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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

PERU DELEGATION

The Office collaborated with the IICA office in Peru, the Peruvian Embassy in Canada and with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on the official visit of the Minister of Agriculture from Peru, Juan Jose Salazar and his Director General of Agrarian Planning, Patricia Milton Paico, to Canada. The official visit culminated with a signing of a trade agreement between the two countries.

PREVIEWING THE ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN

The Representative met with Paul Murphy, Executive Director of Programs and Multilateral Affairs at AAFC to provide a preview of the 2006 Annual Report and 2007 Annual Work Plan.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CANADA-BELIZE COLLABORATION

IICA Canada has begun working with counterparts in Belize and the Regional AHFS Specialist in a coordinated response to the Belize Government for technical assistance in strengthening its aviculture industry against a potential AI outbreak.

CAHC ANNUAL MEETING

The Representative and Technical Specialist were invited to participate in the Canadian Animal Health Coalition's Second Annual Animal Health and Emergency Management Conference. This was followed up with a meeting with Dr. Francine Lord of CFIA on joint activities in animal health.

WORLD MEAT HYGIENE CONFERENCE

IICA Canada continued to work with CFIA organizers for the upcoming World Meat Hygiene Conference that will be held in Niagara Falls in June in conjunction with FSIS/USDA. CFIA organizers also met with the IICA Northern Region Director in Washington on the conference.

AVIAN INFLUENZA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

Working closely with the new Director of AHFS, Ricardo Molins, the Office finalized the acquisition of IICA's new AI Simulation Exercise and began translating materials for adaptation to the Americas.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

ALBERTA RESEARCH COUNCIL VISIT

The Representative and Technical Specialist visited the ARC in Edmonton, Alberta, to meet with Darrel Toma and researchers there interested in working with IICA to further develop research interests in LAC, including novel and functional foods and bioenergy.

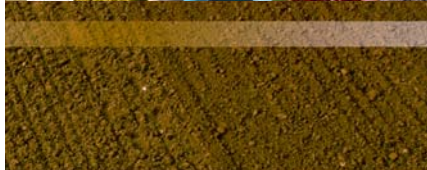
SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

IICA AND IAI COLLABORATING ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

The Technical Specialist along with Barry Stemshorn participated in the joint IICA/IAI Technical Forum on Agricultural Adaptation to Global Change. Both institutions have committed to work together to bridge the science/policy gap to make global climate change research more readily available for government decision makers.

AEPLA PROJECT

Under the new AAFC project leadership of Gordana Delic-Radovic, Deputy Director of International Development, and Awatif Elshibli, Program and Planning Officer, IICA Canada participated in a meeting with IICA Costa Rica and the SRD Unit at IICA Headquarters to reengage on the initiative and establish a new timeframe for completion of the learning workshop. As well, AAFC invited IICA to participate in the inaugural offering of its Food Safety training module in Egypt, which will take place in February.



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TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

PULSE CANADA MEETS WITH AG MINISTER FROM MEXICAN EMBASSY

IICA Canada coordinated and was invited to attend a meeting between Pulse Canada and the Minister of Agriculture at the Mexican Embassy in Ottawa, to discuss preparations for the upcoming Canada Mexico bean Congress, happening in March.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

TRI-NATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of government officials from the IICA Northern region will be taking place in Cancun in February.

MEETING WITH IICA BELIZE

The Representative and Technical Specialist will be meeting with their Belize counterparts in Chetumal, Mexico in February to discuss the coordinated response to the Belize government request for technical assistance in AI.

MEETING WITH CYFF BOARD

IICA-Canada has been invited to meet with the Board of Directors of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum to discuss IICA support to the upcoming World Young Farmers meeting taking place in Argentina later this year and the North American congress, which will be hosted by the CYFF in 2008.



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

TRI-NATIONAL MEETING

The Representative and Technical Specialist attended the 8th annual Tri-National meeting held in Cancun, Mexico. During the event, delegates from Canada, the US and Mexico discussed future IICA activities in the Northern Region.

IICA CANADA 2007 INTERNSHIPS PROGRAM

IICA Canada announced the opening of its 2007 Internships program with a posting of the program description and application form on its website.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

MEETING WITH IICA BELIZE

The Representative and Technical Specialist met with their Belize counterparts in Chetumal, Mexico in February to discuss the coordinated response to the Belize government request for technical assistance in AI. Also participating in the meeting were government and industry representatives and a representative from OIRSA. As a result of the meeting, the Technical Specialist will be facilitating an awareness workshop in Belize with the poultry sector to share Canada's experience in AI and to determine potential areas for future collaboration.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

CLGA MEETING

The office hosted the leaders from the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association during a meeting to discuss areas of common interest and collaboration.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MEETING WITH CYFF

IICA-Canada met with the Board of Directors of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum to discuss IICA support to the upcoming World Young Farmers meeting taking place in Argentina later this year and the North American congress, which will be hosted by the CYFF in 2008. There was agreement to develop a general workplan. Meetings over the coming weeks are being planned. As well, the Representative was invited to give a keynote presentation during the CYFF Annual General Meeting, where he spoke about IICA-Canada's activities, including the 2007 Internship Program.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

CANADA/MEXICO BEAN CONGRESS

IICA Canada arranged for Greg Cherewyk of Pulse Canada to provide an overview of the Canada/Mexico bean Congress to the delegates attending the 8th annual Tri-National meeting held in Cancun, Mexico.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

CANADA/MEXICO BEAN CONGRESS

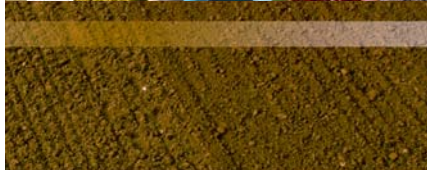
IICA-Canada, IICA-Mexico and the Northern Region Directorate will be actively involved in the 2007 Congress which will take place in Mexico City in March. As part of the recently signed MOU with Pulse Canada, IICA-Canada is providing internships to four researchers and one farmer to participate in the Congress and satellite meetings.

CCAA 2007 NORTH AMERICAN CONSULTING SCHOOL AND AIA BIO-FUELS CONFERENCE

The 2007 NACS will be taking place in Banff, Alberta in March and IICA-Canada is the event's major sponsor. IICA-Canada will be supporting the Alberta Institute of Agrologists' Biofuels Conference taking place immediately after the NACS by facilitating a Brazilian speaker and participants from LAC to the event. Chris Hansen, Director of the North Region will also be attending the event.

PRESENTATION OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2007 WORK PLAN

IICA-Canada will be submitting drafts of both the 2006 Annual Report and the 2007 Work Plan to its national stakeholders in early March, with plans for the final printed versions of both documents to be ready for later in the month.



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

2006 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2007 WORK PLAN

The office submitted the 2006 annual report and the 2007 work plan to its main government stakeholders for comments and approval, as per the Director General's accountability policy.

IICA HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR VISITS

Linda Landry, Director of Human Resources, visited the office to conduct interviews of candidates for the Executive Secretary position, which will become vacant with the retirement of Ms. Anita Anderson.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

BELIZE AI

IICA Canada collaborated with the IICA office in Belize to conduct a seminar and workshop on Canada's experiences in avian influenza for the poultry producers of Belize. The Technical Specialist also met with several Belize authorities, including the Minister of Agriculture and the Director of the Belize Agriculture Health Authority.

WMHI CONGRESS PLANNING

The Representative continued working with Anne MacKenzie of CFIA in preparations for the upcoming World Meat Hygiene and Inspection Congress taking place in Canada in June. IICA Canada will be hosting a post-congress workshop for participants from the Americas in collaboration with PAHO to identify future needs in technical cooperation.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

BIOFUELS SEMINAR

IICA Canada supported the annual meeting of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists by enabling the participation of Dr. Frederique Abreau, responsible for bioenergy within the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture as a keynote speaker during the biofuels seminar.

CLGA MEETING

The office hosted another meeting of CLGA authorities to further explore potential avenues of collaboration with the group, this time in terms of sheep breeding programs in Chile.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AEPLA CONTRACT SIGNED

The Office signed the AAFC / IICA contract for the final development and delivery of the agri-environmental policies learning modules and pilot project slated for Costa Rica later this year under the leadership of the Sustainable Rural Development Directorate.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

CANADA-MEXICO BEAN CONGRESS

The Third annual Canada/Mexico Bean Congress was held in Mexico City on March 7th. As in previous years, IICA Canada and IICA Mexico provided significant support to the event, sponsoring and facilitating the participation of four Canadian bean researchers and one producer in the week-long program. The Representative, the Technical Specialist and the Northern Region Director Chris Hansen participated throughout the program and also attended the 25th Annual Meeting of the Canada Mexico Chamber of Commerce, where the keynote address was given by Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

2007 NORTH AMERICAN CONSULTING SCHOOL

IICA Canada was once again the major sponsor of the North American Consulting School, this year providing support for two keynote speakers, Dr. Hernan Rojas, National Director of Chile's INDAP, and Mr. Enrique Lobos, Agriculture Minister with the Mexican Embassy in Canada. The event, which was hosted in Banff, Alberta, also included the active participation of Northern Region Director Chris Hansen and the signing of a Letter of Intent between the CCAA and INDAP, with the support to IICA, to facilitate quality management of INDAP's activities and programs.



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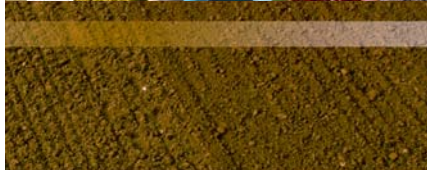
The Representative will be participating in April in a meeting organized by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs in advance of the next Annual Assembly of the OAS.

EMERGING DISEASES FORUM

IICA HQ has requested the active involvement of the IICA Canada Representative in an upcoming forum in Costa Rica on emerging diseases.

CHILE MINISTERS VISIT

IICA Canada, jointly with IICA Chile, will be involved in preparing proposals to support the upcoming visit of Chile's Minister of Agriculture to Canada.



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

DFAIT OAS MEETING

The Representative participated in a meeting organized by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs in advance of the next Annual Assembly of the OAS in Panama. During the meeting, the topics of the agenda of interest to Canada were reviewed and discussed. Among the topics related to agriculture were biofuels and climate change.

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH MEXICO'S NEW AMBASSADOR IN CANADA

IICA Canada's Representative met with H.E. Emilio Rafael Goicoechea Luna, new Mexican Ambassador to Canada in a breakfast meeting at the Residence in Ottawa. This was a follow up to the awareness lunch meeting with the ambassadors from Latin America last month. Several topics related to joint activities with IICA Canada were discussed such as support to the visit of a group of producers and academics from Sinaloa in July. These activities will be coordinated with Enrique Lobo, Agriculture Minister at the Embassy.

PERU FORUM

As part of its efforts in horizontal cooperation, the IICA Canada office coordinated with the office in Peru to provide support to the international workshop in Lima, which served as the launching of a national consultative process to develop an agriculture policy for Peru. This office provided a CD compilation of documents on the consultative process Canada undertook in 2003 to create the Agriculture Policy Framework and the process now taking place in Canada to develop the next generation of agriculture and agri-food policy.

IICA CANADA AGRICULTURE AWARDS

The office has prepared a strategy to develop and implement a national agriculture awards program that proposed partnerships with AAFC agencies to collaboratively offer awards for women and youth, and a new IICA-Canada program to offer an agriculture medal and the institution award. Recipients of the awards will be eligible for consideration for the Inter-American awards presented every other year during the IABA.

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Having incorporated comments and suggestions from principal stakeholders, IICA Canada finalized the 2006 Annual Report and 2007 Work Plan. Both documents will be published in hardcopy and made available electronically for download from the website.

2007 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Response has been strong to this year's open call for applications under the 2007 Internship Program. Several changes have been made to the program to streamline the administration of the program and to place greater emphasis on technical cooperation priorities of this office.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

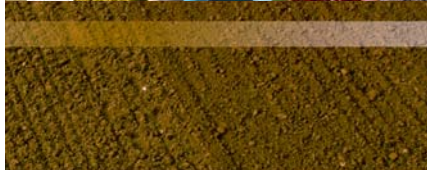
Marcos Fernandez took over the administrative duties in the office from Anita Anderson who, after 20 years of service, is retiring. Mr. Fernandez, who is from Uruguay, has a degree in International Business, with broad experience in the banking sector and held an administrative position at the Embassy of Argentina in Canada.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

EMERGING DISEASES FORUM

The Representative participated as a key speaker at the Transboundary Diseases Technical Forum held at IICA headquarters. The purpose of the forum was to increase the awareness of the importance of strengthening veterinary services in LAC with particular interest in Avian Influenza. Dr. Bedoya spoke on the role of industry and government in controlling outbreaks of disease with examples on schemes and experiences in different countries.



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SPS IN THE AMERICAS

The Representative and the Technical Specialist, along with Special Advisor Barry Stemshorn, met with representatives of TDV Global, Inc, the consulting firm managing the CIDA project to offer risk management courses on sanitary and phytosanitary measures in the Americas, to explore avenues of cooperation and collaboration in SPS and other technical area.

CANADA-BRAZIL COOPERATION IN FOOD SAFETY

The office had discussions with the AHFS Specialist in Brazil, Thomas Krotsch, on the Brazil request for technical cooperation from Canada in the area of residue analysis in food, and for assistance in developing an agenda for meetings between food safety officials of the two countries.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

CANADA-CHILE BEAN SEED MULTIPLICATION

The office provided assistance to Carlos Fernandez, Director of Strategic Studies of the Foundation for Agrarian Innovation (FIA) of Chile's Ministry of Agriculture in establishing a list of potential Canadian contacts for a Canada-Chile agreement in bean seed multiplication.

FIA AND ALBERTA MOU

The office also provided support to FIA in its efforts to establish a general agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture of Alberta, as follow-up to recent discussions facilitated by IICA-Canada between FIA and the province, held during the 2007 North American Consulting School in Banff.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

IICA AND IAI

During his trip to Costa Rica the Representative held talks with Dr. Michael Brklacich, Professor at Carleton University in Ottawa and member of the Inter-American Institute for Research on Global Climate Change (IAI) to discuss the IAI participation with a key speaker at the IABA meeting in July. The meeting was held jointly with the Sustainable Rural Development Directorate in Headquarters and potential topics of interest to the Ministers to include in the presentation were identified.

PROJECTS IN HAITI

The office continues to work with Francois Dagenais, Director of External Finance and Investment Projects, to develop concrete proposals to support sustainable development in Haiti's agriculture sector. In particular, the office reviewed two recent proposals on farm credit and support to farm entrepreneurs.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

FOLLOW-UP ON MEETINGS IN BANFF

The office continued to follow-up on issues raised during the various meetings held during the NACS 2007 and the AIA annual meeting, held in Banff in March, including action plans for working with INDAP and FIA, and with the Alberta government.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

HEALTH CANADA AND PAHO PVH FORUM

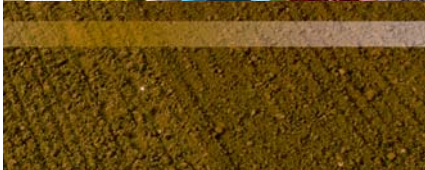
IICA Canada will be playing a central role in the upcoming joint Health Canada – PAHO forum on public veterinary health which will be held in Ottawa in May.

OTTAWA CAMPUS OF THE NACS

The office will be jointly supporting the inaugural Ontario campus of CCAA's North American Consulting School by co-hosting a VIP reception.

HAITI PROJECTS MISSION

Project team members for the two Canada/Haiti projects are expected to be in Canada to discuss these initiatives.



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

2007 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Eight applications for the 2007 IICA Canada Internship Program were received and reviewed. The next step in the process of selecting the final recipients will be to seek comment from content specialists and IICA offices in the countries involved. Final decisions are expected in June.

2007 NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

IICA Canada coordinated activities with Rachel Archer of AAFC's International Team to seek input from agriculture experts in Canada on their views of the sector over the coming five year period. Input was provided from representatives of government, private sector and academia.

TRABAJANDO JUNTOS

The office provided input to the 2006 Trabajando Juntos report, which provides details on the activities undertaken with other international agencies over the year.

SUPPORT TO IICA'S NEW DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dr. Bernardo Badani, formerly of AAFC, was named as Director of Special Projects to IICA. The office in Canada provided logistical support for Dr. Badani's move to Costa Rica.

IICA CANADA 2007 STAKEHOLDER SURVEY ON SATISFACTION

IICA Canada began preparing a survey to gauge the level of satisfaction among its stakeholders with the technical cooperation activities that have been offered by the office so far under the 2006-2010 Technical Cooperation Agenda. The survey will be distributed to stakeholders later in June and shortly after the 2006 Annual Report and 2007 Workplan have been distributed.

NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The Technical Specialist met with representatives of AAFC's Rural Secretariat to discuss options for collaboration on providing an annual Youth Agriculture Award, in line with the office's strategy to delivery annual awards to Canadian leaders in agriculture.

TRAINING FOR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Marcos Fernandez, IICA Canada's new Administrator, undertook a week-long training session at IICA Headquarters in Costa Rica to learn existing financial and administrative procedures and to meet with colleagues there at HQ.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

HEALTH CANADA AND PAHO PVH FORUM

IICA Canada supported the involvement of Advisor Barry Stemshorn as facilitator in a two-day conference hosted jointly by Health Canada and PAHO on veterinary public health.

BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION AT RESIDUES EVENT

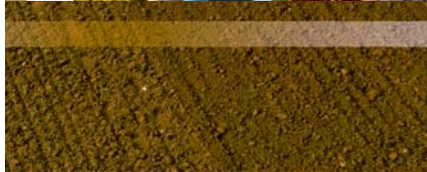
The office is working with counterparts from the office in Brazil to facilitate the participation of two representatives from the Brazil Ministry of Agriculture in an upcoming training event on veterinary medicine residues in meat to be held in Saskatoon, Canada in April. Besides the event, meetings with high-level CFIA officials are being programmed.

TRACEABILITY CONFERENCE

Francois Bedard of the Canadian Pork Council attended the International Seminar/Workshop on Traceability, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, under the support of IICA Canada.

COLOMBIAN INSPECTION SERVICES

The office has been working with counterparts in Colombia to coordinate a June visit of INVIMA inspectors to Canadian airports, ports and borders to learn first-hand about the inspection procedures used in Canada.



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WORLD MEAT HYGIENE AND INSPECTION CONGRESS

IICA Canada and PAHO collaborated to provide joint support for representatives from countries from Latin America and the Caribbean to attend the World Meat Hygiene and Inspection Congress, being held in Niagara Falls, Ontario in June.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

MEETING WITH ALBERTA'S MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

The Representative met with the Honourable Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology in the Province of Alberta and former provincial minister of Agriculture, accompanied by Darrel Toma, and presented a letter from Chris Hansen expressing IICA's interest in exploring greater cooperation with Alberta.

CHILEAN MISSION TO CANADA

The office has been working with the Canadian Genetics Livestock Association in support of an incoming mission from Chile to learn about genetic improvement programs in Canada. The mission is expected in June and IICA Canada will provide a workshop for participants to begin developing a technical cooperation plan of action in genetic improvement.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS IN HAITI

The office continues to work with Francois Dagenais, Director of External Finance and Investment Projects, and Alfredo Mena, Representative of IICA in Haiti, to develop an agenda for an incoming mission from Haiti to discuss sustainable development in Haiti's agriculture sector, including proposals on farm credit and support to farm entrepreneurs.

GLOBAL DONOR PLATFORM FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Representative and Technical Cooperation Specialist attended a Brown Bag presentation by the GDPRD Delegation at the CIDA Headquarters. The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) is a collective initiative with 30 bi- and multilateral Donor Agencies to get agriculture and rural development agenda right in the new aid architecture.

ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Responding to a request from IICA Headquarters, the office provided logistical support to Dr. Tirso Gonzalez, a specialist in Indigenous Studies from Peru working in Canada, to attend a meeting in South Africa on the role of science and technology in agriculture development.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

OTTAWA CAMPUS OF THE NACS

Chris Hansen, Northern Region Director, along with the Representative and the technical Cooperation Specialist co-hosted a welcoming reception for dignitaries and participants of the first Ontario offering of the North American Consulting School. Following the reception, IICA and the CCAA held a meeting to discuss collaboration, with respect to Canada/Chile and the 2008 NACS. As well, during the School, Chris Hansen gave a presentation on opportunities for consultants in the Americas.

ACTION PLAN FOR INDAP

As follow-up to meetings between the CCAA and INDAP held in March, the office developed potential lines of action between Canada and Chile.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- WORLD MEAT HYGIENE AND INSPECTION CONGRESS
- CHILEAN MISSION TO CANADA
- HAITIAN MISSION TO CANADA
- MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF BOLIVIA



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

2007 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

All applicants to the 2007 IICA Canada Internship Program have been contacted and informed of the final decisions regarding their proposals. For 2007, eight projects from the open call will be supported. The office staff has begun working with the successful candidates to make arrangements for their internships.

MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF BOLIVIA

The Representative met with the Bolivian Ambassador to Canada to discuss IICA Canada's activities and potential collaboration in support of Bolivian agriculture.

IICA'S NEW AHFS DIRECTOR MEETS CFIA AUTHORITIES

The Representative coordinated with Rolf Schoenert of CFIA's Intra-Agency Technical Assistance Secretariat in developing a day-long program of meetings for Dr. Ricardo Molins, IICA's new Director of the AHFS area with Canadian authorities. Included were meetings with the CFIA's Deputy Director of the Americas, the Directors of both Plant Health and Animal Health, and the Chief Veterinary officer for Canada.

CYFF LETTER OF INTENT

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum formally requested a Letter of Intent between the CYFF and IICA that will see the two organizations work together in areas of mutual interest, including the upcoming World Young Farmers Congress, taking place in Buenos Aires in July, and a series of meetings in Chile with similar young producer groups.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

FOLLOW-UP ON HEALTH CANADA AND PAHO VPH FORUM

IICA Canada supported the facilitation of a two-day conference hosted jointly by Health Canada and PAHO on veterinary public health. As a result of this, there is new and increased awareness of the role of IICA in the areas of public health in the Americas among Health Canada, CFIA and academics and stronger linkages with PAHO. As well, IICA Canada is being involved in the development of a proposal by the NCFAD to model animal disease spread in the Americas in collaboration with PANAFTOSA.

WORLD MEAT HYGIENE AND INSPECTION CONGRESS

IICA Canada and PAHO collaborated to provide joint support for representatives from countries from Latin America and the Caribbean to attend the World Meat Hygiene and Inspection Congress, which was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Representatives from Guatemala, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Dominican Republic and Brazil all attended the Congress.

WORKSHOP ON MEAT HYGIENE AND INSPECTION

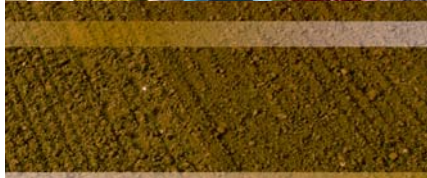
IICA Canada sponsored a workshop for participants in the World Congress from the Americas to discuss technical cooperation needs in the area of meat hygiene and Inspection. IICA's new Director of AHFS, Dr Molins, and Dr. Genaro Garcia of PAHO were also in attendance. The group discussed several broad areas of technical cooperation and finalized a prioritized list for consideration.

BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION AT RESIDUES EVENT

Representatives from the Brazil Ministry of Agriculture and its private sector participated in a training event on veterinary medicine residues in meat held in Saskatoon, Canada. As well, a meeting between the Brazilian team and representatives of three CFIA labs were held to discuss technical assistance needs in the country that may result in further training being offered by CFIA to Brazil.

COLOMBIAN INSPECTION SERVICES

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inspection procedures used in Canada.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIAN VET STUDENTS

IICA Canada has been approached by the Special Projects Officer to Dr. Brain Evans, CVO for Canada, to participate in a program designed to provide international opportunities for Canadian veterinary students. The officer visited the office to discuss the IICA Canada Internships program and to provide more details on the CFIA initiative.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

CHILEAN MISSION TO CANADA

The office worked with the Canadian Genetics Livestock Association to support a mission of Chilean producers and government representative on genetic improvement programs in Canada. As well, IICA Canada facilitated a workshop for participants during which technical cooperation needs were discussed and an initial draft technical cooperation plan of action in genetic improvement was developed.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

HAITI MISSION ON CROP INSURANCE AND FARM CREDIT

The Representative accompanied Francois Dagenais, Director of External Finance and Investment Projects, and members of a mission from Haiti during a week-long programme of activities in the province of Quebec to discuss sustainable development in Haiti's agriculture sector, including proposals on farm credit and support to farm entrepreneurs.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH INITIATIVE IN BRAZIL

Dr. Richard Heck, Professor at Guelph's Ontario Agriculture College, met with the Representative to discuss the University's newest initiative with Brazil to develop and support a network of multi-disciplinary, resource-sector researchers in the natural, biological and engineering sciences, focused in part on mitigating and ameliorating environmental impacts of mining production.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

MEXICO CANADA BEAN INITIATIVE PROPOSAL

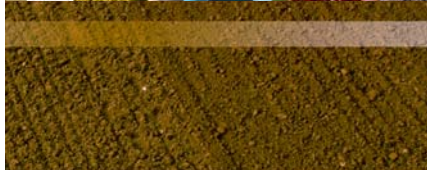
The Technical Cooperation Specialist is again working with Pulse Canada to support further activities in the Bean Initiative, including an upcoming Canada/Mexico Researchers Forum to be held in Canada in July.

CANADA CHILE ROUND TABLE PROPOSAL

The Representative met with officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and provided a copy of an updated version of the Canada Chile Round Table proposal. DFAIT will be providing comments on the proposal in the coming weeks.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- OFFICIAL CHILEAN MISSION TO CANADA
- IICA CANADA AUDIT
- INVIMA MISSION
- WORLD YOUNG FARMERS CONGRESS IN BUENOS AIRES
- CYFF CHILE MEETINGS
- CANADA / MEXICO BEAN RESEARCHERS FORUM



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

CANADIANS CONTRIBUTE TO 2007 NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

The office worked with its main stakeholders and with Headquarters to ensure that leaders in Canada's agriculture provided their input to the 2007 National Consultations on-line questionnaire, which sought views on the challenges facing agriculture in the coming years.

OFFICE STAFF COMPLETE XQ SURVEY

All members of the IICA Canada team completed the XQ Questionnaire aimed at modernizing IICA and improving our efficiency and ability to achieve our objectives.

JANUARY – JULY REPORT

The Representative, with input from the IICA Canada team, finalized and submitted a First Semester report on the Annual Action Plan over the first half of 2007.

IICA AND CYFF SIGN LETTER OF INTENT

Chris Kletke, Chairman of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum, and the Representative of IICA in Canada signed a Letter of Intent which will see the two organizations work together in areas of mutual interest. As a first activity, IICA Canada used its Internships and Expertise Exchange Program to support meetings between CYFF and Chilean government and private sector authorities in Santiago (see below for more information).

IICA CANADA AUDIT

At the request of the Representative, Luis Condines, IICA's internal chief auditor visited the office and performed an audit of the financial practices. While the final report from Condines won't be available until later, following some of his recommendations, the office has already made some changes to its procedures to increase its efficiency and control.

IICA CANADA ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY

Over 50 of IICA Canada's most important stakeholders representing government, academia and the private sector were contacted to participate in a short on-line questionnaire regarding accountability, transparency and IICA Canada's strategic directions. A report on the full results will be prepared once the questionnaire closes in late August.

CANADIAN DELEGATION AT THE IABA

The office provided on-going support and facilitation to the official Canadian delegation participating in the Inter-American Board of Agriculture meetings held in Guatemala.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

COLOMBIAN INSPECTION SERVICES

The office collaborated with counterparts in Colombia to coordinate the visit of INVIMA inspectors to Canadian airports, ports and borders to learn first-hand about the inspection procedures used in Canada. Besides the site visits and presentations made by Canadian authorities, IICA Canada also hosted a workshop during which several priority issues were identified.

COFFEE BORER

At the request of the IICA office in Jamaica, IICA Canada made contact with Colombian specialists who were members of the Inspection Services mission to Canada, to discuss potential Colombia-Jamaica collaboration in the area of coffee borer.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOSECURITY NETWORK

The office cooperated with Eduardo Rojas-Padilla, Information Manager on Biotechnology and Biosafety to support the development of a communication network on biotechnology and biosafety. Such network is currently under implementation within the framework of the IICA's Information System on Biotechnology and Biosafety. This communication network will



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become our IICA main contact with external collaborators or regional ad hoc support groups, which are under development in different regions where multilateral initiatives are lacking.

ALBERTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

The Representative participated in a conference call with Bruce Wallace, leader of the Applied Research and Innovation Task Force of the Alberta Association of Colleges & Technical Institutes, a group representing 17 colleges and technical school and over 150,000 students. One of the topics discussed during the conference call was collaboration between AACTI and IICA Canada in the area of biofuels technology transfer and education.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FOLLOW-UP ON MISSION FROM HAITI

IICA Canada continues to work closely with counterparts in Haiti to follow-up on the recent Haitian mission to Canada. IICA Canada has pledged to support the initiatives through the use of the IICA Canada Internships and Expertise Exchange program and application forms for the program were sent to the first group of potential Haitians.

CANADIAN YOUNG FARMERS IN CHILE AND ARGENTINA

With the support of IICA Canada's Internship and Expertise Exchange Program, and as the first activity under a new Letter of Intent between CYFF and IICA Canada, four Executive Committee members of the CYFF travelled to Santiago, Chile to meet with government, private sector and civil society groups to present the CYFF and explore potential avenues for future collaboration. The Santiago meetings were programmed to precede the CYFF participation at the 2nd World Congress of Young Farmers, which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Technical Specialist accompanied the group to Santiago.

As well, the IICA Argentina office in BA coordinated and developed a farm visit program for members of the *Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec*, who were also in Argentina to participate in the World Congress.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

INDAP PROPOSES ACTIVITIES WITH CCAA

IICA Canada continued to act as an honest broker between the Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association and the *Instituto de Desarrollo Agropecuario* of Chile, who signed a Letter of Intent earlier this year. INDAP has proposed a series of activities with CCAA over the short term and IICA Canada has been asked to support the initiatives.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- CCAA/INDAP Plan of Action discussions
 - Completion of the IICA Canada Accountability Survey
 - Review of applications from Haiti for the IICA Canada Internships and Expertise Exchanges Program
 - Meeting with the new Technical Director of the North American Plant Protection Organization
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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

IICA CANADA ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY

Responses to the IICA Canada Accountability Survey have been coming in from a full range of stakeholders. The responses to date indicate a very high degree of satisfaction with IICA Canada's accountability, transparency and strategic directions. A report on the full results will be prepared once the questionnaire closes.

CANADA'S RENEWED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AMERICAS AND IICA'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

IICA Canada is preparing a stakeholder developed and validated comprehensive proposal for Canada to bring added value to its recently announced renewed engagement in the Americas. IICA Canada has hired Darrel Toma to lead the proposal development process, which is expected to be completed in mid-October in time for the IICA 65th Anniversary

PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

IICA Canada prepared and submitted a proposal for funds to finance the purchase of assets to support the office's strategy for delivering excellence in technical cooperation. Included in the proposal are assets to improve communication with stakeholders.

MEETING WITH DFAIT

The Representative was invited to attend a luncheon meeting with Leonard Beaulne, IICA's main point of contact with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, during which, the two spoke of Canada's renewed engagement in the Americas and IICA's plans to develop a related proposal.

BRIEFING TO GUATEMALA ENVOY

The Representative prepared and delivered a briefing on the successes of the recent IABA and Week of Agriculture meetings held in Guatemala to that country's Ambassador to Canada. Ambassador Roldan was also briefed on IICA's proposal for Canada's renewed engagement in the Americas. A full briefing meeting will be held with Ambassadors in the early fall.

NORTHERN REGION PLANNING MEETING

The Representative and Technical Cooperation Specialist have been preparing the office's inputs to the Northern Region planning meeting taking place in September at IICA HQ. Several reports have been completed and submitted and a presentation on the office's principal achievements and limitations is being finalized.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

NCFAD PLANS FOR SOUTH AMERICA

The Representative and the Technical Cooperation Specialist participated in a conference call with Dr. Alfonso Clavijo, Head of Vesicular Diseases at the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, during which NCFAD's plans for continued collaboration with labs in South America and IICA Canada's support for such were discussed. Dr. Clavijo is expected to travel to Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay in the coming weeks as a follow up to the PCR-rt training events held last year in Uruguay and Winnipeg.

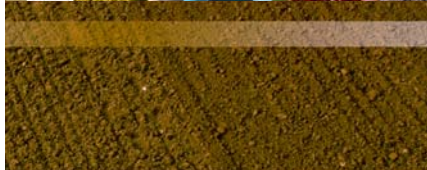
NAPPO'S NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

The Representative met with the new appointed Technical Director of the North American Plant Protection Organization, Mr. Walter Enkerlin, where the two discussed collaboration between the organizations.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

GUELPH UNIVERSITY INTERESTS IN BRAZIL

Three researchers from the University of Guelph, including Prof. Richard J. Heck, were at the IICA offices in Brazil in order to develop and support a multi-disciplinary, resource-sector research network, involving primarily the natural, biological and engineering sciences. The network is funded by the Kinross Gold Corporation.



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SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AEPLA TRAINING COURSE

The SRD team at IICA HQ released its draft version of the AEPLA training course for review and comments.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

PULSE CANADA IN MEXICO

Jackie Blondeau of Pulse Canada requested IICA assistance in the preparation of an agenda of meetings between herself, Dr. Jeff Stewart, AAFC's Director of Science in Crop genetics Improvements program and representatives of Mexico's Sistema Producto Frijol, which would take place in September in Mexico City. The meetings are being set up to enable the groups to discuss plans for the next Canada Mexico Bean Congress and other activities. Antero Gonzalez at the IICA Mexico office is handling arrangements there.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- Incoming Mission from Chile
- Northern Region Planning Meeting
- SICARNE Meat Congress
- AI Simulation Course



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NORTHERN REGION PLANNING MEETING

The Representative and Technical Cooperation Specialist participated in the Northern Region planning meeting which took place in September at IICA HQ. IICA Canada will be involved in 19 of the 25 regional initiatives, and will be directly leading several, including activities with NAPPO and the regional report on the status of agriculture and rural life.

IICA CANADA ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY

The final report on the 2007 IICA Canada Accountability Survey was presented to the office's national stakeholders and results from the survey were very positive. Among the findings, the vast majority of stakeholders were satisfied with the quality of the technical cooperation activities and the transparency of the IICA Canada office.

CANADA'S RENEWED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AMERICAS

The Technical Cooperation Specialist facilitated a three-day working session with IICA Canada's Senior Advisors, Mr. Darrell Toma and Dr. Barry Stemshorn, during which the group developed a draft framework for proposed activities to support Canada's renewed engagement in the Americas.

IMPROVEMENTS TO TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

IICA Canada's proposal for funds to finance the purchase of assets to support the office's strategy for delivering excellence in technical cooperation was approved in full. Staff are now moving forward with the purchasing process to have the new infrastructure in place and operational as soon as possible.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CHILE TECHNICAL TOUR TO CANADA

Representatives from Chile's Ministry of Agriculture were in Canada in September for a three-day technical mission to explore Canada's experiences in institutional modernization and modern food inspection services. The mission, supported by IICA in Canada and Chile, was coordinated by Peter Brackendridge, former Vice President of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and now an IICA Canada consultant, and included presentations from CFIA, AAFC and other federal partners in the Canadian system.

SICARNE

The Representative accompanied Mike Kotelko, an Alberta feed lot owner to two events in Mexico. First, the two traveled to Guadalajara where Mr. Kotelko gave a presentation on the biogas technology he has been developing in Alberta. Then, they moved to Mexico City where Mr. Kotelko gave a presentation on his operations to the SICARNE meeting.

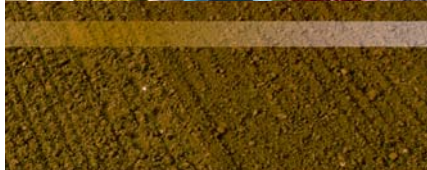
TDV TRACEABILITY EVENT

IICA Canada has been working with the AHFS Directorate at IICA HQ to ensure the IICA participation in the upcoming Traceability Event / Study Tour for Costa Ricans, being organized by TDV Global, Inc.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

BIO-ECONOMY SERIES

The office was approached by representatives of AAFC's Rural Secretariat to support a series of electronic conferences on the bio-economy. IICA pledged support to AAFC to support the participation of international speakers in the series.



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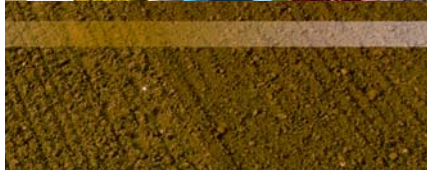
As a follow-up to meetings between Jackie Blondeau of Pulse Canada and Mexican representatives on the Sistema Producto Frijol held in Mexico City, IICA Canada is working with Antero Gonzalez at the IICA Mexico office to support a visit by Sr. Montes of SFP to Winnipeg to advance the initiative.

CCAA/INDAP PROPOSAL

IICA Canada received the formal response from CCAA to the proposal of activities from INDAP. Under the proposal, the activities were suggested, including a mission from Chile to Canada and a mission from Canada to Chile, as well as a mentoring program. CCAA agreed to the Chile-to-Canada mission as the first step in the immediate future and IICA Canada will be supporting this activity.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- Incoming Mission from Haiti
- Meeting with AAFC
- TDV Traceability Event
- Representative's Week



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

FOLLOW-UP ON NORTHERN REGION ACTIVITIES

The Representative and Technical Cooperation Specialist participated in two teleconferences led by Northern Regional Director Chris Hansen and counterparts from Mexico as follow-up to the Northern Region planning meeting which took place in September at IICA HQ.

CANADA'S RENEWED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AMERICAS

The Representative and the Technical Cooperation Specialist continued working on the development of a draft proposal of activities to support Canada's renewed engagement in the Americas. The two held consultation sessions with Canadians working at IICA HQ and the Representative met with the DG to give a progress briefing.

MEETING WITH MAIN AAFC CONTACT

Paul Murphy, Executive Director of Programs and Multilateral Affairs and IICA's main contact at AAFC hosted the Representative at Sir John Carling Building. During the meeting, the Representative provided a briefing on office activities and detailed progress on developing the draft proposal for Canada's renewed engagement in the Americas.

HAITI AG MINISTER PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO IICA CANADA

IICA Canada was honoured to host an official visit by Haiti's Secretary of State for Agriculture Mr. Joanas Gué. Accompanying the Secretary of State were Ms. Rachelle Chery of the IICA office in Haiti, Mr. Frantz Liautaud, President of the Haitian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Ms. Lalla Haidara, Project Manager of the Trade Facilitation Office of Canada. During the meeting, the Secretary acknowledged IICA Canada's support through its *Internships and Expertise Exchange Program*, to allow three agro-entrepreneurs from Haiti to train in Canada for one month in dairy, grain and fruit processing plants. (*See photo below*)

TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

IICA Canada began the process of acquiring new assets to support the office's strategy for delivering excellence in technical cooperation. Many components of the new infrastructure were put in place and made operational.

2007 REPRESENTATIVES' WEEK

The Representative and the Technical Cooperation Specialist participated in the annual Representatives' Week meetings held at IICA HQ from October 25-Nov 1.

2008 IICA CANADA BUDGET

Staff in the office continued to finalize the 2008 Budget submission package. As well, the Technical Specialist held meetings with finance and human resources staff at IICA HQ to discuss related issues.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

TDV TRACEABILITY EVENT

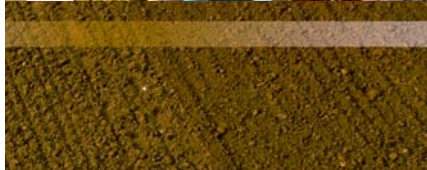
Alejandra Diaz, IICA Central Regional Specialist in Agriculture Health and Food Safety attended the Traceability Event / Study Tour for Costa Ricans in Calgary, Alberta which was organized by TDV Global, Inc.

AI SIMULATION COURSE

The Technical Specialist was invited to an AI Simulation Exercise and Course in Uberaba, Brazil to provide presentations on the North America Plan for Avian and Pandemic Influenza and on Canada's recent experiences with AI. The Specialist also participated in the simulation exercise in order to provide input into the adaptation of the material to IICA and the rest of LAC.

CONTACT MEETING ON STERILE FLIES

The Representative met with Cara McCurrach, General Director of the Okanagan-Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Program to discuss a possible joint project with Chile to address *Cydia pomonella*.



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TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

BIO-ECONOMY SERIES

IICA's new Director of Hemispheric Program of Agro-Energy and Bio-Fuels, Dr. Hernan Chiriboga has agreed to support AAFC's Rural Secretariat and its series of electronic conferences on the bio-economy. Dr. Chiriboga will be providing the first IICA presentation in the series later this year.

TRAINING NEEDS FOR HIGH-VALUE GENETICS

Horacio Larrea, International Sales Manager for Alta Genetics in Mexico and the Americas accompanied Rick McDonald and Bob Lang of the CLGA to the IICA Canada office to learn more about IICA and to discuss potential cooperation to develop training programs to meet the needs of farms with high genetic-value animals.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

IICA SUPPORTS NEXT STEPS IN CANADA/MEXICO BEAN INITIATIVE

The offices in Canada and Mexico helped in the planning of a meeting between Pulse Canada representative Jackie Blondeau and the new industry representative on Mexico's Sistema Producto Frijol, Mr. Montes in Mexico City. Mr. Montes is expected to come to Canada in November for the next meeting to discuss advancing the initiative.

CCAA PRESIDENT VISITS IICA

Terry Betker, President of the Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association paid a visit to the Representative, during which CCAA/IICA joint activities were discussed, particularly those involving the CCAA's recently-signed Letter of Intent with Chile's Agriculture Development Institute, INDAP.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

WORLD BANK REPORT ON AGRICULTURE

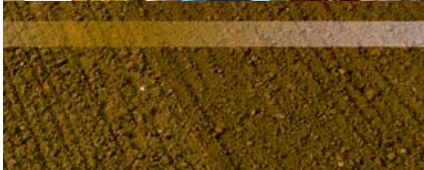
The Representative was invited by CIDA to attend a breakfast reception on the occasion of the visit to Canada of Mr. Lennart Båge, President of the International Fund for Agriculture. The visit coincided with the Canadian launch of the World Bank's 2008 World Development Report, which focused on the role of agriculture in fostering development.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

- USDA AI Course in Miami
- Incoming Chilean mission – CLGA
- Interviews to staff Administrative Assistant position



Official Haitian visit to IICA Canada: (l to r) Dr. Barry Stemshorn, IICA Canada Senior Advisor; Ms. Lalla Haidara, Project Manager of TFOC (Trade Facilitation Office Canada); Ms. Rachelle Chery, IICA Haiti Rural Development Specialist; Frantz Liautaud, President of the Haitian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Joanas Gué, Secretary of State of Agriculture in Haiti; Dr. Michael Bedoya, IICA Canada Representative, and Mr. Kimble Costain, IICA Canada Technical Cooperation Specialist.



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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Minister Ritz and IICA DG Brathwaite Meet in Rome

IICA Canada staff worked with Minister Ritz's office staff to secure a meeting between the Canadian agriculture minister and the DG of IICA during the recent FAO Conference in Rome, Italy. Topics up for discussion were the status of IICA's technical capacity evaluation, the new IICA Leadership programs and Canada's new policy for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tri-National Meeting in the Works

IICA Canada staff are supporting the efforts of the Northern Regional Director and Canadian government contacts to make arrangements for the 2008 Tri-National Meeting, tentatively scheduled for early in the new year in Mexico. This year's program will place greater emphasis on technical content.

IICA Canada Internship Program Winding Down for 2007

With this year's Interns filing their final reports and the last of the holdback payments almost ready to go out, this year's 2007 Internship Program is wrapping up another successful year. Work is underway to prepare new promotional material for the 2008 Program, which will be launched early next year.

Health Canada seeks IICA input on possible PAHO office

Two representatives from Health Canada came by the IICA Canada office to speak with the Representative and the Technical Specialist on the added-value the IICA office in Canada brings to the relationship between the country and the Institution, as part of their research into options for a potential PAHO office to be located in Canada.

New IICA Website to be Operational in 2008

IT staff at IICA HQ have been busy preparing the platforms and architecture for a new institutional website ready for launching in January 2008. The IICA webmaster was in the Canadian office for a week working with staff to finalize IICA Canada's webpages, which will be used as a model for other offices.

Renewed Engagement in LAC

A proposal document positioning IICA as the partner of choice for Canada's new policy on engagement in the Americas continued to be refined with input for IICA HQ and others.

COUNTRY AND REGION ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Counter-Terrorism Project for South America

IICA has been included as a project participant in CFIA's Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Project, financed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Under the project, IICA will support training and equipment transfers to the Andean Region in Foot-and-mouth disease diagnostics, and in animal disease spread modeling.

NCFAD Visit to Brazil

IICA Canada worked with counterparts at the Brazil office to support the visit of Dr. Alfonso Clavijo of Canada's National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, who was conducting the visit as a follow-up activity to the rt-PCR training course of 2006.

Three-Sisters Project

IICA Canada has been following up on the discussions between AHFS Director Ricardo Molins and CFIA regarding potential Canadian involvement in the program to support LAC country participation at meetings of OIE and other standard setting bodies.

Meeting with NAPPO

The Representative and Technical Specialist met with Ian McDonnell, Executive Director and Dr. Walther Enkerlin, new Technical Director, of the North American Plant Protection Office in Ottawa to discuss potential collaboration over the coming year.



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TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

AAFC E-Conference Series

The Representative and the Technical Cooperation Specialist hosted two representatives from AAFC to discuss potential topics for IICA speaker in the department's e-conference series on the bio-economy and to look at technical logistics to support the connection of IICA's webcasting technology to that of AAFC. The first presentations are being planned for January.

Canada/Chile Plan of Action for 2008

IICA Canada and Renee Plouffe of the Canadian Embassy in Chile continued to collaborate in developing a plan of action for 2008 that will consolidate the progress made over 2007 in supporting genetic improvement plans in Chile.

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS

Further Advances with Pulse Canada and the Bean Initiative

IICA provided some logistical assistance to support the visit of Sr. Montes of Mexico to Winnipeg to meet with Pulse Canada and other officials on next steps in the Canada/Mexico Bean Initiative. Meetings for early in January in Nayarit State in Mexico are being planned.

Northern Region Director speaks at ASAC Annual Meeting

IICA Canada worked with its contacts at Pulse Canada and the Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association to provide input into the presentation of Chris Hansen, IICA's Northern Region Director at the annual meeting of the American Society of Agriculture Consultants.

Support to the Caribbean Agritourism Project

Ena Harvey, Representative for IICA in the Eastern Caribbean has requested assistance from IICA Canada to secure the participation of a Canadian expert in the development of a resource centre on agritourism for the region. Initial contacts with experts from British Columbia were made and presented by IICA Canada.

SICARNE Seminar Proceedings

Following the participation of Mike Kotelko at the SICARNE Congress in Mexico City, and the Bio-Gas Forum in Guadalajara, IICA Canada began work to compile the proceedings and other relevant information into one document which should be ready in December.

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

IICA Canada Makes Presentation to CYFF Executive

Rod Scarlett, Executive Director of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum, invited the Representative and the Technical Cooperation Specialist to participate in the recent Executive Committee meeting. On the agenda: IICA's support to the 2008 Americas Young Farmers Summit and CYFF interest in the new recently announced *Forum for Leaders in Agriculture: Young Leaders*.

PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings and Final Report of the Chilean Technical Mission to Canada on Institutional Modernization: "*Proyecto Nueva Institucionalidad*"

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

Oxfam-Quebec and IICA Partnership Explored

IICA's Director of External Finance and Investment Projects Francois Dagenais and IICA Canada will meet with representatives of Oxfam-Quebec and the One-Drop Initiative to discuss work in Haiti and the potential for collaboration.

December-January Combined Corporate Report

The next corporate report will be issued in January as a special two-month combined report on activities bringing the new year.

