

Two specific examples

Below we present descriptions of two continuing education programmes from among the many such programmes available today. These particular programmes, which have been in existence for several years, make an ongoing effort to adapt their course content to the needs of their students.

The Diploma Course in International Agriculture: open for continuing education

The diploma course in International Agriculture at the Swiss College of Agriculture is offered as a standard course at the College and is also designed for graduates with an academic degree, preferably in agriculture and related fields. It prepares students to assume leadership positions in technical agricultural fields, especially in countries of the South and the East. The course starts in October.

Programme of study

The standard course runs for seven semesters. Graduates with a degree in agriculture can enter the course in the 5th Semester and earn an additional diploma in International Agriculture. The 5th and 7th semesters are devoted to studies in international agriculture, while the 6th (summer) semester is devoted to practical training. Admission to graduates in related fields of agriculture is granted on a case by case basis.

Subject matter

The economy and problems of developing countries. Agricultural production systems. Tropical and sub-tropical animal husbandry. Tropical and sub-tropical crop production. Business management in small and large enterprises; marketing and agricultural markets. Methods and social skills in research, agricultural extension and project management. Development policy and cooperation. Six months of supervised practical training.

Practical training

The centrepiece of the graduate course is a six-month period of practical training in the private sector, in the context of development cooperation, or in research. The Swiss College of Agriculture organises these training periods in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as in transition countries.

Diploma

Participants who successfully complete the diploma course receive a diploma in International Agriculture from the Swiss College of Agriculture.

Fees and costs

Course fees are CHF 500.00 (currently about US \$ 300.00) per semester. Learning materials and travel costs amount to CHF 500.00 to 1,000.00 (currently about US \$ 300.00 to 600.00) per semester. The Swiss College of Agriculture does not grant scholarships.

Information, counselling and registration

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Centre International d'Etudes Agricoles (CIEA)

The CIEA is an international study centre for agricultural education and extension. It was founded in 1956 and is based in Berne, Switzerland, at the Federal Office of Agriculture. The CIEA's main task is to organise seminars for specialists in agricultural training who have a university or college degree and several years of professional experience. The seminars are also open to people responsible for the administration of agricultural training.

The main features of the CIEA

seminars can be outlined as follows:

CIEA seminars focus primarily on education. They aim to provide further training and international exchange of experience between specialists from all continents who are active in agricultural education and extension at various levels.

The seminars are run alternately in Switzerland and in a developing country. Individual seminar topics are adapted to the particular local venue.

In the long term, the CIEA seminars aim to create an intercontinental network of partners who will plan activities in common and systematically organize further training courses.

The following seminars are planned in 2001 and 2002:

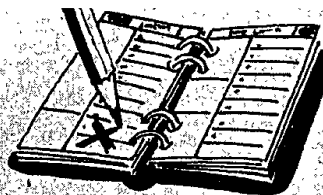
- ◆ Excellence in Agricultural Education: The challenge for Africa, Elsenburg College of Agriculture, Western Cape, South Africa, 2-14 December 2001.
- ◆ Moving from discussion to action: Multidimensional change in agricultural education institutions, EAP Zamorano, Honduras, 4-14 February 2002.
- ◆ Knowledge management and networking: two current challenges in agricultural education, Grangeneuve, Switzerland, August 2002.

Further information may be obtained at: www.ciea.ch

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EVENTS



Excellence in Agricultural Education: The Challenge for Africa (CIEA Seminar 2001) **Elsenburg College of Agriculture, Western Cape, South Africa, December 2-14, 2001**

The objectives of the seminar will be:

- ◆ To expose African teachers and educational specialists to the pool of knowledge and skills offered by world-renowned educators.
- ◆ To enhance networking among educators in Africa and the rest of the world.
- ◆ To improve communication between people with different roles in education so they can come to grips with the different situations in African countries and learn from one another.
- ◆ To expose a greater percentage of African people to the excellent educational opportunities offered by the CIEA.
- ◆ To expose experts in education from abroad to direct experience with the African situation.

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International Conference on the Impacts of Agricultural Research and Development – Why Has Impact Assessment Research Not Made a Greater Difference? **San José, Costa Rica, February 4-7, 2002**

This international conference will assemble researchers and other professionals with an interest in documenting and measuring the impact of international agricultural research. Participants will

highlight experiences and case studies on impact measurement in the following areas: agricultural productivity, equity, poverty, social health, nutrition, the environment, institutions, and human capital. Participants will also describe novel approaches to hard-to-measure impacts in such areas as training, networks, participatory research, and policy research.

For further information see <http://www.cimmyt.org/research/economics/impacts/>
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Moving from Discussion to Action: Multidimensional Change in Agricultural Educational Institutions (CIEA Seminar 2002) **Zamorano, Honduras, February 4-14, 2002**

The purpose of this seminar will be to assist agricultural educational institutions at the secondary and undergraduate levels that are already committed to the application of best practices in moving forward. The seminar will bring together results of previous CIEA events and similar meetings, and will encourage participants to put best practices to use in their institutions for the benefit of their students and societies.

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Joint FAO/ICAR-Workshop on Development of Successful Animal Recording Systems for Transition and Developing Countries **Interlaken, Switzerland, May 27, 2002**

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This workshop is being organised in the context of the 33rd Session of the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), May 26-31, 2002. It offers opportunities to:

- ◆ discuss cases of successful adaptation or implementation of animal recording
- ◆ evaluate the needs for research and development in livestock recording systems, as well as training needs for decision-makers and stakeholders in transition and developing countries
- ◆ make recommendations to ICAR and FAO for addressing issues in their sphere of influence
- ◆ exchange experience with other participants

Registration:
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Innovative Solutions for Healthy Crops – 10th IUPAC International Congress on the Chemistry of Crop Protection **Basel, Switzerland, August 4-9, 2002**

The theme of the Congress, «Innovative Solutions for Healthy Crops», represents an open platform for presentation and discussion of state-of-the-art approaches in chemical synthesis, analytical sciences, discovery and selection tools, molecular biology, and other scientific areas that are shaping the future of crop protection in sustainable agriculture.

All persons active and interested in crop protection are cordially invited to attend and help make this meeting a success.

The main topics on the scientific programme are:

- ◆ Disease Control: Chemistry-Biochemistry-Molecular Biology
- ◆ Weed Control: Chemistry-Biochemistry-Molecular Biology
- ◆ Insect Control: Chemistry-Biochemistry-Molecular Biology
- ◆ Formulation and Application: Methodology-Performance-Safety
- ◆ Environmental Fate and Safety
- ◆ Residues and Consumer Safety

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