

ESP Global Relations 2003 Annual Report

The ESP Global Relations Committee in UWEX combines our organization along with others who, while not part of ESP, have been active historically with international work. Based on our late 2002 fall retreat the mission and vision of our ESP Global Relations Committee is:

Mission: *The purpose of UWEX Cooperative Extension international efforts is to contribute to the improvement of Wisconsin and international communities through the sharing of expertise and experiences*

Vision: *UWEX will have a focused, vibrant, and active international program linking Wisconsin to the world to benefit our staff, communities, and international partners.*

We currently have approximately ten active committee members and about 31 total members, based on our current mailing list and recent survey. We appreciate that Dave Muench has joined us from the ESP board.

From our fall 2002 Retreat we have identified five goals. Action plans have been developed and are in varying stages of being implemented. The goals are:

- ✓ **Form a Team International** – Form an official team within the UWEX structure, replete with a plan of work, professional development, and reporting possibilities
- ✓ **Develop a Scholarship Context** - Share results our internationalized work.
- ✓ **Develop Institutional Capacity** - Develop policies, documents, and websites.
- ✓ **Provide Staff Training** – Based on skills inventories and other needs.
- ✓ **Develop Evaluation Instruments** – Develop tools that address local benefits of international work.

2003 Activities and Accomplishments

- ✓ Eighteen people traveled overseas on assignments, ten of which went to Nicaragua through the Farmer to Farmer program. Five people went to Kuban State University in Russia to assist in an extension outreach development effort.
- ✓ Unfortunately, the excellent partnership between Wisconsin's Partners of the Americas and Nicaragua was diminished when Partners of the Americas was not awarded the USAID Farmer to Farmer program. Through this vehicle dozens of Extension staff members aided Nicaragua and learned much from them.
- ✓ John Preissing and JoAnn Hintz presented three papers and participated in the USDA sponsored Internationalization of Extension Conference in East Lansing Michigan.
- ✓ A display on international opportunities was developed. It has been used at the Northern District All Staff Conference and the 2004 Department Head Conference. It will also be used at the JACEP conference.
- ✓ UWEX, through Joann Hintz's leadership, UWEX received an Internationalization Mini-grant from USDA. It seeks to strengthen our ability to develop curriculum that helps our staff and their clientele understand how

globalization affects us all. A workshop is planned for September 2005 to launch the program.

- ✓ UWEX, in partnership with Iowa State University, received a second USDA Mini-grant to develop a study tour program. It targets NELD graduates and other newer extension leadership positions from the 12 North Central states. A fall 2004 pre-departure workshop is planned for Madison and an early 2005 two week trip to Costa Rica.
- ✓ Many individual agents such as Carl Duley and Arlen Albrecht developed internationalized programs linked to their county programming efforts.

2004 – 2005 Goals:

- ✓ Continue to implement the committee goals.
- ✓ Develop a website to coordinate the international activities occurring and opportunities for UWEX.
- ✓ Host workshop at 2004 JACEP Conference. Include research by Aliesha Crowe on the impacts of the Farmer to Farmer program on Extension and their communities.
- ✓ Host a one day retreat in the summer of 2004 to review our goals, advance our action plans, and to complete our evaluation planning.
- ✓ Complete both internationalization mini-grants.
- ✓ Enhance ties with Winrock International, who now leads the Farmer to Farmer program.
- ✓ Continue to support Partners of the Americas, through participation in their programs and organization.

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