



Letter from the Secretariat

Asia Regional Cookstove Program

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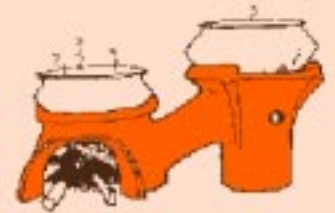
Dear colleagues

Welcome to the New Year. Firstly, the secretariat is obliged to thank all our colleagues who have been involved in the network during the past year. Let's make ARECOP more alive and more active this year and in years to come.

At the Secretariat

The secretariat is now busy with the preparation for the workshop on "Building gender into sustainable ICP and Biomass Energy Program". Not only that ARECOP will be in partnership with South East Asia Gender Equity Program (**SEAGEAP**), but also with **Energia**, an international network on women and sustainable energy. Yet the secretariat is still waiting for confirmation from **SEAGEP**. This workshop however will first concentrate in the South East Asia region.

In collaboration with the Indonesian CCP and Sri Lankan CCP, ARECOP is finalizing the draft of the step by step manual on the construction of the SAE and the Anagi stoves. For those who are not familiar, we have included pictures of the SAE and **Anagi** stoves. Both are two-pothole ceramic stoves..



The Sri Lankan Anagi



The SAE Stove

Throughout the year, the secretariat is also trying its best to reply promptly and appropriately to requests for publications, information and other resources. We welcome more such requests and feedback on our performance thus far.

Networking

We are receiving encouraging news from our country contact points on the progress of their networking programs and the state of ICS in general.

In Nepal facilitated by **Centre for Rural Technology (CRT)**, the networking has resulted in several projects such as "The healthy kitchen for healthy family" and "The stove improvement for agro-processing". A number of organizations which include **RUCODES**, **RECAST** and **ITDG Nepal** are also engaged in the above projects, not only in implementing the projects but provided financial contribution as well. Still more activities in Nepal are being finalized.

Meanwhile in Indonesia, as a follow up to the national network meeting, the CCP assisted in conducting an ICS training in Madura involving staff members of local moslem dormitories. The CCP also provided technical assistance on the construction of improved stoves for a moslem dormitory near Yogyakarta.

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The CCP in the Philippines started its network activities with the National Training on ICS programmatic and technical skills. The training was a success and some solid plan have been made by the trainees. With the facilitation of ARECOP CCP, **APPROTECH Asia, Integral Development Services (IDS)** based in Midsayap, Cotabato, Mindanao, is now conducting a study on the effects of smoke pollution on the health of women, specifically cataract and Acute Respiratory diseases. The study which has started since mid November, 2000 will be completed in March this year.

We have also received a post national training news from the Philippines. **The Ayala Foundation**, co-organizer of the Philippines national training, has decided to implement ICS design and construction in Mindanao , after getting positive and encouraging remarks from the owners of mud-stoves in Cebu, where the training was conducted.

The Ayala Foundation in collaboration with **APPROTECH Asia** have also established a cookstove center in the Ayala nature Park in Cebu. The center which is also a training center, could then become an information dissemination and promotion center.

Research Centre for Indoor Climatology and Environment, ARECOP CCP in Vietnam, will be organising the Vietnamese network meeting in March. ARECOP staff members will also be there to attend the meeting, and looking forward to finalize the national networking program for Vietnam.

Resources

APPROTECH Asia has published its first issue of stove newsletter called, **HEAT**.

The second issue of, **ASAP, Indonesian Stove network** magazine, has been in circulation since December last year.

CRT Nepal has produced a concise information booklet which explains Nepal ICS national networking program. The leaflet describes the networking program; its objectives, activities and implementation approach.

International Training Program on Improved Cookstove Technology March 1-12, 2001

Sponsored by : Ministry of Non Conventional Energy Sources, Government of India

Organised by : Energy Research Centre , Punjab University, India

The training has the following objectives :

- ◆ To introduce improved cookstove technology
- ◆ To present an overall view of *National Programme on Improved Chulha*, one of the biggest ICS program in the world.
- ◆ To provide information on the design methodology and testing of cookstoves
- ◆ To demonstrate the reliability of ICS technology
- ◆ To introduce environmental and health aspects associated with traditional and improved cookstove
- ◆ To work towards development of mutual and bilateral co-operations in the improved cookstove technology

Course content :

- ◆ Historical review of cookstove technology
- ◆ Principles of improved cookstove design and development
- ◆ Physico-chemical and combustion characteristics of fuels
- ◆ Improved cookstove technology
- ◆ Materials and methods of fabrication of improved cookstoves
- ◆ Pre and post installation procedures
- ◆ Environmental and health implications of cookstoves
- ◆ Indoor air quality and related issues.

The training also include practical sessions and field visits

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