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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the *PTD / PID Circular!* In this issue, we have tried to fulfil a long-standing request of many of our readers and partners who wish to know how and where they can publish experiences in PTD / PID and related topics. We have done a fairly extensive search and put together a list of journals, magazines and series of papers we thought could be of interest. It is by no means exhaustive, but can help you as a resource to start with. We hope that you will find a suitable periodical in this list in which you can publish your particular experience and thus share it with a wider audience. In addition, we have annotated several recent publications related to Participatory Innovation Development (PID) that may be useful.

Back issues of the Circular are archived at PROLINNOVA's website [www.prolinnova.net](http://www.prolinnova.net), under "Readings and Resources".

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### **PROLINNOVA: Global Partnership Programme for PROMoting Local INNOVation – Some highlights of 2004 –**

*PROLINNOVA is a NGO-led global programme to promote local innovation in managing natural resources for sustainable agriculture.*

- Programme extended to nine countries: Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nepal, Niger, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Each country has its own Country Programme (CP) as designed by the different stakeholders who are partners of the programme.
- First International Meeting held in Yirgalem, Ethiopia in March 2004, hosted by PROFIEET (Promoting Farmer Innovation and Experimentation in Ethiopia) – a PROLINNOVA CP.
- Training of facilitators in PID conducted by IIRR (International Institute of Rural Reconstruction) in the Philippines – two members from each CP were trained.
- Governance mechanism in the form of the PROLINNOVA Oversight Group (POG) set up through transparent process of selection by CPs.
- Experiences in PID and partnership building shared at international events by several country representatives.
- The PROLINNOVA website [www.prolinnova.net](http://www.prolinnova.net) further improved to be the main communication tool of the programme.

Please visit [www.prolinnova.net](http://www.prolinnova.net) for detailed information.

## **ANNOTATED LIST OF JOURNALS, MAGAZINES AND SERIES OF PAPERS**

*This is an annotated list of journals, magazines and series of papers that sometimes publish articles on local innovation, the dynamics of indigenous knowledge, and participatory approaches to research and development in agriculture and natural resource management (NRM) building on local innovation. Some also bring articles on multi-stakeholder partnerships or platforms related to agriculture and NRM. Only international and regional (not national) publications are included.*

*If not otherwise mentioned, the publication is in English. Only a small number of French-language journals are included. More of these will be annotated in the future, when a sister programme to PROLINNOVA will hopefully be commenced in West Africa.*

*We have tried to look into the types of articles published in these journals and magazines, but have compiled some of the annotations using only the (sometimes limited) information available on the Internet, as we do not have all these publications at hand.*

*Make sure you check the website, write to the editors or refer to an issue of the publication for authors' guidelines. These are, in some cases, rather strict and you need to read them carefully before setting out to write an article for submission. In the case of some double- or even triple-refereed journals, only 25–30% of articles submitted are eventually published, and then often only after substantial revisions have been made. Seek peer reviews by your colleagues to improve your paper. If your native language is not English, have the article checked by an English-speaking colleague before you submit it. Many journals focus each issue on a special theme, so make sure that you submit before the deadline for the theme into which your paper would best fit. If the publication is "popular", you should write in a non-scientific language that is easy also for "non-experts" to understand. Refer to an earlier issue of the publication and check out the style of writing.*

*- Chesha Wettasinha and Ann Waters-Bayer*

### **Acacia**

*sustainable agriculture / farmer innovators / NRM / Africa / thematic / popular / French / 3 issues p.a.*

Information tool intended mainly for readers with little opportunity to exchange information and with difficult access to the Web. Aims to stimulate knowledge sharing, reflection and innovation. Contributions welcome on the focus theme of each issue (announced in the previous issues) or on concrete experiences in ecological agriculture. Submit by post or email to: The Editor, *Acacia*, Agrecol-Afrique, BP 347, Thiès, Sénégal (agrecol@sentoo.sn). Website: [www.agrecol-afrique.sn/acacia.html](http://www.agrecol-afrique.sn/acacia.html)

### **Agricultural Research and Extension Network (AgREN) Newsletter and Papers**

*small-scale farming / participatory research / extension / methodology / 2 issues p.a.*

Newsletter contributions describe work related to developing small-scale farming and sustainable rural livelihoods, particularly on-going innovative projects (less than 800 words). Network papers are about design and promotion of appropriate agricultural technologies, with specific attention to methods, processes, institutions and policies that promote pro-poor technical change and support equitable improvement in agriculture in developing countries (6,000–12,000 words including abstract of 500–750 words). Has published information on PROLINNOVA. Articles assessed by Editorial Committee; guidance given to authors in revising papers for publication. Submit to: AgREN, Overseas Development Institute, 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7JD, UK (agren@odi.org.uk). Website: [www.odi.org.uk/agren](http://www.odi.org.uk/agren)

### **Agricultural Systems**

*agriculture / NRM / technical and social sciences / peer reviewed / 12 issues p.a.*

International interdisciplinary journal (printed and online) for agriculturists, biologists, veterinarians, economists, social scientists and those interested in management and resource use. Deals with interactions among components and levels of farming systems, between farming and other land-use systems, and between farming and natural and social environments. Papers focus on methodological approaches to understanding and managing these interactions, including approaches to analysing and improving farming systems. Publishes scientific papers, short communications, and review articles. Editors welcome contributions on innovative local research projects and initiatives in agriculture and NRM. English language help service available through: [authorsupport@elsevier.com](mailto:authorsupport@elsevier.com). Submit online only through the Authors' Gateway page: <http://authors.elsevier.com>. Website: [www.elsevier.com/locate/agsy](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/agsy)

### **Agriculture and Human Values**

*agriculture / nutrition / social issues / thematic / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Journal of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society (USA) that covers broad range of topics, links social sciences with food and nutrition and agricultural disciplines, and is concerned with ethical and social issues, participation and empowerment, indigenous knowledge, and the value behind conventional and alternative approaches to agrifood systems. Accepts articles, discussion pieces, field reports/case studies and reviews. Submit to: The Editor: Laura DeLind (ahvdelind@ssc.msu.edu). Website: [www.kluweronline.com/issn/0089-048X](http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/0089-048X). Online version: [www.kluweronline.com/issn/1572-8366/contents](http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/1572-8366/contents).

### **AGRIPPA Farming Systems**

*farming systems / knowledge systems / participatory approaches / peer reviewed / periodic*

Electronic journal that provides facility for rapid sharing of research and development papers on multi-disciplinary and participatory topics related to agricultural technology, markets, support services and policies. Themes include farming system dynamics, methodological innovations including stakeholder engagement, farming systems knowledge and learning systems. Accepts reviews (5000 words), research papers (3000 words) and poster papers (500 words). Includes articles on participatory action research, multi-stakeholder collaboration etc, primarily papers presented at the International Farming Systems Association (IFSA) Symposia. Submit to: The Editor, John Dixon, Agricultural Support Systems, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, I-00100 Rome, Italy (john.dixon@fao.org). Website: [www.fao.org/agrippa](http://www.fao.org/agrippa)

### **Agroforestry Systems**

*agriculture / NRM / tree-based systems / peer reviewed / 3 issues p.a.*

International scientific journal published in cooperation with ICRAF (World Agroforestry Centre). Brings results of original research, critical reviews and short communications on both biophysical and socio-economic aspects of agroforestry. Most articles are technical but occasionally an article on indigenous knowledge and socio-institutional processes related to NRM is published. Research articles about 15 journal pages; also short communications on initial results are accepted. Submit to: Journal Editorial Office, Agroforestry Systems, Springer, POB 990, NL-3300 AZ Dordrecht, Netherlands, or to Editor-in-Chief P K Nair (pknair@ufl.edu). Website: [www.kluweronline.com/issn/1067-4366/](http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/1067-4366/)

### **Appropriate Technology**

*agriculture / processing / food systems / rural development / small businesses / popular / 4 issues p.a.*

Magazine formerly published by Intermediate Technology Publications, now published by Research Information Ltd and incorporating also the former *International Agricultural Development* and *GATE Technology and Development*. About developing and disseminating skills and technology, featuring innovations, new policies and technologies that lead to improved incomes for urban and rural families, to more sustainable production from the land and to alleviation of poverty. Welcomes positive stories and particularly articles on local innovation! Articles 1500–2000 words with abstract of 100–150 words. Submit to: The Editor, David Dixon (d.dixon@farmline.com) or to *Appropriate Technology*, Research Information Ltd, 222 Maylands Ave, Hempel Hempstead, Herts HP2 7TD, UK. Website: [www.researchinformation.co.uk/apte.php](http://www.researchinformation.co.uk/apte.php)

### **Baobab**

*rural development / small-scale farming / semi-arid areas / Eastern Africa / popular / 3 issues p.a.*

Newsletter of ALIN (Arid Lands Information Network) Eastern Africa, a network of community workers in dryland development. Encourages exchange of ideas, information and own experiences in development. Members are in government agencies, NGOs and community-based organisations. Written by members for members, who document unique information from communities with which they work. Readership: community mobilisers, extension workers, literate farmers. Submit to: ALIN-EA, Africa Alliance of YMCA Bldg, POB 10098, 00100 Nairobi, Kenya (info@alin.or.ke). Website: [www.alin.or.ke](http://www.alin.or.ke)

### **BN (BeraterInnen News): Extension in Development Cooperation**

*agricultural extension / technical and socio-economic issues / popular / 2 issues p.a.*

Information and exchange bulletin for staff of development projects, coordination offices, NGOs, information departments and everyone else interested in rural development and extension. Published by SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation) and LBL (Swiss Centre for Agricultural Extension and Rural Development). Most articles in English but some in French or German. Submit to: BN, LBL Department for International Development Cooperation, CH-8315 Lindau, Switzerland (eza@lbl.ch). Website: [www.lbl.ch/internat/services/publ/bn/bn-liste.htm](http://www.lbl.ch/internat/services/publ/bn/bn-liste.htm)

### **Community Development Journal**

*community development / institutional change / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

International journal published by Oxford University Press. Provides international forum for political, economic and social programmes that link activities of people with institutions and government. Deals with theory and practice of policies, programmes and methods, covering wide range of topics including community action, village, town, and regional planning, community studies and rural development. Often includes critical analyses of participatory approaches. Accepts articles of 3000–4500 words and news items up to 500 words. Submit to: The Editor: Christopher Miller, Faculty of Health and Social Care, University of West of England, Glenside Campus, Blackberry Hill, Stapleton, Bristol BS16 1DD, UK (Christopher.Miller@uwe.ac.uk). Website: [cdj.oupjournals.org](http://cdj.oupjournals.org)

### **Compas Magazine**

*endogenous development / indigenous knowledge / cosmovision / culture / agriculture / thematic / popular / 2 issues p.a.*

Published by Compas (Comparing and Supporting Endogenous Development), an international programme seeking to understand the diversity of rural people's knowledge, to encourage local experimentation within farmers' worldviews and to support intercultural dialogue on farmers' knowledge and indigenous learning. Forum for exchange on field methods, on-farm research and participatory approaches, based on farmers' own concepts, indigenous institutions and cosmovision. Publishes practical experiences, case studies and research findings. A Spanish translation is also published. Submit to: The Editors, Compas, POB 64, NL-3830 AB Leusden, Netherlands (compas@etcnl.nl). Website: [www.compasnet.org](http://www.compasnet.org)

### **Development**

*development policy / community-based livelihood strategies / gender / social justice / thematic / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Journal of the Society for International Development (SID) that explores the cutting-edge issues of human-centred development. Gives attention to alternative approaches to development. Generally published in English, but selected issues in other languages. Most articles are commissioned but unsolicited articles can be submitted for the section "Dialogue" to: The Editor, Wendy Harcourt, SID, Via Panispema 207, 00184 Rome, Italy (wendyh@sidint.org). Website: [www.sidint.org/publications/development.htm](http://www.sidint.org/publications/development.htm)

### **Development and Change**

*social sciences / development / peer reviewed / 6 issues p.a.*

Interdisciplinary journal devoted to critical analysis of current issues in development. Includes empirical, theoretical and historical articles from all social sciences. Submit to: The Editors, Ashwani Saith & Ben White, Institute of Social Studies, POB 29776, NL-2502 LT The Hague, Netherlands (bownas@iss.nl). Website: [www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0012-155X](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0012-155X)

### **Development in Practice**

*research and development / social issues / gender / thematic / peer reviewed / 6 issues p.a.*

Printed and online interdisciplinary journal published by Oxfam UK. Forum for practitioners, policymakers and academics to exchange information and practice-based analysis concerning the social dimensions of development and aid work. Publishes articles (6500 words with abstract of 100–150 words), practical notes (3000 words), conference reports (1500 words) and research round-up (2000 words), as well as reviews. Welcomes contributions, especially from development practitioners and new writers, in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese. Submit to: The Editor, Deborah Eade, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Rd, Oxford OX2 7DZ, UK (editor@developmentinpractice.org). Website: [www.developmentinpractice.org](http://www.developmentinpractice.org)

### **Echos du COTA : méthodologies et technologies pour un développement durable**

*sustainable development / methodologies / social issues / thematic / popular / French / 4 issues p.a.*

Journal for discussing alternatives, stimulating reflection and influencing development projects. Focus on research on methods and practice of development cooperation, particularly on grassroots initiatives and participatory development issues. Publishes articles of 2000–3000 words. Contributors of accepted articles receive EUR 50 and one year's free subscription to the journal. Submit to: The Editor, Stephane Boulch, Collectif d'échanges pour la technologie appropriée (COTA), 7 rue de la Révolution, B-1000 Bruxelles, Belgium (stephane.boulch@cota.be ; info@cota.be). Website: [www.cota.be/cota/echos\\_appel.php](http://www.cota.be/cota/echos_appel.php)

### **Ecoforum Magazine**

*environment / NRM / sustainable development / NGOs / Africa / popular / 4 issues p.a.*

Magazine published by ELCI (Environment Liaison Centre International) Office for Africa. Focuses on practical, innovative solutions to Africa's environmental challenges. Publishes short articles and news. Submit to: The Editor, ELCI, POB 72461, City Square, 00200 Nairobi, Kenya (ecoforum@elci.org). Website: [www.elci.org](http://www.elci.org)

### **ETFRN News**

*forests / thematic / popular / 3–4 issues p.a.*

Newsletter published by European Tropical Forest Research Network. Accepts short contributions on experiences on a broad range of topics related to forests – socio-economic, institutional, ecological, cultural etc. Submit to: The Editor: Willemine Brinkman, ETFRN Coordination Unit, c/o Tropenbos Foundation, POB 232, NL-6700 AE Wageningen, Netherlands (etfrn@etfrn.org). Website: [www.etfrn.org](http://www.etfrn.org)

### **Experimental Agriculture**

*agricultural research / farming systems / research methodology / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Publishes results of original research on agriculture and farming (including livestock) systems in tropics and subtropics. Covers biological, social and economic issues, also about uptake of research results by policymakers and farmers. Brings accounts and critical discussions of new quantitative and qualitative methods in agricultural research, including several articles on participatory approaches. Papers up to 8 pp in journal (14 A4 sheets). Submit to: The Editor, Mike Carr, Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh Bldg, Shaftesbury Rd, Cambridge CB2 2RU, UK (mikecarr.rtcs@freeUK.com). Website: [uk.cambridge.org/journals/journal\\_catalogue.asp?mnemonic=EAG](http://uk.cambridge.org/journals/journal_catalogue.asp?mnemonic=EAG)

### **Field Methods**

*sociology / field research / qualitative and quantitative methods / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Publishes on methods of studying human thought and behaviour cutting across disciplines. Articles show development of new methods or new uses for existing methods. Also publishes handy tips for fieldwork. Motto: "Methods belong to all of us." Seeks articles from authors in social and behavioural sciences. Submit to: The Editor, H. Russell Bernard, Dept of Anthropology, University of Florida, 1112 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, Florida 32606, USA (ufruss@ufl.edu). Website: <http://qualquant.net/FM/index.htm>

### **Forests, Trees and Livelihoods**

*forestry / agroforestry / land-use systems / rural development / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

International journal focused on issues related to rural development forestry, e.g. economic and social importance of trees for people, indigenous tree and forest management systems, non-timber products and services, trees in agricultural and land-use systems, and policy and institutional issues. Accepts papers up to 6000 words including abstract of 100–150 words. Submit to: The Editor: Michael Philip, Luton cottage, Bridgeview Rd, Aboyne AB34 SHB, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, UK (philipfor@aboyne93.fsnet.co.uk). Website: [www.foreststreesandlivelihoods.co.uk](http://www.foreststreesandlivelihoods.co.uk)

### **Gatekeeper Series**

*agriculture / NRM / livelihood strategies / peer reviewed / 3 issues p.a.*

Produced by SARL (Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods) Programme of IIED (International Institute for Environment and Development). Highlights emerging issues and new perspectives in sustainable agriculture and NRM mainly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Each paper reviews a selected issue and draws conclusions for development for policymakers, researchers and planners. Includes papers on successes and constraints in using participatory methods in research and development, and on lessons from local level for national and global policymaking. Welcomes especially contributions from Southern authors and offers editorial support. Length of papers up to 5000 words including summary up to 450 words. Submit to: Gatekeeper Editor, SARL, IIED 3 Endsleigh St, London WC1H 0DD, UK (sustag@iied.org). Website: [www.iied.org/sarl/gatekeepers/index.html](http://www.iied.org/sarl/gatekeepers/index.html)

### **Gender and Development**

*gender and development / theory and practice / thematic / 3 issues p.a.*

International journal published by Oxfam GB. Offers a forum for development practitioners, researchers, academics, policymakers, students, and all concerned with the theory and practice of gender-oriented development to exchange views, record experience, describe models of good practice, and disseminate information about networks and resources. Contributions can be as main articles, shorter articles or case studies and interviews. For those who have not written for a journal before, the editor offers advice and practical help. Submit to: The Editor, Gender and Development, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, UK (Csweetman@oxfam.org). Website: [www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13552074.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13552074.asp)

### **Grain de Sel**

*agriculture / farm groups / rural development / thematic / popular / French / 4 issues p.a.*

Presents innovative initiatives in rural development and the agri-food sector, including reflection on international cooperation. All issues available online. Submit to: The Editor, Anne Perrin, Secrétariat de l'Inter-Réseaux, 32 rue Le Peletier, F-75009, Paris, France (secretariat@inter-reseaux.org). Website: [www.inter-reseaux.org/publications/graindesel/graindesel.htm](http://www.inter-reseaux.org/publications/graindesel/graindesel.htm)

### **Ground-Up**

*sustainable smallholder agriculture / NRM / rural development / eastern and southern Africa / popular / 4 issues p.a.*

Magazine of the PELUM (Participatory Ecological Land-Use Management) Association, intended for extension workers, educationalists, students, farmer organisations, policymakers and donor organisations. Welcomes short articles not only from PELUM members but also from other researchers and experts on issues of sustainable agriculture, environment, food security, community development, and policy affecting land-use management. Submit to: The Editor, Eneya Maseko (eneya@pelum.org.zm ; pelumrd@coppernet.zm), PELUM Association, POB 320362, Woodlands, Lusaka, Zambia.

### **Haramata, Bulletin of the Drylands: People, Policies, Programmes + Issue Papers**

*NRM / sustainable rural development / semi-arid / popular / English and French / 2 issues p.a.*

Focused on people's livelihoods and policy-related issues in semi-arid areas, mainly in Africa but also including articles and news on similar situations elsewhere in the world. Publishes short articles up to 500 words in three sections in *Haramata* – People, Policies, Programmes – and longer articles up to 30 printed pages in accompanying 3–4 Issue Papers; these treat dryland-related subjects in more depth. Welcomes contributions from the South; editorial support can be given to new writers. Submit to: Editorial Team c/o Ced Hesse, IIED Dryland Networks Programme, 3 Endsleigh St, London WC1H 0DD, UK (ced.hesse@iied.org ; drylands@iied.org). Website: [www.iied.org/drylands/pubs/haramata.html](http://www.iied.org/drylands/pubs/haramata.html)

### **Human Ecology**

*environmental knowledge / NRM / research methodology / peer reviewed / 6 issues p.a.*

Interdisciplinary printed and online journal concerned with interactions between people and their environment. Contributions examine roles of social, cultural and psychological factors in maintaining or disrupting ecosystems; also addresses interrelationship between technological and environmental changes and issues of participatory research and development. Publishes research papers from anthropology, geography, sociology, biology, psychology, urban planning etc. Submit to: The Editor, David Bates, Dept of Anthropology, Hunter College of The City University of New York, 695 Park Ave, New York, NY 10021, USA (dbates@hunter.cuny.edu). Website: <http://maxweber.hunter.cuny.edu/anthro/ecology.html>

### **IK News Asia: linking regional and indigenous knowledge**

*indigenous knowledge / local innovation / IPR / Asia / popular / 4 issues p.a.*

Asian edition of the former *IK Worldwide (IKWW)* newsletter which, in turn, replaced the *Indigenous Knowledge and Development Monitor (IKDM)*. Produced by IIRR (International Institute for Rural Reconstruction). Focuses primarily but not exclusively on Asia. Has already published information on PROLINNOVA. Short contributions welcome; for authors' guidelines, contact editorial team (IK@iirr.org). Website: [www.ik-pages.net](http://www.ik-pages.net)

### **IK Notes on Indigenous Knowledge and Practices**

*indigenous knowledge / social and technical issues / gender / periodic*

Four-page printed and online brochures documenting development issues that can be dealt with by applying indigenous knowledge and practices; over 25,000 readers. Primarily focused on Africa but also publishes experiences and views from other parts of the world. Has published articles from PROLINNOVA partners. Relevant contributions up to 2000 words are welcomed. *IK Notes* are translated into French, Portuguese, Wolof and Swahili. Submit to: Reiner Woytek, Indigenous Knowledge Program, World Bank, 1818 H St NW, Washington DC 20433, USA (rwoytek@worldbank.org). Website: [www.worldbank.org/afr/ik/iknotes.htm](http://www.worldbank.org/afr/ik/iknotes.htm)

### **Indilinga: African Journal of Indigenous Knowledge Systems**

*indigenous knowledge / intellectual property rights / Africa / peer reviewed / English and African languages / 2 issues p.a.*

"*Indilinga*" stands for the "circular orientation" of indigenous African communities as exhibited in their material culture and behaviour. The journal seeks critical and analytical writing on issues related to production, dissemination and recognition of African Knowledge Systems (IKS). It provides a forum for African scholars, analysts and activists in IKS to participate in debates, exchange of ideas and documentation of knowledge with their contemporaries worldwide. Submit to: Editor-in-Chief, Indilinga, PB x10, Isipingo 4110, South Africa (nmkabela@pan.uzulu.ac.za). Website: [www.indilinga.org.za](http://www.indilinga.org.za)

### **International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology**

*agriculture / environment / food quality / biodiversity / research and development / gender / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Print and online transdisciplinary journal that provides international forum for analyses and discussions in all aspects of agricultural resource use and governance, and implications of policy choices on human welfare and ecology. Aims to improve communication between policymakers, government agencies, academic and research institutions and people concerned with complex role of agriculture in society.

Publishes original and review papers, technical reports, case studies, commentaries, book reviews and news. Submit preferably online or to: The Editor, Mohammed Dorgham, IJARGE, POB 735, Olney, Bucks MK46 5WB, UK (ijarge@inderscience.com). Website: [www.une.edu.au/febl/ijarge](http://www.une.edu.au/febl/ijarge)

### ***International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability***

*agriculture-environment interactions / technology development / community issues / policy issues / peer reviewed / 3 issues p.a.*

Cross-disciplinary journal published by the Centre for Environment and Society of the University of Essex and dedicated to advancing our understanding of sustainability in agricultural and food systems. Publishes both theoretical development and critical appraisals of non-sustainable farming and food systems, as well as research on transition to sustainability at farm, community, regional, national and international levels. Research papers: 4000–7000 words including abstract up to 200 words; contributions on work in progress up to 500 words. Authors' guide: [www.multilingual-matters.com/multi/guidelines/guidelines\\_ijas.asp?TAG](http://www.multilingual-matters.com/multi/guidelines/guidelines_ijas.asp?TAG). Submit to: The Editor, Jules Pretty, IJAS, c/o Channel View Publications, Frankfurt Lodge, Clevedon Hall, Victoria Rd, Clevedon BS21 7HH, UK (jpretty@essex.ac.uk ; info@channelviewpublications.com). Website: [www.channelviewpublications.com](http://www.channelviewpublications.com)

### ***IRED Forum***

*grassroots groups / rural + urban development / social development / popular / French / 4 issues p.a.*

Online newsletter published by IRED (Innovations et Réseaux pour le Développement, Development Innovations and Networks), for community-based organisations and NGOs in Africa, South America, Asia and the Pacific. Submit to: The Editor, Fernand Vincent, IRED, 3 rue Varembe, Case 116, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (info@ired.org). Website: [www.ired.org](http://www.ired.org)

### ***Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension***

*agricultural knowledge systems / communication / education / peer reviewed / 4 issues p.a.*

Publishes on agricultural and higher secondary education and extension worldwide. Scientific with a problem-oriented approach. Strives to stimulate debate in links between education, extension and other social and economic institutions within agricultural knowledge systems. Welcomes papers up to 5000 words with 150-word abstract on empirical research, new methods and approaches, theoretical developments, policy issues, curriculum development and learning. Also publishes short "fieldnotes", up to 1000 words, related to the working practice of education and extension professionals. Submit to: The Editor, Patricia Gielen, ECS Office Bode 68, POB 8130, NL-6700 EW Wageningen, Netherlands. (jaee.ecs@wur.nl). Website: [www.jaee.nl](http://www.jaee.nl)

### ***Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Tropics and Subtropics***

*farming systems / technology development / peer reviewed / 2 issues p.a.*

Journal issued by the University of Kassel, formerly *Der Tropenlandwirt*. One of the few multilingual journals on tropical and subtropical agriculture, publishes articles in English, French, Spanish and German. Submit to: The Editor, Hans Hemann, Steinstr. 19, D-37213 Witzenhausen, Germany (tropen@wiz.uni-kassel.de).

### ***LEISA Magazine***

*low-external-input agriculture / food security / participatory approaches / gender / sustainable development / thematic / popular / 4 times p.a*

International magazine published by ILEIA (Information Centre for Low-External-Input and Sustainable Agriculture – LEISA), formerly ILEIA Newsletter. Brings articles on field experiences in development, farmer innovation and social, organisational and institutional aspects of LEISA. Has published information on PROLINNOVA. Regional editions of the magazine are published in Spanish for Latin America, English for India, Bahasa for Indonesia, French for West Africa and Portuguese for Brazil. Seeks articles of 800, 1600 or 2400 words; offers editorial support to authors; pays 75 Euro per published article. Submit to: The Editors, ILEIA, POB 2067, NL-3800 CB Amersfoort, Netherlands (ileia@ileia.nl). Website: [www.leisa.info/](http://www.leisa.info/)



***Livestock Research for Rural Development: International Journal for Research into Sustainable Developing World Agriculture***

*livestock / integrated farming systems / NRM / research / peer reviewed / 12 issues p.a.*

Electronic journal that provides forum for exchange of information on sustainable use of natural renewable resources in integrated farming systems in the tropics and subtropics. Assists scientists in developing countries to prepare their research findings for publication. Publishes full-length papers and short communications (posters), fairly technical. Publisher: CIPAV (Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria, Cali, Colombia. Submit to: Senior Editor, Reg Preston (regpreston@utafoundation.org or lrrd@cipav.org.co). Website: [www.cipav.org.co/lrrd/lrrdhome.html](http://www.cipav.org.co/lrrd/lrrdhome.html)

***Mountain Research and Development***

*mountain regions / research / sustainable development / thematic / peer reviewed / 4 times p.a.*

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*agriculture / development / policy / popular / 12 issues p.a*

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research. Articles up to 20 pages (1.5 line spacing) including summary of up to 300 words. Often thematic issues. Submit to: The Editor, Dieter Elz, QJIA, Humboldt University, Luisenstr. 56, D-10099 Berlin, Germany (dieter.elz@agr.ar.hu-berlin.de). Website: [www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/qjia](http://www.agrar.hu-berlin.de/qjia)

### **SciDev.Net**

*science / technology / research / indigenous knowledge / intellectual property rights / continuously*

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### **Urban Agriculture Magazine**

*urban and peri-urban food production / NRM / gender/ sustainable development / participatory approaches / thematic / popular/ 3 times p.a*

Published by Resource Centre for Urban Agriculture and Forestry (RUAf), includes short articles on research findings, project experiences and analyses of conventional and innovative policies in urban agriculture and forestry. Translated into several languages: Spanish, Chinese, French, Portuguese and Arabic. Submit to: The Editor, René van Veenhuizen, RUAf, ETC Foundation, POB 64, NL–3830 AB Leusden, Netherlands (ruaf@etcnl.nl). Website: [www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org)

## **OTHER ANNOTATED PUBLICATIONS**

*In view of the length of this Circular containing so many annotations of journals and magazines, this issue includes only a very small number of titles of other publications, selected and annotated by Will Critchley (WC) and Laurens van Veldhuizen (LvV)..*

Boven K & Morohashi J (eds). 2002. **Best practices using indigenous knowledge**. Nuffic & UNESCO/MOST 280 pp. [www.nuffic.nl/ik-pages](http://www.nuffic.nl/ik-pages)

*indigenous knowledge, best practices, poverty alleviation, sustainable development*

This joint publication, between Nuffic (the ‘intermediary’ between the educational communities in the Netherlands and other countries) and UNESCO documents 22 “best practices”. These are derived from 18 countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas. The entries originate from research institutions and NGOs working in the field of IK, who were asked to share their experiences by converting their data into a “best practice” format. The resultant selection spans quite a range of practices from the well-known “za” planting pit system of Burkina Faso (which, strangely, is described in two separate cases) to an intriguing use of local methods of bird observation in a biodiversity study in Papua New Guinea. While there are many useful and interesting entries, this book could have been more attractive if illustrated (it includes just one small photograph, two line drawings and a map). A list or, better, a summary of the cases would also have added value to the publication. (WC)

Critchley W, Brommer M & Tuyp W. 2004. **World water wisdom: an annotated bibliography of indigenous knowledge and water**. Centre for International Cooperation, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. 77 pp. [www.cis.vu.nl](http://www.cis.vu.nl)

*indigenous knowledge, water, agriculture, innovation*

The authors explain that this annotated bibliography evolved from a literature study underpinning an article that they are writing. That article – on the interface between IK and water – defines the subject matter of the booklet. There are two sections. The first comprises annotated documents (articles, books and grey literature) and is divided into *IK, water, IK and development* and finally *IK and water*. All in all, 177 documents are annotated. The second section “annotates” – or rather describes – relevant websites: 35 in

number. Most give information on organisations that work/ publish in the fields of IK or water, or both. There are several colour plates. The publication can be downloaded from the website. (WC)

Grenier L. 1998. **Working with indigenous knowledge: a guide for researchers**. IDRC, Ottawa. 115 pp. [www.idrc.ca](http://www.idrc.ca)

*indigenous knowledge, theory, application, biodiversity*

Louise Grenier has produced a neat, well laid-out, spirally-bound handbook that explores the rationale for research into indigenous knowledge systems. IK, biodiversity and cultural diversity are threatened with extinction and yet are essential to sustained development. Concern about western science setting “the rules” for research is highlighted. International (= western) science tends to be reductionist and views IK as lacking legitimacy because of its non-quantitative, anecdotal nature. The handbook gives eight examples of IK research areas (including *water* – where management, conservation and irrigation are mentioned – *soil* and *agriculture*). Discussing a research framework, the book looks at several potential areas for errors. These include socio-cultural errors, courtesy bias errors as well as the more commonly recognised sampling errors and problems in language, understanding and interpretation. This is an excellent guide to IK research – but more than that: it is a valuable background to the whole topic of IK and its place in development. (WC)

International Institute for Environment and Development. 2005. **Participatory learning and action: critical reflections, future directions**. IIED, London. 220 pp. [www.iied.org](http://www.iied.org) [www.planotes.org](http://www.planotes.org)

*participation, methodology, PRA*

To celebrate 50 issues of *Participatory Learning and Action* (formerly *PRA Notes*, then *PLA Notes*) spanning 17 years, IIED has produced this special edition which is a must for participatory practitioners. A formidable array of talent has been drafted in to write chapters on particular topics – which range broadly across all things “participatory”. There are chapters on participation and gender, and on participation in wartime; the relationship between rights, advocacy and participation is covered, as is changing practice in PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) over the years. Perhaps the chapter that will draw the eye of most readers is that by Robert Chambers. It is entitled “Reflections and directions: a personal note”. This is an invaluable whistle-stop tour through the years of the publication, observing the changes that have occurred, and the evolution that has taken place. Chambers notes, “There is a tantalising sense today, as there was in 1988, that much more is about to unfold”. Keep on subscribing! (WC)

Leeuwis C with van den Ban AW. 2004. **Communication for rural innovation: rethinking agricultural extension**. Blackwell Publishing. 424 pp. [www.blackwellpublishing.com](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com)

*communication, extension, innovation, methodology*

Having been introduced to agricultural extension in the 1970s through the first Dutch edition of this book, the completely reworked third edition comes as a pleasant surprise. It gives a comprehensive overview of all major issues in today’s discussion on agricultural extension. It discusses two main approaches – one more instrumental and persuasive (some would say “top-down”) and one more interactive, process-oriented and participatory. It argues convincingly that, in most cases, the latter approach is needed, with only some support from the former. Indeed, the authors prefer to use the concept “communication for innovation” rather than “extension”.

The authors discuss the present context in both the South and the North, going deeply into concepts, theories and models related to knowledge, perception, participation, communication and social learning and adding some “hands-on” chapters about use of media (including ICT) and planning and managing innovation processes and organisational change. The chapter on methods refers to farmers’ experimentation and the role that joint farmer-extension-research experimentation can play in supporting innovation. A chapter with a critical analysis of the present trend towards privatising extension services concludes that, to achieve the complex agriculture innovation required today, much more is needed than well-packaged, often technically focused, commercially traded extension messages..

In its effort to be comprehensive, the book sometimes lacks consistency and the links between a model presented at one point and theories discussed elsewhere are not always clear. The highly conceptual, social scientific language may be difficult for many practitioners to understand. It is nevertheless a very useful book for students. (LvV)

Mutunga K & Critchley W. 2001. ***Farmers' initiatives in land husbandry: promising technologies for the drier areas of East Africa***. UNDP & Sida's Regional Land Management Unit, Nairobi. 108 pp. [www.relma.org](http://www.relma.org)

*farmer innovation, soil and water conservation, East Africa*

This publication focuses on best practices amongst innovative farmers uncovered by the project "Promoting Farmer Innovation" (PFI). The authors describe six from each of three East African countries – Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The innovations are all within the general field of soil and water conservation / water harvesting. Each is presented according to a standard format, covering four pages. All 18 cases are illustrated by line drawings and photographs. The authors made use of the questionnaires provided by the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT), but did not limit the data collection to these forms. The personal background of the innovators themselves, for example, was something that fell outside the WOCAT questionnaires. There is a useful summary table of the innovations towards the end of the booklet, and both the PFI project and WOCAT are described. (WC)

World Bank. 2004. ***Indigenous knowledge: local pathways to global development***. World Bank, Washington DC. 268 pp. <http://worldbank.org/afr/ik/default.htm>

*indigenous knowledge, development, NRM, intellectual property rights, traditional medicine*

To mark five years of the World Bank's Indigenous Knowledge for Development Program, this wide-ranging and well-written book has been produced as an analytical record. There are two parts. The first comprises specially commissioned lead articles by different authors, covering broad issues: for example, *IK and NRM, indigenous responses to AIDs in Africa* and *indigenous approaches to conflict resolution*. Clearly this book is not just focused on IK and NRM, as are so many "applied IK" publications. That is confirmed in Part Two, where case studies or "IK Notes" are presented on a great variety of themes. These are, in fact, a collection of the Bank's *IK Notes* over the past five years. The cases originate almost entirely from Africa –the exception being three examples from India. The book is introduced through the first lead article "IK – a local pathway to global development" by the President of Tanzania, Benjamin Mkapa. (WC)

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***If you have new information about publications, workshops, training activities, events, audiovisuals, websites, electronic discussion groups or networks concerned with PTD / PID, please let us know.***

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