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1. New Publications on Seed Aid

Two new publications are now available that offer valuable guidance to anyone involved in emergency seed relief:

- (1) Addressing Seed Security in Disaster Response: Linking Relief with Development, co-edited by CIAT with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CARE Norway, presents the findings of original research in the form of detailed case studies from seven African countries;
- (2) Towards Effective and Sustainable Seed Relief Activities, published by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), reports the results of a workshop organized jointly by FAO and CIAT in 2004. The event underscored key principles--e.g., the importance of farmer choice about crops and varieties--for improving the effectiveness of seed relief efforts by the UN and other agencies.

2. FLAR: 10 Years of Novel Collaboration in Rice Research

January marked the 10th anniversary of the unique and innovative Latin American Fund for Irrigated Rice, or FLAR. This is a CIAT-supported consortium of private and public organizations in 11 countries, which collectively guide and finance international rice research, mainly with funds from rice growers.

3. International Courses on Rural Agroenterprise Development

Two international courses on Rural Agroenterprise Development will be offered between August and October this year at the headquarters of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) in Turrialba, Costa Rica. The courses form part of the study program in "Rural Agroenterprise Development," organized by this institution with CIAT's support. The courses aim to empower providers of business development services, both public and private, to meet the major challenges faced by rural agroenterprises.

4. Publications now on line

Scaling Up and Out: Achieving Widespread Impact through Agricultural Research
<http://isa.ciat.cgiar.org/catalogo/producto.jsp?codigo=P340>

Agricultural Research and Poverty Reduction: Some Issues and Evidence
<http://isa.ciat.cgiar.org/catalogo/producto.jsp?codigo=P335>

5. List of CIAT Publications 2004 now available

The CIAT Library has compiled a list of publications from Center scientists.
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