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A newsletter from Africa Rice Center (WARDA)

"We wish to thank each member of the WARDA family for the UN Award as well as for the series of world-class prizes and honors that WARDA has won over the years", said WARDA Board Chair Mr Gaston Grenier.

WARDA Board endorses harmonization of activities

27th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Africa Rice Center (WARDA), 18-23 March 2007, in Cotonou, Benin

At its just-concluded meeting, the Africa Rice Center (WARDA) Board of Trustees strongly endorsed the process of harmonization of specific activities of the Center with those of the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

The Board warmly welcomed the two new Board members who are common to IITA and WARDA: Dr Barbara Becker from Germany and Dr Adama Traoré from Mali.

The other new WARDA Board members—Dr Tsekede Abate from Ethiopia, Dr Getachew Engida from UK and Dr Kiyooki Maruyama from Japan—also received a special welcome from WARDA.

The Board meeting was made even more significant by the presence of two representatives of the WARDA External Program and Management Review (EPMR) Panel: Prof. Eric Tollens, Panel Chair and Dr Pammi Sachdeva, Panel member for Governance. WARDA is going through its fifth EPMR this year.

At the end of the meeting, the Board thanked the outgoing Board members, Mrs Mary U. B. Mokwunye from Nigeria and Prof. Takeshi Horie from Japan for their valuable contribution to the Center.

The Board took the opportunity to congratulate WARDA for winning recently the prestigious United Nations Award for South-South Triangular Partnership. Individual WARDA staff members and post-doctoral fellows who had been singled out for their achievements were also felicitated.

See WARDA website for more information.



Fifth EPMR

Africa Rice Center (WARDA)'s 5th External Program and Management Review (EPMR)

WARDA is going through its 5th EPMR. The initial phase of the review involving all the Panel members is taking place, 1-6 April 2007.

EPMR Panel

Eric Tollens (Belgium)
Brigitte Courtois (France)
Zelia Menete (Mozambique)
Pammi Sachdeva (USA)
Toshihiro HASEGAWA (Japan)
Mary NCUBE (Zambia)
Manuel Lantin (CGIAR Secretariat)
Beatriz Ávalos-Sartorio

Panel Chair / Agricultural Economics
Breeding and Genetics
Agronomy/Soil and Water Management
Governance and Management
Rice Physiology Consultant
Finance Consultant
Resource person
Panel Secretary



Visitors to WARDA

Mr. Jean Prosper Koyo, the Representative of FAO in Benin visited WARDA-Cotonou on Tuesday 13 March 2007

A delegation from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Abomey-Calavi visited WARDA-Cotonou on Wednesday 14 March 2007

Did you know?

Dr Lucas Romain Kaikaï Glélé, Consultant/Biometrician, is at WARDA every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until 30 April. He can be contacted at extension 392 in Office 4.6, next to the Multimedia office. Please make an appointment, so that he can schedule his meetings.

New publications

- Africa Rice Center (WARDA) Annual Report 2005–2006: Providing what’s needed
- Plus loin dans le partenariat : Centre du riz pour l’Afrique (ADRAO) Rapport annuel 2004–2005

For copies, please contact Achuzia Jacinta, Publication Assistant



Events

2-6 April 2007 - WARDA’s 5th External Program and Management Review (EPMR), , Cotonou, Benin

18-19 April 2007 - PADS Steering Committee Meeting, Cotonou, Benin

20 April 2007 -- PADS workshop on the production of radio scripts, Cotonou, Benin

23-25 April 2007 - ARI Steering Committee Meeting, Cotonou, Benin

St-Louis goes high-tech

WARDA Director General inaugurated the new VSAT connection at WARDA’s Senegal Station, 27 February 2007, St Louis, Senegal.

Thanks to ICT-KM, the WARDA Senegal station has Internet via Satellite link (VSAT), with a bandwidth of 64k/128k. Staff at St-louis station can now easily access their e-mails, browse the World Wide Web, and check online journals. Also, the station is wi-fi enabled. Congratulations to Pefery Coulibaly and staff at St-Louis and Cotonou who made this happen!!!



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Zéphirin Amoussou

Purchase Officer

1 February 2007

Koukou Ahouanto

Research Assistant

1 February 2007

Firmin Adja

Driver Travel Office

1 February 2007

Maimouna Diatta

French Editor

15 February 2007

Heather Grey

Human Resources

Manager

12 March 2007

ON DIT “BYE BYE”

Semagn Kassa

12 January 2007

Bianca Beks

26 January 2007

Samira Hotobah-During

26 February 2007

Mohamed Kebbeh

28 February 2007

Patrick Kormawa

7 March 2007

Patricia Egboou

30 March 2007

My family!



Woman!

Perfect beauty and wonderful creation of the almighty
Could anyone disagree with me on women's day

Did she not give birth to the man?
Did she not show you love even when she was expecting
She showered you with love through her careful gestures
and attentions to keep you from any misfortune without even knowing
you.

She accepted joyfully to give birth in pain. She took your caprices,
wrongdoings without complaining. She fought so that you have a bright
future. She was always ready to protect you in any circumstances.
Should you wait to show her your gratitude on this wonderful day for
women!

Then, although this woman is convinced of your importance in life, she
wishes to tell you on the women's day that she needs consideration,
justice, peace and love at homes and at work.

But she wishes to reassure you that whether you do it or not, she will
remain a woman, an eternal cup of love, with a special heart to welcome
pains, love and to forgive.

Long life to woman for peace in homes and in the world!

Gisele Dago
(Recited on the day of International Women's Day!)

On dit "Condolences" to:

Thomas K. Sambieni, on the death of his new born baby

Raimi Dotche, on the death of his mother

Ousman Youm , on the death of his senior sister.

L'Oréal-UNESCO Fellow among recent laureates congratulated by WARDA Board!

The Africa Rice Center (WARDA) Board of Trustees formally recognized the WARDA scientists, post-docs, PhD scholars and other staff members who have recently won prominent national and international awards. The event took place at the end of the 27th Meeting of the Board on 23 March 2007, Cotonou, Benin.

The Board first congratulated the Center for winning recently the United Nations Award for South-South Triangular Partnership in recognition of its NERICA initiative. The Award was presented to the WARDA Director General Dr Papa Seck, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

"This is one of the highest recognitions for research partnerships and we are justifiably proud of it," said the Board Chair Mr Gaston Grenier. "We wish to thank each member of the WARDA family for the UN Award as well as for the series of world-class prizes and honors that WARDA has won over the years."

The Board then applauded the success of individual members of the WARDA family for their recent achievements.

For more information, visit Newsroom in WARDA website

On dit "Congratulations" to:

Carine Kan (Secretary, IVC);

Achille Medagbe and (Research Technician);

Imourana Abdoulaye (Senior Accountant);

Yoshimi Sokei (JICA-ARI Agronomist).

on the new arrivals in their homes!

African proverb!

Every time an old person dies,
it is as if a library has burnt down.