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International Centre for Agricultural Education (CIEA)

http://www.clea.ch



The CIEA (Centre International d'Etudes Agricoles) is an international study centre for agricultural education. It

organises seminars for professors and teachers working in agricultural universities, colleges and vocational schools (see article on pages 6/7).

The new CIEA website provides information about upcoming and past seminars, provides relevant documents, facilitates networking between actors in agricultural education, and offers information about CIEA and its partners.

Interportal.ch http://www.interportal.ch



Interportal is a new Swiss portal site devoted to international co-operation and development It is supported by

around 30 Swiss organisations active in this area. Interportal provides access to Swiss and international information on development cooperation. In addition, it provides a place where Swiss institutions can exchange knowledge and expertise.

The website features regularly updated news items, a list of Swiss and international institutions, guides on subject matter, information about events, and background information.

Humanity Libraries Online http://www.humanitylibraries.net



The objective of the Humanity Libraries Project is to provide all persons involved in the areas of development, well-

being and basic needs with access to a complete library containing most of the solutions, know-how and ideas they need to tackle poverty and increase human potential. At the moment, the full texts of more than 2500 publications – many of them concerned with agricultural development – are accessible via the Internet. The libraries are also available on CD=ROM at very low prices.

Publications



Agriculture Training
Taking Off Again. Agriculture Training in Jiri
Technical School, Nepal:
A Report on the New
Orientation of a Training
Sector, Which Was
About to Close Down
Keller Wagley Franziska;

Wagley Suman, 2000, LBL, Lindau, 29 p.

In 1993 agricultural training at Jiri Technical School in Nepal was in a deep crisis; its very survival was in doubt. The staff members and the two authors – training and project advisers at the Swiss Agency for Development Co-operation – made a great effort to safe it. This report explains the factors that led to success and makes suggestions for transferring activities to other contexts. It concludes with lessons learnt and some recommendations.

The report can be ordered at the Swiss Center for Agricultural Extension (LBL), CH-8315 Lindau, Switzerland. E-mail: eza@lbl.ch



Enhancing Research Capacity in Developing and Transition Countries Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries KFPE, 2001, Berne, 316 p., ISBN 3-906161-49-2 The book deals with a variety of experiences, discussions, obstacles, strategies and tools to promote research capacity in developing and transition countries. It is based in part on presentations made at a workshop held in Berne on 21 and 22 September 2000. Information was supplied by organisations that fund research and development and by individuals who reported on their experience.

Extracts of the book are available online at: http://www.kfpe.ch/about/conf2000.html. The book can be ordered from: KFPE, Bärenplatz 2, CH-3011 Bern, Switzerland, kfpe@sanwumbe.ch [US\$ 14; free of charge for institutions in developing and transition countries, excluding shipping fee]



Oil Palm and Coconut Pests – Biology, Description and Control Methods

Mariau Dominique, 2000, Cirad, Montpellier, CD-ROM, ISBN 2-87614-437-9

This CD-ROM contains a set of fact sheets covering more than 170 oil palm and coconut pests. The fact sheets can be consulted on the basis of zoological classification, alphabetical listing, or by multicriteria search. They are illustrated with 400 photographs; 800 references are classed by insect order.

To order, contact: La librairie du Cirad, Avenue Agropolis (B. 4), BP 5035, 34032 Montpellier Cedex 1, France, Tel: ±33 4 67 61 44 17, Fax: ±33 4 67 61 55 47



Seed Provision and Agricultural Development: The Institutions of Rural Change Tripp Robert, 2001, ODL London, 174 p., ISBN 0-85255-420-6

The book provides a detailed look at the strengths and weaknesses

of seed management in traditional farming systems, reviews the history of formal plant breeding and the origins of seed trade, and examines contemporary seed systems in industrialised and developing countries. The book also describes the major types of aid interventions in developing country seed systems and explains why many of these have not been successful. Examples are drawn from original research in Asia, Africa and Latin America, as well as from an extensive review of the literature.

The book can be ordered from: Overseas Development Institute, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JD, United Kingdom, Tel: +44 (0)20 7922 0300, Fax: +44 (0)20 7922 0399, E-mail: odi@odi.org.uk