal writing, and reporting to the international donor community
 - Contribute to technical capacity building efforts in countries where biofortified staple foods are being developed and/or tested
- Recommend strategic directions for the Program especially relating to nutrition activities and their interface with other components of the program. This includes regular contacts with program coordinators and collaborators to strengthen multidisciplinary exchange across the program.

- Conduct outreach/networking with health and nutrition communities, within the Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and the interested public as required.

Required Qualifications:

- PhD degree with specialization in human nutrition.
- Minimum 7 years working experience in developing countries, with experience in planning and implementing nutrition research trials in developing countries.
- Good knowledge and understanding of the links between agriculture and health, in particular on the role of biofortification in integrated strategies to combat micronutrient deficiency disorders. .
- Good interpersonal communication skills, writing ability and administrative skills; and ability to work in multidisciplinary teams.
- Substantial international travel
- Excellent written and spoken English.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in supervising nutrition research projects in developing countries.
- Good understanding of plant sciences.

IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply.

TO APPLY:

IFPRI Employees: Please send cover letter & resume – via email – to Alma López.

External Candidates: Go to www.ifpri.org. Click on “Careers” and “Research” to link you to Position # 07-160 – NUTRITION COORDINATOR – DGO. Please complete on-line application, including a complete curriculum vitae and a detailed letter of interest. Also complete section providing 3 references.

For more information on HarvestPlus and IFPRI, visit our website at www.harvestplus.org and www.ifpri.org.

1.3 AVRDC-The World Vegetable Center: Director General

The World Vegetable Center is seeking a new Director General for appointment by April 2008. The Center is an internationally funded, autonomous, nonprofit research and development organization headquartered in Taiwan with regional centers in Thailand, India and Tanzania, sub-regional offices in Uzbekistan, Syria and Mali, and national or project offices in six other countries across Asia and Africa. The Center has a global mandate and an annual budget of about US\$18 million. Its mission is to conduct research and development leading to the alleviation of poverty and malnutrition in the developing world through increased production and consumption of safe vegetables, especially for those living on less than two dollars per day.

Initially focused on Asia, the Center is now the leading vegetable research and development organization for the developing world. Its activities are conducted in partnership with the private sector, national agricultural research systems, CGIAR and non-CGIAR international agricultural research centers, advanced research institutes, universities and non- governmental organizations. Over the last five years the Center has been in a phase of renewal which has included the renovation of its headquarters’ laboratories, administrative offices and housing. Its research and development work has also been refocused into five major themes covering germplasm conservation, genetic enhancement, seed and safe vegetable production, post-harvest management and human nutrition.

Globally, the Director General is responsible for providing strategic vision leadership and overall management for more than 50 internationally-recruited staff and about 300 nationally- recruited staff.

He or she must understand and be able to articulate global research and development needs. This will ensure that scientists are motivated to deliver global public goods and that the funding agencies of developed and developing countries, foundations, trusts and other donor organizations continue to support the Center's operations. The Director General is also responsible for creating and ensuring the successful implementation and outcome of projects and initiatives such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded vBSS Project, the Global Horticulture Initiative, and CIMBAA - Collaboration on Insect Management for Brassicas in Asia and Africa. The Director General reports to a multi-national Board of Directors composed of members representing countries that participate in and make financial contributions to the Center and major financing agencies which contribute to the Center.

The position requires a highly experienced professional who has a good combination of the following qualities:

- A Ph.D. or equivalent in an agriculturally-related biological or social sciences
- discipline and extensive knowledge of agriculture in the developing world, including the vegetable sector;
- An established international reputation in the management of a scientific research unit or institution, especially the vision, good judgment, and ability to inspire and lead a multidisciplinary, multi-national, multi-ethnic team of highly qualified scientists;
- Demonstrated ability to raise financial, technical and political support for innovative research and development programs;
- Experience and skills in intellectual property rights, appropriate utilization of biotechnology, and application of modern information and communications technologies;
- Effective communication skills in written and spoken English, with additional language skills desirable;
- Diplomatic sensitivity and a keen awareness of global affairs;
- Willingness to travel extensively throughout the world, often under demanding conditions.

The salary and benefits package for the Director General is attractive, managed through AIARC, and comparable with those of similar international institutions. The Director General's term is four years and renewable. Further information about the Center can be found at www.avrdc.org.

Application procedures:

Applications should be submitted by 15 December 2007 and include a detailed curriculum vitae and a letter of interest and qualifications. They should be sent by email to the Chair of The World Vegetable Center Director General Search Committee at dgsearch@netra.avrdc.org.tw. Strict confidentiality will be observed in all cases.

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2. Workshops & Training Courses

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2.1 Fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Government to encourage the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.

The Fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning will take place in London, U.K., from 13 -17 July 2008, hosted in collaboration with the University of London. Theme: "Access to Learning for Development". www.col.org/pcf5

Dear Colleague,

Until 30 November 2007, you can submit proposals for the Fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF5). Should you encounter any difficulty in submitting the proposal online, we can provide you with an 'offline' form which you can send us by fax or email. The form is available on our website (<http://www.col.org/pcf5>) or by email.

With the overarching theme of 'Access to Learning for Development', PCF5 will take place in London in July 2008. Further information on how to propose a contribution is available online: <http://www.col.org/pcf5/participate>

Contributions can, for example, take the form of a formal academic paper, a workshop or a poster presentation. At this stage, a simple proposal of content and form is all that is required. All contributions should address the general conference theme 'Access to Learning for Development'. The Forum's sub-themes are: governance, conflict and social justice; health; livelihoods; provision for children and young people.

The conference website <http://www.col.org/pcf5> provides detailed information on conference themes, confirmed speakers and the history of the Pan-Commonwealth Forum.

If you are interested in contributing to the programme of PCF5 and have any particular questions, please feel free to send us an email (pcf5@london.ac.uk).

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3. Publications & Information

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3.1 October 2007 update from the GFU [from Paul Bordon]

Dear GFU news readers,
Who funds work on underutilized species?

Trying to make the point, we are proud to offer you a revised version of the donor database with the intention to assist fund seekers more efficiently.

The structure of the database has been improved, allowing easier browsing. Please note that we have posted on GFU home page only part of the funding opportunities, the complete listing is available by clicking on the link "Check for more Funding Opportunities..." that you will find below and on GFU's home page.

The information provided in this database intends to give a picture of the donor agencies which include underutilized plant species into their portfolio. When browsing through the information please keep in mind that the mandate and portfolio of each of the funding agencies listed is often much broader than the one described here; the survey has been conducted considering the needs of the community dealing with underutilized species.

Each of the agencies listed is associated with the funding opportunities offered.

The data stored reflects the situation as of October 2007; no matter how much we strive to keep it up-to-date, this is always work in progress.

We would appreciate to hear from you about any amendments that this database might require.

The database about underutilized species is growing and stores now 400 plant species with links to relevant sources of information, projects and much more.

You may want to help in enriching the information we are storing here and that integrates all the information posted on the GFU web portal with the plant species as an entry point.

We would like to point out two postings that contain loads of information, hoping to be also useful for you. The GFU has been granted the opportunity to make available all relevant presentations and training materials that come from these two events (links to be found below in the message and on line)

- Training material from "Enhancing agrobiodiversity use: markets and chains (Training Workshop: Wageningen International 21 May - 1 June 2007)"
- Presentations from the "Second PROTA International Workshop and Investors' Forum"

We look forward to hearing from you about anything you would like to share and see included on this platform.

As usual, we are looking forward to hearing from you with comments and suggestions of any kind that will help us improve our service.

Thanks to all that have contributed

Enjoy the reading!
Your GFU team.

Full items are posted on our home page (www.underutilized-species.org)

FEATURE STORY

Originating Center and Domesticating History of Sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) in the Azerbaijan Republic
(the web version and an archive of all the feature stories is to be found on our home page)

WHO IS DOING WHAT WITH UNDERUTILIZED SPECIES

6 Projects added to the database this month

- The morphology, cytology and reproductive biology of African yam bean *Sphenostylis stenocarpa* (ex. a. rich) harms
- Conservation of Biodiversity in Traditional West African Vegetable Species
- Traditional Practices and Primary Health Care
- Characterization, Reproductive Biology and Genetics of African yam bean (*Sphenostylis stenocarpa*)
- Wild pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.), issues of its domestication and history of culture in Armenia
- Cyber Plant Conservation Project Malaysia (CPCP)

6 Experts

- Jacob Olagbenro Popoola
- Margaret Pasquini
- Sergio Giani
- Peter Lapinskas
- Daniel Babasola Adewale
- Nina Stepanyan
- Lehe Tan
- Paul Queck

and 9 Institutions

- XanGo, LLC
- University Of Agriculture, Abeokuta Unaab
- Aidemet (Aide to Development of Traditional Medicine)
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Institute of Botany, National Academy of Sciences of Republic of Armenia
- Spice and Beverage Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences
- Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia (ENSEARCH)
- Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
- Multicentric Technology

To learn about and contribute to this database follow the link Who is doing What

Here the links to search for Experts, Projects and Institutions

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th African Crop Science Society Conference to be held in El-Minia, Egypt, 27- 31 October 2007.
- Tenth International Congress of Ethnobiology in Cusco Peru (ICE 2007)
- Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity 2007
- Conference on Native Breeds and Varieties as part of natural and cultural heritage with international participation
- 3rd Global Summit on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (GOSMAP-3), Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Rural Development and poverty reduction

- International Policy Dialogue Workshop - The Promotion of Indigenous Vegetables in African Urban and Periurban Spaces: Production, Consumption, Poverty alleviation and Policy
- International Symposium "Underutilized Plants for food, nutrition, income and sustainable development"
- Plants for People & Places
- 7th International Safflower Conference
- 4TH World Congress on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants—Using Plants to benefit people - Cape Town, South Africa
- Second International Symposium on Papaya - Papaya for Nutritional Security

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- International Doctoral Scholarships in Agrobiodiversity
- Vavilov-Frankel Fellowship -
- anamed international - Training Seminar in Natural Medicine
- Online Academic Course on NTFP Culture & Management
- WI - Market access and sustainable development - 2007
- WI - Training programme for the Food industry and agribusiness - 2007

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- UNESCO/L'ORÉAL Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Young Women in Life Sciences 2008
- Support to Research Units in Least Developed countries (LDCs)
- Lindbergh Foundation Project Grants
- Grants for visiting Professors and Fellows
- Josef G. Knoll Science Award
- BEAF Project Funding
- Research Fellow Partnership Program
- John Allwright Fellowship Scheme
- Grants for medium-sized research programmes
- Investigator-driven research funding
- Under-/Post- and PhD scholarship program
- NEBF International Grants

Check for more Funding Opportunities...

RECENTLY UPLOADED WEBSITES

- Malaysia Cyber Plant Conservation Project (CPCP)
- DAKADO - Discover the magic of avocado
- Freshstudio
- AGROnomy - portFOLIO: Benefiting from an Improved Agricultural Portfolio in Asia

RECENTLY UPLOADED PUBLICATIONS

AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- Inviting all the world's crops to the table
- NWFP-Digest
- Second PROTA International Workshop and Investors' Forum
- GFU poster - Underutilized Plants: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals
- GFU Species Brochures
- Biofuel: The little shrub that could - maybe
- Newsletter Terra Madre n. 3 (September 2007)

BIOLOGY

- Mineral content of traditional leafy vegetables from western Kenya

MANAGEMENT OF PLANT BIODIVERSITY

- Biodiversity of food resources in Northeast India
- Survey of cultivated and wild edible plant species used in the Department of Chocó, Colombia

MARKETS AND MARKETING

- Community Diversity Seed Fairs in Tanzania - Guidelines for seed fairs
- Enhancing agrobiodiversity use: markets and chains (Training Workshop: Wageningen International 21 May - 1 June 2007)
- Analysis of the Dak Lak Avocado Chain
- FOSRIN - Food security through ricebean research in India and Nepal

- Union for Ethical BioTrade
- NUTRITION AND HEALTH

- Eating and Healing: Traditional Food as Medicine

POST HARVEST AND VALUE ADDING

- Compositional Changes of Oca Tubers Following Postharvest Exposure to Sunlight

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3.2 Ecoagriculture Partners update November 2007

You can subscribe to this service by sending an email to: newsletter@ecoagriculturepartners.org. Full stories are available at www.ecoagriculture.org.

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- Ecoagriculture Partners hosts Washington DC Working Group meeting: Local Foods, Growing Community
- Ecoagriculture Partners and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture sign a Memorandum of Understanding
- Ecoagriculture Partners featured in TIES EcoCurrents Newsletter on agrotourism

IN THE SCENE:

- Leaders of ten tropical countries issue a joint statement on climate change and forests
- North American Pollinator Protection Campaign's 7th Annual International Summit
- University of Yucatan Agroecology Conference
- The US National Academies hold first Federal Sustainability Research and Development Forum
- Summit on Landcare in the US
- International Symposium on Multi-Strata Agroforestry Systems with Perennial Crops
- International Forum on Soils, Society and Global Change

RESOURCES:

- Book: Practical Pollination Biology
- Book: Nature Friendly Garden – Creating a Backyard Haven for Plants, Wildlife and People
- Website: Drynet - A Global Initiative, Giving Future to the Drylands
- Issue Papers in People, Food and Biodiversity Series
- Philosophical Transaction of the Royal Society Journal: special double issue on Sustainable Agriculture
- Biodiversity and Conservation Journal: special issue on Biodiversity in Cocoa Production Landscapes
- World Bank launches website and report on Agriculture and Development

CALL FOR PAPERS, PARTNERS, AND PROPOSALS:

- Call for nominations: United States 2008 National Wetlands Awards
- Call for applications: International Women's Environmental Entrepreneurs Fair
- Call for applications: Vavilov-Frankel Research Fellowships in conservation and use of plant genetic resources
- Call for essays profiling African women conservation biologists
- Call for nominations: The Society for Conservation Biology Awards for Young African Women Conservation Biologists

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Forest Day: Bali, Indonesia, 8 December 2007
- International scientific conference: Tropical Rainforests and Agroforests under Global Change, Bali, Indonesia, 5-9 October 2008
- DC Ecoagriculture Working Group meeting: Producing and Marketing Organic Olive Oil in the Mediterranean Region, 15 November 2007
- Slow Food Nation: An Exposition of American Food, San Francisco, California, USA, 1-4 May 2008
- Commercial Urban Agriculture Training Course, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, January – May 2008
- Events announced in previous newsletters can be found on our website at <http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/events/other.htm>

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3.3 ISHS Section Tropical and Subtropical Fruits - Newsletter n°2

[from Sisir Mitra. Please contact Prof. Mitra for a pdf copy of the newsletter: sisirm@vsnl.net]

The theme of this Newsletter is Organic Production of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits.

Foreword

News from the countries:

- Organic Tropical and Subtropical Fruit Production in some countries

Global news:

- From FAO: Hortivar: information about tropical and subtropical fruits in "Good Morning Hortivar"
- From GlobalHort: Awareness Raising Conference on Horticulture for Development, Brussels, June 25th
- From CIRAD: The website on Tropical fruits in the Caribbean is updated :<http://caribfruits.cirad.fr>
- From the CGIAR: Interest Group Meeting on High Value Fruit Research on 6th June 2007 in Nairobi; GlobalHort recognized as global convener on Fruits, alongside with ISHS related sections and commissions

Publications

- Scientific journals : FRUITS : Editorial published online: 19 September 2007
- IFAVA's news

Meetings

- ISHS symposiums:
- From SETF Section
- From other ISHS Commissions and Sections, but relevant for SETF

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3.4 Agora - The L'OREAL-UNESCO For Women in Science Forum and Newsletter

Request for Contributions to Our Next Issue:

Science for Peace, Prosperity and Development

Science is our brightest hope for a peaceful, prosperous world, and the upcoming issue of Agora will celebrate science as the path to a better life for men, women and children everywhere. One of our forum's main goals is to increase public interest in science and to encourage girls and young women to enter the profession. Help us raise awareness of all that science has done for humanity and all that it can do in the future.

In short, how has science made the world a better place? How will it continue to do so in the future?

This is a vast topic and the following are only suggestions. Please feel free to write on any aspect of how science has increased peace, prosperity and development or how it might do so in years to come. We welcome all contributions, from full-length articles to just a few lines expressing your thoughts on this subject.

How your own research may contribute to a more peaceful, more prosperous world.

Progress in your particular field of research that holds promise for peace, prosperity and development
Science as tool against war and oppression

How science has made our everyday lives easier

Science as a language and mindset that increased gender equality. Is the objectivity of the scientific method one of the historical factors that helped prove that women are the intellectual equals of men?
Longer, fuller, easier lives: What science has done in the developed world and what it can accomplish in emerging countries.

Science as an engine of economic growth

From just a few words on a great scientific discovery that has made life easier (or one that might in the future) to an in-depth essay, please help Agora inform the public by celebrating science and women in science. We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your contributions to agorafwis@loreal.com before December 10th.

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4. ICUC-related information

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4.1 Publications available

We have the following publications available upon request. Please contact Sushilla for more information and an order form (s.rajamanie@cgiar.org) or download it from our website: <http://www.icuc-iwmi.org/Publications/index.htm>.

- Tamarind monograph (Fruits for the Future 1)
- Ber monograph (Fruits for the Future 2)
- Safou monograph (in French) (Fruits for the Future 3)
- Baobab monograph (Fruits for the Future 4)
- Annona monograph (Fruits for the Future 5)
- Zapote monograph (in Spanish) (Fruits for the Future 6)
- Ndjanssang monograph (Fruits for the Future 7)
- Monkey Orange monograph (Fruits for the Future 8)
- Mangoosteen monograph (Fruits for the Future 9)
- Jackfruit monograph (Fruits for the Future 10)
- Tamarind extension manual
- Ber extension manual
- Safou extension manual (French)
- Baobab extension manual
- Annona extension manual
- Zapote extension manual (Spanish)
- Ndjanssang extension manual
- Monkey Orange extension manual
- Mangosteen extension manual
- Jackfruit extension manual

ALL MONOGRAPHS AND MANUALS ARE NOW ALSO AVAILABLE ON CD

- Domestication, production and utilisation of new crops
- Global research on underutilised crops
- Position Paper 1: Underutilised plant species: the role of biotechnology
- Position Paper 2: Underutilised plant species: impacts of promotion on biodiversity
- Research Report 1: Potential for small-scale processing and marketing of tropical fruits in Sri Lanka
- Research Report 2: A value-chain analysis for the Sri Lankan rambutan subsector
- Research Report 3: Analysis of economic characteristics of value chains of three underutilised fruits of India
- Strategic Framework for Underutilized Plants Research and Development

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4.2 ICUC at CGIAR AGM in Beijing

ICUC and GFU are again joining hands at CGIAR AGM to jointly rally support for the proposed new underutilized crops entity "Crops for the Future". This year we will have a real 'delegation': apart from Hannah Jaenicke and Irmgard Hoeschle-Zeledon of the ICUC and GFU, our team will consist of George Rothschild, ICUC's SAB Chair, Eric Kueneman, GFU's Steering Committee Chair, "Crops for the Future implementation task force" members Rupert Best and Mauricio Lopes, and ICUC's Chinese assistant Ivory Sun.

During a side event scheduled for 2 December 12.00 – 14.30 in Room 310 of the Beijing International Convention Center we will update stakeholders of progress during 2007 and our plans for the implementation of "Crops for the Future" in 2008. We will also have a joint exhibition stand: Partner Booth No. 25 also entitled "Crops for the Future". We hope to meet many of our stakeholders and network members in Beijing!

You can find more information about our plans for "Crops for the Future" on our website: http://www.icuc-iwmi.org/Our_Future.htm

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5. ICUC network

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In this section we introduce new and old subscribers to ICUC-News to encourage greater interaction and benefit from the great diversity of readers. If you haven't done so, please send a brief introduction of yourself and your interest in underutilised crops to h.jaenicke@cgiar.org. We will not publish your email or phone contacts and if anyone is interested to establish direct contact, please write an email to me.

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