

**d**ear colleagues,

Welcome back to the first edition of LfS in 2002. The end of year 2001, marked two years of ARECOP Phase II. As the program is officially entering its final year, the secretariat is now preparing for ARECOP Phase II 2nd Planning Technical Advisory Meeting. This edition of LfS, also feature news on various activities carried out by network members, in Indonesia and Philippine .

## ARECOP Secretariat

### ARECOP Phase II-Second Planning Technical Advisory (PTA) Meeting.

ARECOP will hold its PTA meeting from 13-16 March, 2002, in Dhulikel, Nepal. The objectives of this PTA meeting are as follows:

- To provide network members with an update on the status and directions of ARECOP as well as the outcome of the previous years.
- To provide network members with an update on the status of ICP in each of ARECOP member countries represented, especially the focused countries.
- To discuss ARECOP vision and direction and its plan of activities, in order to match ICP development trend in the region.

Twenty five participants have thus far confirmed to attend the meeting. Confirmed participants will represent Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Philippine, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The meeting will be co-organised with Centre for Rural Technology, ARECOP CCP in Nepal.



### Training/ Workshop on Gender Sensitive Participatory Planning (GSPP) in Cambodia

After the first trial of GSPP tools in Indonesia, the secretariat is now preparing to conduct similar training in Cambodia. This event is scheduled for early April and will be co-organised with Wood Energy Network of Cambodia.

## Network News

### Indonesia

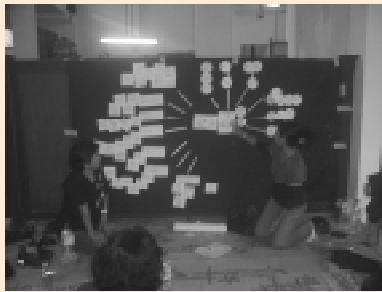
Training and Workshop on Gender Sensitive Participatory Planning (GSPP) on Improved Cookstove Program (5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 2001), was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and organised by the Indonesian Stove Network and ARECOP. The whole training was carried out in Indonesian language. The training involved 20 participants from ARECOP, Dian Desa Foundation (Yogyakarta and Nusa Tenggara Timur), Yayasan Masyarakat Peduli (Nusa Tenggara Barat), YPEP (Yogyakarta), Yayasan Koling (Wonosobo) and Yayasan Bina Insani (North Sumatera).

The objectives of the training were:

- To field test and improve the guidelines and tools of Gender Sensitive participatory planning on ICP

- Further development of guidelines & tools on *Gender Sensitive Participatory Planning* on ICP
- Some ARECOP members are trained on how to use the guidelines and apply the tools in their future ICS program.
- CAP (*community action plan*) for stove program in the four hamlets are completed

Method of training/workshop include: class based sessions—lectures, group discussions, workshops and practice of GSPP tools applications; field testing of GSPP tools; analyzing and reporting of results.



Field testing of tools, was carried out for 4 days in four hamlets in Hargorejo (district of Kulon Progo, province of Yogyakarta).

The outcome of the training will provide a basis for planning a stove program, which will be implemented by Dian Desa.

## Philippines

From 12-20 December 2001, ARECOP, represented by Erwan Kow, conducted a visit to Philippine to monitor the progress of ICS networking in the country. The visit was hosted by APPROTECH Asia (ARECOP CCP). Visits were made to several Philippine institutions (NGO and Government), involved in the national ICS network.

### *An overview on the state of Philippine ICS network*

Philippine ICS network has just been going for slightly more than a year. At the early stage of networking, the secretariat had tried to popularise ICS program to institutions, which

are potential to carry out actions on ICS. Now there are a number of institutions which have just started actions in ICS program, for example, Ayala Foundation Incorporated (AFI) and Integrated Development Services (IDS).

Ayala Foundation Incorporated (AFI) has started dissemination of improved mud stoves in various districts (Cagayan de Oro and Cebu City). AFI, together with other ICS network members are now in the process of initiating commercialisation of improved ceramic stoves. Through our program component on “National Initiatives”, ARECOP will lend support to the stove commercialisation activity.

Illigan City Waterworks, in Illigan, is an institution interested to start ICS dissemination program. Official of the Waterworks planned to introduce ICS stoves through their network which include women and farmers’ groups.

The network is also moving ahead with plans to integrate ICS actions with current development programs, for example nutrition improvement, community based income generation and health issues.

Integrated Development Services (IDS) has facilitated the introduction of ICS in Davao, first by establishing ICS demonstration sites. As explained by the director, Dr Imelda Soriano, IDS is planning to integrate ICS with nutrition and income generating programs.

Non Conventional Energy Division (NCED) of Philippine’s Department of Energy. According to the director, Reuben Quejas and senior researcher Joseph., NCED is presently mandated to carry out government’s rural electrification program. However, a component of the rural electrification program, is, on income generation, which could be integrated with the dissemination of stoves used in small-scale industry. Discussions with NCED officials also touched upon the issue of possible collabora-

tion between Philippine's NGOs and several government based committees such as Affiliated Non-conventional Energy centers in ICS related activities. Philippine ICS Network Secretariat Manager, Ms. Feri Lumampao proposed a back to back meeting among organisations concern with stove dissemination, to discuss possible cooperation.

### Potter training



From 1-10 February 2002, Ayala Foundation Incorporated and APPROTECH Asia organised National Potter's training in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines. ARECOP supported the training through provision of fund and technical expertise. The training was part of the program on pottery stove commercialisation. Aryanto Sujarwo instructed the training.

During the training, a workshop on stove commercialisation was also held. The workshop component was attended by potters and representatives of government and NGOs. While the practical training involved 20 pot-



ters. Potter trainees were instructed on the construction of various types of improved pottery stoves.

### Energia Planning Meeting (18-22 February 2002), Amersfoort, Netherlands

Energia is a project under ETC (Environmental Energy Centre, based in Netherlands), concerns mainly with advocacy and advisory services on gender and energy.

The workshop meeting was aimed to provide a forum for key stakeholders in gender and energy to contribute to the development of contents and component of Energia Phase III and its future structure.

20 participants attended the workshop meeting, including personnel from the Energia secretariat. Participants came from Africa (South Africa, Kenya, Senegal), Asia (India, Indonesia, Philippine, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka), Oceania (Fiji and Australia), South and Central America (Guatemala and Brazil) and USA. ARECOP was represented by Ms. Christina Aristanti and Mr. Syahri Ramadhan

The workshop meeting was conducted in several regional working groups (Africa, South Asia, South East Asia, Latin America and Oceania). A bazaar was also organised for various organisations to display their programs.

The event provided another opportunity for wider networking among ICS actors in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the past, inter-continent network was established by Foundation for Woodstove Dissemination (FWD), but has been disbanded since FWD became inactive in Asia in the early 1990s.