

Chairman, PNASF Speaks

Over the last quarter of the last century, Asia had undergone major economic shocks, poverty had not declined and inequality in the distribution of wealth had continued. In this atmosphere, about 815 million people suffered from hunger and malnutrition, mostly in the developing world and nearly one third of the world's hungry people (233 million) were reported to be homed in India. The announcement of the common minimum programme of the newly formed Government in India, has amply focused on agriculture and rural sector, and we may experience in future the impact of the development programmes and its implementation.



How can developing countries increase their knowledge base for agricultural development within a relatively short period of time, but without incurring heavy expenditure and overwhelming existing institutions? The CGIAR is proposing a promising answer to this question in the form of the Global Open Agriculture and Food University – a distance learning initiative in order to speed up agriculture development, poverty reduction and secure food security. On this line, the newly born institution like VEGINET and others should be encouraged and assisted strongly to provide linkage of the efforts among the countries of the developing world. Along with this initiative, it is of utmost importance to enhance investment and to make agriculture relatively more attractive in the developing world.

We appreciate the efforts of the FAO and the participating countries in augmenting food security measures particularly in LIFDCs.

Getting away from the recent past, agriculture increasingly has emerged as a leading economic sector, but its benefits are not broadly based. In the developing world, where the number of small farmers significantly exceeds the large farmers, the majority of the small to medium farmers are poorly prepared to either gain the broader benefits of the changes in agriculture or respond to previously known competitors. The problem is not that most small farms are inherently unviable in to-day's market but they face an increasingly unlevel playing field with the large farms of the developed countries, and if left unchecked, could lead to their premature end.

Among the powerful forces working against the small farmers is the shift towards consumer-driven markets as part of market liberalization and globalization. The small farmers is increasingly being asked to compete in markets that demand much more in terms of quality and food safety, required by supermarkets, processors and large exporters/traders. The small farms are struggling to meet these demand both at home and abroad. Of course, these changes offer new opportunities but pose serious threats to small farmers.

The PNASF with its available resources has humbly advanced its support to the promotion of agricultural education, research, development and dissemination of information with the focus on food and nutrition security. The efforts of the supporters to this cause are humbly acknowledged and well appreciated.

Prem Nath
 (Prem Nath)

EVENTS

His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka Releases the Book

Bringing out technical publications as a means of information dissemination is one of the activities of the PNASF to achieve the mission of 'Promoting agricultural education, research and sustainable development with focus on food security.' Towards this end the foundation



Dr. Prem Nath welcoming His Excellency Sri T.N. Chaturvedi, the Governor of Karnataka

brought out an international publication 'Food Security and Vegetables - A Global Perspective' edited by Prem Nath, P.B. Gaddagimath and O.P. Dutta. The publication was officially released by His Excellency Shri. T.N. Chaturvedi, the Governor of Karnataka at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore on 5th March 2004. The publication release function was organized in the mini longue of Raj Bhavan



The Chief Guest alongwith the Guests of Honor on the dias with His Excellency, the Governor of Karnataka as the Chief Guest and Shri. H.K. Patil, Honorable Minister for Agriculture, Shri T.B. Jayachandra, Honorable Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Shri K.B Koliwad, Honorable Minister for Rural Water Supply and Rural Development Engineering Division and Externally Aided Projects as Guests of Honour. More than 100 VVIPs like Dr. P.V. Shenoi, Dr. R.S. Deshpande, Dr. R. Dwarakinath, Dr. G.K. Veeresh, Dr. S. Bisalaih, Dr. M. Mahadevappa,

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His Excellency Sri T.N. Chaturvedi, the Governor of Karnataka, releasing the book "Food Security & Vegetables - A Global Perspective"

Dr. Manmohan Attavar, and others as the well wishers of PNASF and supporters of its activities were present on the occasion. Releasing the book 'Food Security and Vegetables - A Global Perspective', His



His Excellency addressing the gathering after the release of book

Excellency, the Governor appreciated the efforts of PNASF in making known the issue of Food Security round the globe and the proactive role of the vegetables in attaining food security through this book. He also complimented the editors for their excellent presentation of various facts and informed that the book is a good reference material to teachers, researchers, policy makers, critics and serious thinkers. Wishing all the success to PNASF in its future endeavors, His Excellency, the Governor appealed to the gathering to inculcate in them the quality of social service for the betterment of human kind.

Release of PNASF NEWS

On this occasion the Inaugural issue of the official News-letter of PNASF; a half yearly publication 'PNASF NEWS' was released by Shri. H.K. Patil, Honorable Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, who highlighted the importance of this publication.



Sri H.K. Patil Hon'ble Minister releasing PNASF News presented by Ms. Shyamla Nath

Recognitions

The PNASF honoured Shri P.B. Gaddagimath with a silver plaque and certificate for his outstanding Editorial work and as the architect of the book 'Food Security and Vegetables - A Global Perspective'; Shri Thakur Uday Singh, Managing Director, Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Limited; Acharya Vinay Vinekar, Managing Director, Institute for Universal Consciousness (IUC) with silver plaque for their



Sri T.B. Jayachandra, Hon'ble Minister, presenting awards to Sri P.B. Gaddagimath and Acharya Vinay Vinekar



Sri K.B. Koliwad, Hon'ble Minister presenting awards to Dr. O.P. Dutta & one of the mentally challenged children

contribution in implementing the FAO-PNASF Telefood Project; and Mr. R. Srinivasan, Managing Partner, Alfa Lazarites with a scroll of appreciation for excellent printing work of the book. These awards were presented by Sri T.B. Jayachandra, Honorable Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Karnataka.

In recognition of the valuable contribution of Dr. O.P. Dutta for his outstanding work as the Chief Coordinator of FAO-PNASF Telefood Project; Mr. Keshav Murthy as the Master Trainer; Mrs. Rama Devi, Mrs. Amrith Valli, Master Anand, Master Shankara, Master Parameshwara, Mr. Cedric and Mr. Binoy for their best performance in the FAO-PNASF Telefood Project, the PNASF awarded them with



The team of FAO-PNASF Telefood Project with the Chief Guest & Guests of Honor on the occasion

certificate and a memento each. These awards were presented by Sri K.B. Koliwad, Honorable Minister for Rural Water Supply and Rural Development Engineering Division and Externally Aided Projects, Government of Karnataka.

Felicitations

In the beginning Dr. O.P. Dutta extended warm welcome to the Chief Guest and the dignitaries. The function was concluded with a vote of thanks from Shri. P.B. Gaddagimath. The entire function was coordinated by Ms. Shyamla Nath, the Trustee of PNASF.



A few News Paper clippings on the Event

RESEARCH SUPPORT

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FAO/PNASF TELEFOOD PROJECT

The project activities started on 3 November 2001 near Ghatty Subramanya, Doddaballapur, Karnataka with the main objective to help physically and mentally challenged children and destitutes through high tech horticulture and training activities. At the outset a tripartite collaborative system was established providing Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN), New Delhi, approved funds and technical guidance to the target group by Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation(PNASF), Bangalore, implementing the project activities by Institute of Universal Consciousness(IUC), Bangalore, and the buy back arrangement of the produce by M/s Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.

The implementation of above activities gave successful results during 2003-04. One Hundred and Ninety Five kilograms of bottle gourd hybrid seeds were produced by the children in the open field, in addition to 400 kg of melon and 300 kg of ice box watermelon fruits under protected cultivation generating a gross income of Rs. 87, 750/-.

The end result of the project activities was the establishment of three dimensional growth model leading to the sustainable income



A view of drying of bottle gourd hybrid seeds produced by the mentally challenged children alongwith the Master Trainer of the project



The FAO-PNASF Telefood project team with Dr. D. Gustafson, FAO, New Delhi, Mr. W.O.Baudoin, FAO, Rome and Dr. O.P. Dutta, Chief Co-ordinator in the bottle gourd field.



A metally challenged child crossing the bottle gourd flowers for hybrid seed production

generation through hi-tech horticulture, human well being through social symbiosis involving volunteers from Institute of Universal Consciousness(IUC), Bangalore, and neighboring villages offering self-less service, love and tender care to the children and a healthy and cheerful environment through linkage with the natural surroundings.

His Excellency Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Governor of Karnataka appreciated the project activities and encouraged the children and trainers by honoring them with PNASF certificate of excellent performance in FAO-PNASF Telefood Project at Raj Bhawan, Bangalore on 5th March 2004.

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT/MEDAL

■ PNASF/UAS/2001

The PNASF Gold Medal was awarded to the Ph.D. student Mr. Seshadri Reddy for the highest grade point average at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The award was presented during the University's 38th Convocation held on 7th April, 2004.

■ PNASF/AHUJA/2001

The PNASF received grants from Dr. K.G. Ahuja, USA, towards promotion of Education and Practice in Floriculture in India.

'PNASF Fellowship-Devki Devi Ahuja Award' was granted to the Ph.D student Mr. Mukund Shiragur (Floriculture), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, for his research work on Chrysanthemum for the period of three years (From 2003-04 to 2005-06)

■ PNASF/VELU/2002

The PNASF received grants from Dr. (Mrs.) Sundari Velu, USA, towards promotion of Vegetables in India.

■ PNASF/NRC-SS/2004

PNASF Gold Medal to meritorious young scientists for outstanding research work augmenting food security was granted to the National Research Centre on Seed Spices at Ajmer, Rajasthan, India.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

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Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET)

The "VEGINET" was formed by the International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002) on 13th November, 2002 and launched on 3rd November 2003 by the PNASF, Bangalore hosting the VEGINET Secretariat with the Nomination Committee representing members from different regions of the world.

The Vision

The goal of VEGINET will be to strengthen partnership and inter-institutional cooperation among the member organizations of the vegetable sector towards improved production and utilization of vegetables.

The objectives

The main objectives of the VEGINET will be to

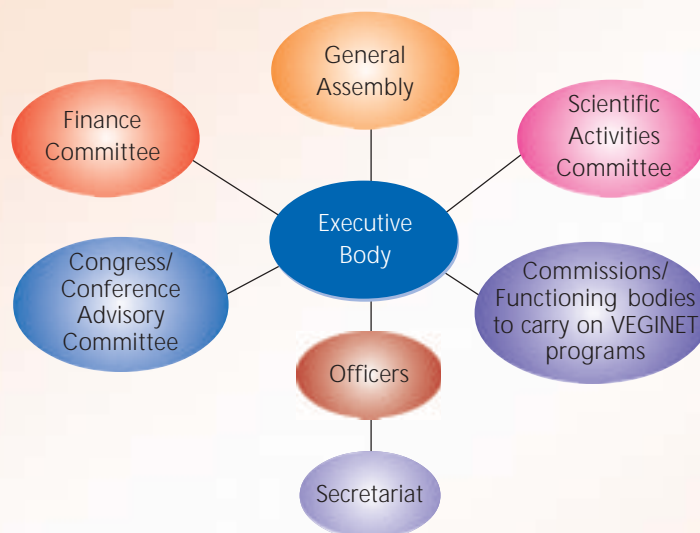
- Strengthen / promote vegetable research and development by facilitating inter-and intra-regional and inter-institutional cooperation through exchange of scientific, technological and related economic information and in identifying priority areas of cooperative research and development. And, development of regional and interregional projects with specific time frame, objectives and outputs.
- Promote partnership between public and private sector for improving vegetable production.
- Facilitate development of human resource through better education and training.
- Promote improved and sustainable production of vegetables for food to provide nutritional security and economic empowerment of the farming community.
- Develop collaborative network for dissemination of information among the member organizations.
- Facilitate building of a sound and sustainable infrastructure of roads, railways and water transport for perishable produce from farm-to-the-consumer and processor for holistic socio-economic development of the farming community. It must ensure collection of produce from the farms, their safe transport to well equipped food terminals, with facilities for refrigerated storage, grading and packing for marketing and for preventing heavy losses.

Human Resource Development would secure highest priority in the activities of VEGINET by facilitating in building institutional capabilities through short term training as well as through education programs reaching to Doctoral and Post Doctoral fellowships for visiting fellows and entrepreneurs from inside and outside the network special emphasis will be given in case of Least Developed countries by way of providing special fellowships for Masters Degrees also. In order to strengthen linkages and build new concepts to help formulate realistic action plans in priority areas of importance to its member countries, the VEGINET would organize consultation workshops and conferences.

The structure

As a first step, a Nomination Committee (NC) was constituted as given below in the foregoing and the **PNASF, Bangalore, India would host the Secretariat**. The NC in turn would nominate the Executive Council Members of the VEGINET. This Executive council will develop a constitution for the network.

This broad structure of the VEGINET would be



The Nomination committee

1. Dr. Prem Nath – Convener (India)
2. Mr. W. O. Baudoin – Member (FAO)/International Advisor (Italy)
3. Dr. M. L. Anothai Choomsai – Member (Thailand)
4. Dr. O. A. Denton – Member (Nigeria)
5. Dr. H. A. B. Parpia – Member (India)
6. Dr. R. K. N. Singh – Member (Canada)
7. Dr. G. Anais – Member (Caribbean)
8. Representative from – Latin America

The Fund

The financial resources to support various activities of the VEGINET would come from contribution and donations from countries across the globe in the initial stage. The VEGINET would further generate its own financial resources from bilateral and multilateral agencies for developing Strategic plans, and external funding including public and private sectors. In this direction the PNASF, Bangalore, India on behalf of VEGINET appeal to all interested in vegetable research and development to extend their donations and contributions to VEGINET and also appeals to join the network and avail the unique opportunity in the offing.

Membership

The Membership of the VEGINET will be open to both private and public sector organizations actively engaged in Vegetable and related Research & Development, Technology Development, Protection and Processing, Marketing, Planning and Policy formulation and management. The membership fee for various categories of organizations / individuals beginning **May 1, 2004** will be as follows;

"The challenge is for the food to be produced by the people who need it most, for the people who need it most. The challenge is to produce food on small - scale farms and to create the conditions that enable people who suffer from chronic hunger to have the food they need for a healthy life" —John Madeley

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- Category A: More than 100 Scientists & Technologists

Developed Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 5,000.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 2000.00

Developing Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 2500.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 1000.00

- Category B: 51-100 Scientists & Technologists

Developed Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 3,000.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 1000.00

Developing Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 1,500.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 500.00

- Category C: Less than 50 Scientists & Technologists

Developed Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 1,000.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 500.00

Developing Countries

Life Membership	-	US \$ 500.00
Annual Membership	-	US \$ 250.00

- Category D: Individual Associate Members

Developed Countries (annual)-

Life Members	-	US \$ 2,000.00
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Developing Countries (annual) -

Life Members	-	US \$ 400.00
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- Category E: Patron - US \$ 10,000.00 and above

Activities undertaken: VEGINET

The PNASF, Bangalore, India, continues to host the VEGINET secretariat, which drafted the constitution, received the comments of the NC members, got them printed and circulated to all the countries, professional bodies and individuals to express their willingness to participate

List of organizations/individuals registered as Life Members of VEGINET till to date

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF) Bangalore – 560 094, India. Reg No. DG/FM/001 2. National Horticultural Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF) Nashik – 422 011, India. Reg No. DG/FM/002 3. Prof. (Dr.) Chandrawati Jee Patna – 800 024, India. Reg No. DG/FM/003 4. Dr. Janardan Jee Patna – 801 506, India. Reg No. DG/FM/004 5. Dr. Sundari Velu California – 92620 2717 USA Reg No. DD/FM/005 6. M/s Nirankari Seeds Co., Mandi Dabwali – 125 104, India. Reg No. DD/FM/006 7. Dr. J.C. Rajput Panchora – 424 201, India. Reg No. DD/FM/007 8. Dr. Vishnu Swarup New Delhi – 110 019, India. Reg No. DD/FM/008 9. Dr. M. Khader Mohideen Annamalai Nagar – 608 002, India. Reg No. DD/FM/009 10. Mr. Kannakorn Techakulvong Nothaburi, Thailand. Reg.No. DD/FM/010 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Dr. Inder Mohan Verma Bikaner – 334 006, India. Reg No. DD/FM/011 12. Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre (AVRDC) Shanhua, Taiwan - 741, Republic of China Reg No. DD/FM/012 13. Dr. S. Shanmugasundaram Shanhua, Taiwan 741, Republic of China. Reg No. DD/FM/013 14. Dr. K.R. Mallikarjuna Swamy Bangalore – 560 089, India. Reg. No. DG/FM/014 15. Mr. P.B. Gaddagimath Bangalore – 560 082, India. Reg No. DG/FM/015 16. M/s Sarpan Agri Horticultural Research Centre, Dharwad – 580 055, India. Reg No. DG/ILM/016 17. Dr. O.P. Dutta Bangalore – 560 032, India. Reg No. DG/FM/017 18. Mr. Uday Singh Bangalore – 562 109, India. Reg No. DG/FM/018 19. Mr. Vinod K. Huria Mysore, India. Reg No. DG/FM/019 20. Dr. Krishna Gopal Ahuja Illinois – 60089-1832, USA. Reg No. DD/FLM/020 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Dr. Laxman B. Naik Bangalore – 560 089, India. Reg No. DG/FLM/021 22. Dr. Aminuzzaman Talukder Kathmandu, Nepal. Reg No. DG/FM/022 23. Dr. Anupam Varma New Delhi – 110 012, India. Reg No. DG/FLM/023 24. Dr. Biplab K. Nandi Bangkok – 10200, Thailand. Reg No. DG/FLM/024 25. Dr. H.A.B Parpia Mysore – 570 017, India. Reg No. DG/FM/025 26. Dr. V.K. Srivastava Gurgaon – 122 001, India. Reg No. DG/FM/026 27. Mr. Etienne Nyemb Tshomb Yaounde, Cameroon. Reg No. DG/FLM/027 28. Prof. J.O. Babatola Ibadan, Nigeria. Reg No. DG/LM-D/028 29. National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT) Ibadan, Nigeria. Reg No. DG/LM-C/029 30. Ms. Mildred Changu Miyand Kalomo, Zambia. Reg No. DG/FM/030 31. Dr. Remi Nono-Womdim Dakar, Senegal. Reg No. DG/LM-C/031 32. Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), Mysore – 570 011, India. Reg No. DG/LM-C/032 |
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- The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Prem Nath on 'Emerging Trends and Future Scopes in Fruit Processing' in the Seminar organized by The Greater Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industries on 24th February, 2003 at Bangalore.
- Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF, Bangalore released 'The Special Annual Number of AAFEXIONS' during IFCON-2003 held on December 5-8, 2003, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, India
- Dr. Prem Nath, Chaired the Technical Session – 21 'Technical Cooperation for Integrated Development of the agro-Food System' during IFCON 2003 held on 7 December, 2003, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore.
- Dr. Prem Nath, delivered the speech on 'Agriculture and Food Security' to the faculty members and postgraduate students of

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

- The paper entitled 'Networking Amongst Asian & African Nations' by Dr. Prem Nath, was presented in the Technical Session 21 'Technical Cooperation for Integrated Development of the Agro –Food System' during IFCON 2003-AASSOSTI Sessions held at Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore on December 7, 2003
- The article entitled 'A book on : Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective" and Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET) was published in the 'Plant Horti Tech', Bangalore, Vol 4 No.5 Jan-Feb 2004 Page 48.
- The article entitled "Urbanization and Green Technology" by Dr. Prem Nath was published in the RMVRWA magazine- "HARMONY", Bangalore, June 2004 Vol 1, Issue 3 Pages 11-12.
- The article entitled "Food and Nutrition Security" by Dr. Prem Nath was published in the Magazine 'Food and Nutrition World', Bangalore, July, 2004 Vol-2, Issue 4, Pages 22- 23.
- The chapter entitled "Introduction" by Prem Nath published in the book entitled 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective', PNASF, Bangalore, 2004 Pages 1-2.
- The chapter entitled "Food and Nutrition Security and Vegetables' by Prem Nath and O.P. Dutta published in the book entitled 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective', PNASF, Bangalore, 2004 Pages 43-54.
- The chapter entitled "FAO Tele Food Project" by Prem Nath, O.P. Dutta, and Acharya Vinay Vinekar published in the book entitled 'Food Security and Vegetables - A Global Perspective', PNASF, Bangalore, 2004 Pages 156-161.
- The chapter entitled "Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET)" by A. Varma, H.A.B. Parpia and Prem Nath published in the book entitled 'Food Security and Vegetables- A Global Perspective', PNASF, Bangalore, 2004 Pages 389-398.

SKN College of Agriculture, Rajasthan Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan, February 2004.

- Dr. Prem Nath, delivered the lecture on 'Agriculture and Food Security to the faculty members and postgraduate students of College of Agriculture, Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, February 2004.
- Dr. Prem Nath, delivered the ' Dr. M.H. Marigowda Memorial Lecture' to the faculty members and postgraduate students on 25th February, 2004 at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.
- Dr. Prem Nath, delivered the talk on 'Agriculture and Food Security' to the faculty members of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore on 23rd March, 2004.
- The Chairman, PNASF was invited as a Resource Person to the 'Joint WHO/FAO Workshop on Fruits and Vegetables for Health' held at WHO, Kobe Centre (WKC), Kobe, Japan on 1-3 September 2004.

Publications on shelves

Description	India (In Rs.)	Foreign (In US \$)
Book – Food Security and Vegetables- A Global Perspective(Pages:437) 2004	400.00 + postage extra - PB type	50.00 including postage for both PB and HB type
	500.00+ postage extra – HB type	
ICV-2002 Proceedings – CD (Pages:931) 2003	250.00 including inland postage	10.00 including foreign postage
VEGINET Booklet (Pages: 22) 2003	35.00 including postage	5.00
ICV-2002 Abstract Book-(Pages:445)2002	600.00 including inland postage	35.00 including foreign postage
ICV -2002 Souvenir (Pages:124) 2002	575.00 including inland postage	25.00 including foreign postage

How to order?

Making online order to pnasf@vsnl.net and sending Bank Demand Draft or Cheque in favour of Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation, A/C No.: 37688, payable at Canara Bank, Vyalikaval, Bangalore – 560 003, India.

Publication in Press

Vegetables-Production and Utilization published by Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF), Bangalore, India. (450 +xvi pages)

"The imperative of every man, woman and child having enough food to eat is a sentiment that unites people throughout the world. It is deeply held religious, humanitarian and moral concern that is stressed in all the world's major religions"

— John Madeley

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Comments and Reviews

Review by *Chronica Horticulturae*, International Society for Horticultural Science, Belgium, Vol 44 No.3 2004;29

- Food Security and Vegetables: A Global Perspective. Prem Nath, P.B. Gaddagimath and O.P. Dutta (eds.). 2004.

Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation, Bangalore, India. ISBN 81-901815-0-5. \$50.00

This book is derived from an International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002) during November 2002, with participation of 700 delegates from 37 countries, principally Asia. The book includes 28 papers under four headings: Food and Nutrition Security and Vegetables (10 papers). Nutrition and Vegetables (5 papers). Programmes and Policies in Selected Countries (11 papers), and Vegetable Network (2 papers). Its purpose according to Dr. Prem Nath, the Chairman of an Agricultural Science Foundation that carries his name, is to recognize the role of vegetables as a major supplement to food and nutrient security and to form a Vegetable Science International Network to be called VEGINET. The theme of the book was articulated in a chapter entitled Food and Nutrition Security towards Human Security by Louise O. Fresco and Wilfried O. Baudoin, of the FAO that includes a discussion of vegetables in human nutrition and health, a theme reinforced by most of the other papers. The ambitious network (VEGINET) is based on the formation of a new international organization based on vegetables and devoted to policy development, production technology, genetic improvement, and marketing and trade. A complex infrastructure is proposed and it will be interesting to see if support can be generated in this climate of reduced international agricultural funding. (Prof. Jules Janick)

Comments on the book by eminent personalities

- Thank you for the book "Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective". Particularly I liked Chapter 14 and the Introduction of the book.
- His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India, April 19, 2004
- Her Royal Highness is pleased to receive the book and graciously convey Her sincere thanks and appreciation.
-HRH. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Bangkok 10303.Thailand, 16 February, B.E.2547 (2004)
- This is certainly an area of rapidly growing public interest, and of course supports FAO's activities aimed at increasing food security through enhanced sustainable agricultural and rural development.
- Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN), 00100 Rome, Italy, 9 February 2004.
- Received the book titled "Food Security and Vegetables". I am sure the UPA Government will take all necessary steps to make sure that no one dies of hunger.
- Smt. Sonia Gandhi, President, All India Congress Committee, and Chairman, UPA, Government of India, New Delhi – 110 011, India, June 23, 2004

- I Congratulate and thank you on your outstanding publication. We are all proud of the work being done by the P.N. Agricultural Science Foundation.
- Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India, March 19, 2004.
- This should be a valuable resource for the problems and needs throughout the developmental world.
-Dr. Charles V. Hall, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Horticulture, Iowa State University, Ames, ia 500 014, USA, February 06, 2004.
- I sincerely commend your great effort to publish this book. We certainly are glad to have this book for our references.
-Dr. Sumarno, Director General of Horticulture Production, Ministry of Agriculture, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 May 2004.
- I am a keen reader of your books. May I pray God to give you more strength and happiness to serve the cause of vegetables.
-Prof. K.V. Peter, Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur-680 656, Kerala, India, March 29, 2004.
- This book contains valuable information about the status of vegetables in different parts of the world.
- Dr. Ahmed A. Almasoum, College of Food Systems, UAE University, February 24, 2004.

PLANS

Plans on Hand

While the ongoing activities will continue, the PNASF proposes to undertake new programmes and activities;

- ❖ Participation in conferences
 - Assist in the preparation of the International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2006) slated May, 2006 in Brazil- the announcement follows shortly.
 - Host the VEGINET Secretariat
 - Participate in upcoming national and international conferences
- ❖ Undertake preparation and publication of books relevant to food and nutrition security
 - Undertake preparation and publication of book entitled 'Vegetables-Production and Utilization.
- ❖ Second phase of the TeleFood Project for the handicapped children and other projects on food security of the rural communities.
- ❖ Awards/grants to university students and researchers to continue
- ❖ Collaborate with the national and international institutions / associations in the area of food and nutrition security etc.,
- ❖ **FAO/PNASF capacity building workshop on Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture for Asian countries, 12-15 April 2005 to be held at Bangalore, India.**

SOCIAL COMMITMENT

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Awards

The Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF), Bangalore, honored the following in recognition of their contribution towards food security and vegetables.

- The PNASF award to Mr. P.B. Gaddagimath for his outstanding work on the editorial board of the publication 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective'. The award was presented during the release of the publication 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective' on March 5, 2004 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore.
- The PNASF award to Shri Acharya Vinay Vinekar, Managing Director, Institute of Universal Consciousness (IUC), Bangalore, for his outstanding work in the 'Tele Food project'. The award was presented during the release of the publication 'Food Security and Vegetable – A Global Perspective' on March 5, 2004 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore.
- The PNASF award to Shri Thakur Uday Singh, Managing Director, Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, for his outstanding contribution to the 'Tele Food project'. The award was presented during the release of the publication 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective' on March 5, 2004 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore.
- The PNASF award to Mr. R. Srinivasan of M/s Alfa Lazrites, Bangalore for his outstanding work on printing of the publication 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective'

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- The PNASF award to Dr. O.P. Dutta for his outstanding work as the Chief Co-ordinator of the activities of the 'Tele Food project'. The award was presented on March 5, 2004 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore.
- The PNASF award to Mr. Keshav Murthy for the best Master Trainer, Ms. Rama Devi, Ms. Amrith, Master Anand, Master Shankara, Master Parameshwara, Mr. Cedric, and Mr. Binoy for their best performance in the Tele Food project. The award was presented on March 5, 2004 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore.

PNASF/MHMML/2004

PNASF, Bangalore contributed a sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty Five thousand only) to the Dr. M.H. Marigowda Horticultural Education and Research Foundation, Bangalore, towards organizing the Dr. M.H. Marigowda Memorial Lectures.

PNASF/APOF/2004

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