

IASCP News

350 Participate at Winnipeg

The turnout for the second annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Common Property, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was gratifying to all concerned. Nearly 350 participants from some thirty different countries attended the four-day meeting and over 150 scholarly papers were presented in thirty-six sessions. A new feature was a poster session, held at midday on Friday, at which nearly twenty poster presentations were made. The attendance was large and many persons commented favorably on this format, particularly on the opportunity to dialogue directly with the presenter on specific aspects of the research presented.

Perhaps the richest feature of the conference was the geographic, demographic and professional diversity of the participants. This was due in large part to the efforts of a subcommittee which had worked hard to secure financial support to bring in scholars from outside North America. The Ford Foundation and Canada's International Development Research Centre were the principal supporters, bringing forty-three international scholars between them. The conference organizers aided in this effort by organizing workshops on related topics which met immediately before and after the Association conference. Support for participants in these workshops raised the total number of financially-supported scholars to seventy, of whom fifty-five were from outside of North America.

These workshops were described as valuable by many participants, for some of whom the idea of common property was a new concept. The first of these was an "International Workshop on Indigenous Knowledge and Community-Based Resource Management". It was sponsored by the UNESCO Canada/MAB program with funding from the Canadian Department of Indian and Northern Affairs as well as the Canadian Department of the Environment. Participation was limited to 45, many of who were natives from the Canadian north. There were also Native Americans from Alaska as well as participants from ten countries outside of North America. Since this first workshop was held on September 24-26, preceding the IASCP activities, its participants were able to present some of their findings to a packed audience at a roundtable session on Friday,

September 27. The presence and participation of individuals who are directly dependent on and actively involved in the management of common property resources was a definite plus for the Association meeting.

The second workshop, the "International Development Research Centre Common Property Workshop" was held from September 30 through October 2 and also was limited to 45 participants. This event was an opportunity to present the common property "framework" to a varied audience.

Much of the success of the conference was due to the efforts of the organizer, Fikret Berkes, who is the new Director of the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Manitoba. His efforts are especially notable in that he took the initiative to organize the two workshops in addition to the IASCP conference, all while making a move from Brock University in Ontario to his new position as the NRI Director at Manitoba.

More detailed information on the conference, including a list of papers, information on availability of the program and a special report on the poster session will be included in the next issue of the *Digest*.

New Officers Elected

The results of the Association's election of officers, conducted through a mail ballot in July and August, showed that Robert Netting, an anthropologist from the University of Arizona was chosen as the new president while Daniel Bromley, an agricultural economist from the University of Wisconsin was named president-elect. Netting will serve as president till the close of the 1992 annual conference, tentatively scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., on October 1-4, 1992. At that time Bromley will assume the responsibilities of president. The next president-elect will be chosen during a mail ballot to be conducted in July of 1992.

Four councilors were elected, Taghi Farvar, an Iranian development ecologist; Katsuyoshi Fukui, a Japanese historian; Narpal S. Jodha, an Indian agricultural economist and Evelyn Pinkerton, a Canadian anthropologist. Pauline Peters and Ronald Oakerson retired from the Board of Councilors at the end of the Winnipeg meeting. Since the proposed bylaws call for a board of six councilors serving staggered three year terms, names of the new councilors were drawn from a hat to determine who would serve full terms and who would serve abbreviated terms during the transition to a steady-state.

Jodha and Pinkerton will serve three years, retiring at the end of the 1994 annual meeting. Fukui and current board member Feeny will serve two years, retiring in 1993. Farvar and current board member Berkes will serve one year, retiring in 1992. In all future elections, two councilors will be selected to serve a full three-year term.

IASCP Logo Contest

At the business meeting of the Association during the Winnipeg conference, the participants decided it was time for the International Association for the Study of Common Property to have its own logo or graphic symbol. The logotype should reflect the commitment to study and manage the world's common property resources and should be used on all stationery, conference programs and so forth.

A logo committee was established with the following members:

Audun Sandberg, Hogskolesenteret i Nordland,
Bodoe Norway
Sandra Moniaga, Walhi, Jakarta, Indonesia
Evelyn Pinkerton, University of British Columbia,
Vancouver, Canada
Anil Gupta, Indian Institute of Management,
Ahmedabad, India

This committee now calls for entries in the logo competition from all members of the IASCP or other readers of the Digest. There are no restrictions on colors or figures, but designs should be kept within the size of A-4 or quarto size paper. The committee will present its recommendation to the Association Council in time for the next annual conference, tentatively scheduled for early October, 1992.

The deadline for entries for the logo competition is December 31, 1991. They should be mailed to:

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Nominations Wanted

A new nominations committee was appointed at the Board meeting in connection with the Winnipeg conference. The chair, Evelyn Pinkerton, an anthropologist from the University of British Columbia, is a member of the Board of Councilors. The other members of the committee are Banosopit Mekvichai from Sukhothai Thammathiraj University in Thailand and Robert Hunt from Brandeis University in the U.S. The committee is to propose a slate of four candidates for two positions on the Board of Councilors and one candidate for President-Elect. (See the explanation of this procedure in the following article.) A prime

consideration for the committee is a charge to find candidates that reflect the broad diversity of the Association, both demographically and professionally.

To achieve that goal, the committee urgently requests suggestions from all members of the Association. If you know of anyone whom you think would be a good candidate for President or Councilor, please communicate your views as soon as possible to Dr. Pinkerton at the address below. Candidates must be members in good standing in the Association and must be willing to serve, but these details can be verified by the committee as they work through the nominating process.

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Nominations Process

During the past election, a few members commented on the fact that only one candidate was nominated for each of the positions of President and President-Elect. These comments were considered by the Board at the Winnipeg meeting, with a decision to continue the present practice but to also explain this procedure to the members.

The post of President requires someone with broad knowledge of the areas of study represented in the Association as well as substantial experience in the running of a scholarly organization. The number of individuals with such qualifications is limited and these persons tend to have many other claims on their time. Asking them to accept nomination is a non-trivial request, one that may seriously affect their ability to take on other projects or make other commitments. The election process is a long one, and if multiple candidates are named, it means that the individuals nominated must pass a period of months not knowing whether or not they will, in fact, serve as president. Individuals who are nominated in such a situation and not elected tend to not accept re-nomination again for a substantial period into the future. In fact, it is much more difficult to get people to accept nomination in the first place if the election is a contested one. This problem is faced by many scholarly or professional associations, and many of them have chosen to follow the alternative of nominating only one person for President.

Because of the situation outlined above, the Association officers decided at the outset to not have contested elections for the office of President. This policy may be changed in the future if the Association grows substantially in size or other factors change significantly.

The nominations committees take seriously their task of selecting nominees and seek nominees who are well-qualified and who represent the broad diversity within the Association. At the same time, if several members of the Association are strongly dissatisfied with the selections of the nominations committee, they have the option of nominating by petition. The proposed by-laws call for nominations by petition to be valid if signed by 1 % of more of the membership. The individuals nominated must meet the criteria of being members in good standing of the Association and being willing to serve. Since the Association membership is currently under 500, a nominating petition signed by five or more individuals would put the nominated individuals name on the ballot, regardless of any other choices made by the nominating committee.

Anyone who would like to see a specific individual elected as President or Councilor is urged to first suggest that individual to the nominations committee. If not satisfied by the committee's action, the next step would be to send a letter, nominating one or more individuals, signed by at least one per cent (currently five members) to the President before June 1 of the year in which the election is to take place.

Nomination petitions for the next Association elections should be sent to:

Robert Netting
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Tucson Arizona USA 85721

Association Seeks New Site for Digest

At their business meeting on September 25, 1991, in Winnipeg, the officers of the Association decided to proceed with efforts to assume responsibility for publishing the *Common Property Resource Digest* and administering the CPR Network. The assumption of these tasks, currently carried out by the Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy of the University of Minnesota, will necessarily involve selecting a different institution which will collaborate with the Association by serving as a host site for the *Digest* and Network.

A long series of efforts has led to this point, from the initial convening of the National Academy of Science Panel on common property, through the establishment of the network and *Digest* at Minnesota and the planning activities of the Inter-University Working Group on common property to the establishment of the International Association. Throughout this long process, virtually all of the participants shared a view that, in the long run, it would be valuable for the Network and *Digest* to be implemented from a site in a less developed country where common property resources are important.

There was a strong consensus at the business meeting that if the Association were to assume responsibility for the *Digest* / Network and these

activities be moved from Minnesota, that the move should be moved to such a less developed country site. Accordingly, Elinor Ostrom, the Association President, named a committee of three to identify possible sites and host institutions and make a recommendation to the President and Board of Councilors. This committee is chaired by Dr. David Feeny, an economist at McMaster University in Canada; Dr. Maria Concepcion de la Cruz, a Philippine anthropologist currently working in Washington D.C., and Dr. Taghi Farvar, an environmental scientist who directs a development center in Teheran, Iran.

To initiate the process, the committee solicits suggestions, nominations and proposals from all network members. The exact nature of the relationship between the Association and the new host institution as well as the complete scope of tasks to be accomplished at this site would, of course, depend on resources available and would be negotiated. The association does envision that the major task would be production and distribution of the *Digest*, with 4 to 6 issues totalling 60 to 100 pages per year to approximately 4500 recipients. The Association would provide the needed funds, partially from membership dues and partially from foundation or public sector grants. These funds would be used to cover all direct costs, including personnel costs. The institution would be expected to supply some in-kind resources, especially space and facilities.

The most important characteristic of a candidate institution would be a strong institutional commitment to such a new effort and the presence of one or more staff members with personal experience in common property questions and an enthusiastic personal commitment to the Association and Network. Physical capabilities to produce a newsletter such as the *Digest* would be crucial, and past experience with editing, newsletter production, or desktop publishing would be a plus. Adequacy of supporting infrastructure such as postal service, electronic communications and access to air-dispatch services would also be important considerations.

These criteria are not rigid; the committee expects to be flexible and creative in weighing many different considerations before arriving at a recommendation. Considerable dialogue between the Association, the candidate host institution, and possible donor institutions is expected before plans are finalized or binding commitments are made.

Network members who know of possible candidate institutions are urged to suggest these institutions to the committee. Individuals and/ or institutions with an interest in being possible candidates are also urged to contact the committee as soon as possible. Of course, inquiries and initial expressions of interest will not be construed as implying a binding offer. But the committee's time is limited, and everyone's interest will be best served if initial communications are as frank and detailed as possible.

Any communication to the committee should be addressed to its chair:

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Telex: 061-8347
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UNCED - Rio

A number of Network members have expressed interest in the upcoming United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June of 1992. This conference has the potential to make a major statement about the future direction of international environmental and developmental issues. Since a number of persons indicated that they are likely to participate in one way

or another at this meeting, the UNCED conference may present an occasion for an informal meeting of Network members. Taghi Farvar and Ed Lotterman are interested in organizing an informal working group around the Rio meeting. They would appreciate it greatly if anyone who is considering attending the Rio conference would communicate that fact to them at the following addresses:

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Announcements

Positions

Post-Harvest Consultant

The Postharvest Institute for Perishables, University of Idaho, seeks candidates for a 5-week consultancy during February - March 1992 in Niger and the Ivory Coast, West Africa, to conduct onion sector market research and a 3-day workshop highlighting onion marketing system constraints and opportunities. The consultant will also prepare recommendations and an action plan to stimulate export marketing for onions and a marketing update report. Candidates must have a background in economics, marketing or agribusiness, preferably with work experience in the onion subsector; prior experience in conducting market studies in francophone Africa, preferably rapid reconnaissance studies in Niger; and speak and write French fluently. The closing date for applications is November 15, 1991 or until the position is filled. For more information, contact:

Judy Edminster
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University of Idaho
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129 West Third Street
Moscow Idaho 83843 USA

Telephone: (208) 885-6791
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ICRISAT - Principal Economist

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics seeks a experienced agricultural economist or economist to fill a position of Principal Economist. A doctoral degree and substantial relevant research experience are required. No closing date is specified, but interested individuals should communicate with:

Director-General
International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
PO Patancheru
Andhra Pradesh 502 324 INDIA

CATIE- Forestry

"The Centra Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Enseñanza (CATIE), an international research and education center based in Costa Rica, invites applications for the following positions:

"Forester - Head of the Tree-Seed Center. A senior Forester to head a Tree-Seed Center and organize a multinational Tree-Seed Network. The head should have administrative, educational and broad technical

experience in seed procurement, tree improvement and gene resource conservation. Applicants must hold an advanced university degree (Ph.D. or M.Sc.) in the field of forestry and be fluent in English and Spanish.

"Agroforestry Coordinator. The Agroforestry Coordinator must be a senior person with considerable research and administrative experience as he/she will be expected to represent the Institution at international meetings and before potential donors. He/she must be thoroughly familiar with all activities of current projects as well as other CATIE activities which might be related to agroforestry. Above all, he/she must be familiar with other projects in the region to be able to make use of possible linkages.

"Qualifications: A Ph.D. or proven equivalent experience in agroforestry, silviculture, soils, ecology, agronomy, agricultural or forest economics or related field at a recognized institution involving original research. Ten years working experience including administrative and educational experience. Success in writing research/project proposals and proven ability to coordinate multi-disciplinary groups. Ten publications in peer-reviewed journals, at least five in agroforestry-related subjects. Fluency in Spanish and English. Some knowledge of French desirable.

The headquarters for both positions will be at CATIE and the salary will be agreed on according to qualifications. The closing date for receipt of applications is December 15, 1991. Send a curriculum vitae to:

Dirección de Recursos Humanos
CATIE
Turrialba, COSTA RICA 74-7170
Fax: (506)56-15-33

CIAT - Research Leaders

CIAT, the International Center for tropical Agriculture is searching for research leaders for five interdisciplinary programs on management of natural resources for the sustainable development of agricultural lands. CIAT's research on resource management involves the design of land-use options to optimize social returns to agriculture under different trade-offs between production and conservation.

"To implement this program of resource management research, CIAT wishes to assemble a team of five leaders who will work with a Deputy Director General to build and guide program teams, to formulate and develop research plans, and to establish collaborative arrangements with partner institutions in the developing and developed world.

"The leaders are expected to have a doctorate or equivalent degree, widely recognized scientific achievements, interpersonal skills to build teams, and a positive attitude toward and ability to work in collaborative endeavors. Experience in Latin America and a command of Spanish or Portuguese would be

assets. To carry out resource management issues, the following expertise would be useful:

"Land Use Program (emphasizing macro issues): analysis of land use trends from an economic, demographic and ecological perspective; with background in economics, or geographic or environmental sciences.

"Forest Margins Program (emphasizing conservation): ecological relationships affecting the productive, protective and service functions of tree-based cropping systems; with background in systems/forest ecology, or agroforestry.

"Hillsides Program (emphasizing equity): farmers' decision making on allocating resources to enterprises, crops and technologies; with background in rural development, farming systems or agroecology.

"Savannas Program (emphasizing production): systems research and analysis of bioeconomic processes in agricultural production; with background in related biological sciences or economics.

Tropical Forages Program (reorganization of the existing Tropical Pastures Program): enhancement and/or evaluation of genetic materials from herbaceous or woody species; with background in biological sciences related to selection and evaluation of forage plants, or to soil-plant relationships.

"Letters of application must include curriculum vitae and names of three referees. Please indicate which of the five programs you are applying for. Address to:

Dr. Filem6n Torres
Deputy Director General, CIAT
A.A. 6713
Cali, COLUMBIA
Fax: 57-23-647243

Short Course - Forest Tree Improvement

The College of Forest Resources at North Carolina State University is again offering a two-week "international short course on 'Forest Tree Improvement'. The course will be held at NCSU in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, during March 16-27, 1992."

The 1992 course will concentrate on forest genetics and seed orchards. The course will consist of lectures and problem solving, but also will include field trips to see progressive industrial tree improvement programs.

"Lectures: The forestry faculty of NCSU will deliver the majority of the lectures, but experts in forestry from outside the university will participate as appropriate. A detailed syllabus will be sent to those who indicate an interest in attending.

"Language: The official language of instruction will be English. However, at the end of each lecture, an oral summary will be given in Spanish. Participants will be able to ask questions in either English or Spanish.

"Registration Fee: The fee for the course is US\$1,500 to be received by February 14, 1992. This fee will cover field trips and lectures, course materials, and lunch for each of the ten session days. It will not include travel to and from Raleigh, lodging, meals (except lunch during the session days plus the final banquet), communications and incidental expenses."

Other information on text, credit, lodging, food, dress, climate and other questions is available from the conference organizers. They would like to know of participants' intent to attend by November 15, 1991. For more information, contact:

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Box 8008, NCSU
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Persons who intent to participate should send their name and address to:

Dr. Bruce Wilson
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Box 7401
North Carolina State University
Raleigh North Carolina 27695-7401 USA
Fax: (919)515-7614

Water Conference

"There is a growing worldwide concern about resource and environmental problems. Allocating scarce water resources and achieving improved water quality are important examples. Although new technologies can be useful, solution of such problems requires a broader view combining technical approaches with economic and political considerations.

"A two-day conference is scheduled for May 2-3, 1992, in Washington D.C., at the OMNI Georgetown Hotel. The goal of this conference is to examine how solutions of water problems could be improved by incorporating political economics, game theory and dispute resolution methods for some real-world applications. "For conference information, contact the organizers:

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