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Introduction

CAISNews focuses on activities associated with developing the capacity in information and communications management in the Caribbean region. CAIS support to national networks is important to us at the Secretariat and we look forward to working with you to implement the key programmes identified by stakeholders as priorities. Please remember that CAISNews is also available on the CAIS website www.caisnet.org. Many thanks to the readers who sent us feedback and remember your contributions are important in making this our newsletter. Happy reading.

CAIS participation in ACURIL 2002

The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) holds its 32nd Conference in Jamaica over the period 27 May – 1 June 2002. The theme is “The new librarian.com: developing skills in knowledge management, information literacy, market issues and community development”. The conference will feature presentation, pre and post conference workshops, exhibits and poster sessions in three languages. The conference also features ACURIL as a diverse, multicultural, multiethnic and multilingual educational and professional association for information professionals in the Caribbean region. The Question and Answer Service (QAS) known as the Agricultural Information Service (ASK) in Jamaica will be featured along with CAIS and CTA Services. A display of CTA publications in information and communications management and selected CTA/CARDI and CAIS publications will be showcased. The CAIS Regional Coordinator will present a paper on CAIS experiences.

CAIS in the Countries

We want more news !!!! PLEASE

Contact information on Network Members

We have been compiling and sending contact information to the CTA for their databases from which they select names of potential participants for workshops and meetings. We also maintain a contact database. Please compile and send us a list of your network members and other key contact persons/ partners at the national level. Be sure to include name, designation, address, email, telephone and fax.

CAIS Secretariat Staff Profile

Some of you may have seen the name Kelly Belgrove and wondered exactly who is Kelly? Mrs Belgrove has been working as a Research Assistant with CARDI over the past two years on various contracts in the Information and Communications department. Kelly is a graduate of the Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry (ECIAF) where she completed a diploma in Agriculture. She is also a graduate of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine campus where she read for B.Sc. General Agriculture. Kelly completed the M.Sc. in Horticulture and Fruit Production at the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña (UNPHU) in the Dominican Republic. At CARDI, she works primarily on the CAIS programme and is involved in compiling, editing, publishing and distributing information products including CAISNews and on the CAIS website. Kelly also provides technical support to the QAS at CARDI Headquarters. Please feel free to contact her at infocentre@cardi.org



One day workshop on Electronic Networking

The CAIS Secretariat will be hosting a one day workshop on “Electronic Networking – making the best use of electronic forums” on 24 May 2002 at CARDI Headquarters in Trinidad. The target groups of this workshop are the Regional Coordinators and Information Officers of the respective PROCICARIBE networks. We have invited Mr Samuel Inniss, Senior Agricultural Assistant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Barbados to assist with facilitating the workshop with the Ministry kindly consenting to his attendance. Mr Inniss will work alongside Ms Pat Thompson – CAISIN Moderator in facilitating the workshop.

Vacancies

The Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) is inviting Caribbean applicants for existing vacancies. Please check www.cta.nl for details.

Publications and Websites

Publications

A Guidebook on Journal Publishing for Agriculture and Rural Development

By A Youdeowei, INASP/ CTA 2001

114 pp. ISBN 92 9081 236 2

Learning About Capacity Development through Evaluation

Perspectives and observations from a collaborative network of national and international organisations and donor agencies

By D Horton, CTA co-publication ISNAR, meeting report No. 13, 2001

52pp. Freely downloadable from www.cgiar.org/isnar

Public Awareness – A compilation of workshop papers

Publication of CTA Workshop papers, compiled by CARDI/CAIS, March 2002
43pp. Contact ic@cardi.org

Land and Water Resources in the Caribbean

Proceedings of a Conference held 2-4 October 2000
Published by The Land and Water Resources Network (CLAWRENET) of PROCICARIBE
Edited by Compton L Paul and Jacob Opadeyi
179 pp. ISBN 976-617-010-X (pbk) Contact procicaribe@cardi.org

*Information and Communication Policies
Internet References for Caribbean Agriculture*

Compiled by CARDI/CAIS, December 2001
17 pp. Contact ic@cardi.org

Websites

www.comminit.com

A website from the Communication Initiative partnership which focuses on global forces, local choices, critical voices and telling stories.

www.mdiawren.demon.co.uk

WRENmedia is an independent radio and print consultancy and production company which specialises in agriculture, (temperate and tropical), rural and urban development, health, the environment and related issues, particularly in developing countries.

www.runetwork.de

A low cost, demand driven, decentralised and independent information and communication system (ICS) on the Internet.

www.amadepa-congrescfcs2002.com

This is the website address for the 38th Caribbean Food Crops Society (CFCS) meeting.

www.geocities.com/titangurlus/fiona_info.html

A website which promotes an advertising consultancy service which will have one area focussing on Agriculture in the Caribbean.

www.sidlac.net

Further information on the FAO and SIDLAC course/ workshop on "Electronic production of documents and management of agricultural bibliographic databases" to be held in Jamaica between 20-23 May 2002 can be found on this site.

www.biosis.org

A website that provides information on life sciences and includes references to journal articles, books, meetings, patents and websites.

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