

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER

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COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS AND VISITING INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS

Purpose

To establish an Agricultural Center policy to coordinate all international training programs and visiting international scientists.

Background

International Programs, one of the three principal units of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, has a concern for and a commitment to international agricultural and rural development. Although rapid changes and realignments are taking place in the overseas programs of the U. S. government, there is still justification for university participation in international endeavors. This is particularly appropriate since we in the United States, do not generate all of the leading technologies in the field of agriculture and natural resources. International involvement has much to offer us. Mutuality of these programs as they affect increased trade (new markets for U.S. agricultural goods and services), germ plasm, plant protection, and the generation of newer technologies becomes increasingly important as we continue to become an

interdependent world. The record of successful involvement in projects in developing countries by the LSU Agricultural Center's International Programs reflects its commitment. It is a commitment to not only recognize a responsibility to help alleviate the problem of world hunger, but to participate in programs of mutual interest involving international sciences.

The function of International Programs at the LSU Agricultural Center is to implement programs in collaboration with the peoples of developing nations for mutual benefits to both them and Louisiana. An area that has generated considerable demand and interest is that of specialized training programs and scientific exchanges. Through an established network of clients--donor agencies and other organizations--International Programs receives many request for the provision of specialized training programs. Also, there are many requests for visiting international scientists to come to the LSU Agricultural Center.

General Policy

The LSU Agricultural Center encourages faculty participation in international training programs and visiting scientists. All training programs should be coordinated by Ag Center International Programs. This principle applies whether the request comes directly to International Programs or to an Ag Center department/unit, and it also applies to the initiation, execution, and implementation or memoranda of understanding and agreements for exchanges and research collaboration with overseas institutions.

Exceptions to this policy require approval by the Chancellor's Office. This will facilitate a centralized coordination of all international activities of the Agricultural Center and will permit International Programs to serve as a repository of all "international" information.

Procedure

Personnel of the Agricultural Center should submit all information or requests to the Director, International Programs, for appropriate responses and planning.