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Season's Greetings for 2008

to WASWC members, friends and colleagues and their family members

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WASWC Council and management personnel,

and Samran Sombatpanit in



At first let us congratulate the success of the Climate Change meeting in Bali, Indonesia (Dec 3-14) where our active member Mr Syaiful Anwar of the Ministry of Forestry in Jakarta played an important part in the organizing committee. Members may learn the details of the meeting in

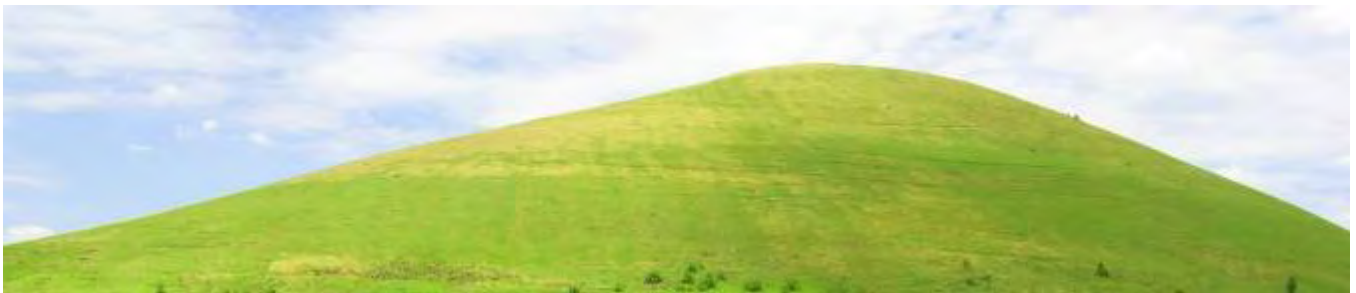
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From HOT NEWS editor, Samran Sombatpanit



Madagascar's bustling capital city of Antananarivo, with the Queen's Palace being renovated on the left and the Prime Minister's Office (both of the old time) on the right, shown prominently on the hill top.



Denuded top of a large hill near Miarinarivo, just 100 km west of the capital. What had happened?

Antananarivo, Madagascar

December 20, 2007

This year has been hectic especially during the second half, due mainly to the finalizing of the Special Publication No. 3 (SP III) on *No-Till Farming Systems* that took up most of our time. But we were able to get the volume out to serve members in a good time, with the first bound volume coming out on November 30. Printing of the SP III is going on at the printshop in Thailand and I will send them to members who had ordered once I get back home this weekend, which may take quite a while to finish sending all 7,000 copies. So far, the book has been distributed to participants to the Soil Science Conference in Guangzhou, China, on December 1, and to the Direct Seeding Mulch-based Cropping Systems Symposium in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on December 3 – both with good reception.

Our association has an **Awards Committee** comprising Prof Stanimir Kostadinov (Chair), Prof Machito Mihara, Dr John Laflen, myself and Prof Miodrag Zlatic (Secretary – *ex officio*). The committee has considered a number of awards as proposed and is pleased to announce the results for 2007 as follows:

Distinguished SWC Extensionist Award. The Award goes to police second lieutenant Vichai Suriyuth who had in the last 20 years, during his government service and after retirement, 'planted' 2 million trees in public areas of his home district, Prang Koo, in Sri Sa Ket Province, Thailand. This is the only the award that carries a small cash.

Distinguished SWC Researchers Award. The Committee grant this award to a group of researchers, Reinhardt H. Howeler of CIAT, Colombia; Watana Watananonta of Department of Agricultural Extension, Thailand and Tran Ngoc Ngoan of Thai Nguan University of Agriculture and Forestry of Vietnam. The work is illustrated in the paper, Farmer Participation in Research and Extension: The Key to Achieving Adoption of More Sustainable Cassava Production Practices on Sloping Land in Asia and Their Impact on Farmers' Income, appearing in the WASWC's book Monitoring and Evaluation of Soil

Conservation and Watershed Development Projects, published by the Science Publishers www.scipub.net. They had conducted a long-term (1994-2003) SWC project that covered all biophysical and socioeconomic aspects of large numbers of farm communities that grow cassava in several Asian countries – with favorable and concrete results.

Honorary Membership Award. Since a couple of years ago, John Burton, a citizen of New Jersey, U.S.A. had entered our association to serve as a guest editor of the Climate Change webpage and helps advising about what’s going on in that area that we should be aware of and also to participate in. More over, he had kindly put our association in the donation list that he assists various volunteer groups annually. The Awards Committee therefore agreed to grant John this award.

Norman Hudson Memorial Award. Hans Hurni of University of Berne, Switzerland, had initiated the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technology (WOCAT) Program since 1992, with a target to map all territories of the world within 6 years in terms of technologies and the ways (approaches) they have been used to materialize in conserving soil and water resources by using ‘existing’ knowledge that experts (local and international) work out together in yearly meetings. The work had not finished by then (1998), but it was found a huge ‘treasure trove’ of SWC information could be gathered, synthesized and finalized in that way, with a result that the first ever major publication of this program, the WOCAT global overview book, could be published after 14 years, in late 2006. Since Hans had initiated this new program, which is considered very useful and is still ongoing healthily in various parts of the world, the Committee saw his work of great value and agreed to grant him this prestigious Award. Previous Award recipients include Calvin Rose (Australia - 2004), Rolf Derpsch (Paraguay - 2005) and John Greenfield (New Zealand - 2006).

Details of all these awards granted for 2007 will be available in subsequent issues of WASWC Newsletter.

New Council for 2008-10. The present WASWC Council has deliberated about the new council for 2008-10 (3 years) and come up with the following structure. All persons have agreed to serve, with our big thanks especially to the new councilors and hope WASWC will perform better, more timely and produce many more products and services for members living everywhere in the world.

Structure of the WASWC Council for 2008-10

No.	Position	2008-10 (23 persons)	Remarks
01.	President	Miodrag Zlatic	Belgrade University, Belgrade, Serbia. Our Host Institution.
02.	Deputy President	Machito Mihara	Tokyo University of Agriculture and ERECON. He operates one WASWC website in Tokyo, Japan. Our Host Institution
03.	Executive Secretary	Henry Lu Shunguang	The Monitoring Center for Soil and Water Conservation, Ministry of Water Resources, Beijing, P.R. China. Our Host Institution
p04.	Deputy Executive Secretary	Li Dingqiang	Director of Guangdong Institute of Eco-environmental and Soil Sciences, Guangzhou, China. He has been operating a WASWC website from June '07. Our Host Institution
05.	Registrar	Suraj Bhan	President of Soil Conservation Society of India, our Org Mem and Host Institution. Will do registration of members, reminding the payments, and issuing certificates.
06.	Treasurer	John Laflen (JL)	USA, presently Treasurer and Editor-in-Chief of WASWC Journal and Proceedings, the latter post until the end of 2007
07.	Editor (Newsletter)	Surinder Singh Kukal	Surinder Singh Kukal is Prof. of SWC, Punjab Agric. Univ. (our Host Institution), India, assisted by Sanjay Arora, Richard Fowler et al.
08.	Editor (J & P)	Ted Napier (with JL as a Senior Associate Editor)	Ted Napier will be Editor-in-Chief for Journal & Proceedins & to replace John in 2008. JL will help for a year or so. (Ohio State Univ is our Host Institution) Ted also represents America (North)

09.	Awards Officer (Chair of Awards Committee)	Stanimir Kostadinov	Of Belgrade University (our Host Institution) who has been functioning as Chairperson of the Awards Committee since 2005
10	Special Publications (SP) Officer	Tom Goddard	He is from Alberta Agriculture and Food, Alberta, Canada and is a WASWC NR for his country. He will take care of editing/formatting the Special Publications (SP) of WASWC.
11.	Immediate Past President	Samran Sombatpanit	And Editor of HOT NEWS, Membership Coordinator, Assistant Treasurer, based in Bangkok, Thailand
12.	For Africa (North)	Rachid Mrabet	Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Meknes, Morocco. He will take care of translation of newsletter to Arabic. He also has experience in no-tillage, a hot topic now.
13.	For Africa (Sub- Sahara)	Richard Fowler	PMB, South Africa. Richard has knowledge and connection in no-tillage, so he may help in handling such thing at the same time as representing Africa, south of Sahara. He also accepts to be an Associate Editor of the WASWC Newsletter.
14.	For America (Latin)	Roberto Peiretti	He is a former President of CAAPAS that covers all over Americas in Sustainable Agriculture. He is a councilor of AAPRESID, based in Rosario, Argentina. Our Org Mem
15.	For Australia	Kristie Watling	Of the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Australian Society of Soil Science, Queensland Branch, our Org Mem
16.	For Europe	Mike Fullen	Of Univ. of Wolverhampton, UK, our Org Mem. Representative of Europe/ EU.
17.	For Europe	Eric Roose	A WASWC Honorary Member from France, Representative of ~20 French speaking countries, & Chair of AUF, our Org Mem
18.	For organizations	Doug Wimble	Former President of IECA, our Org Mem. He lives in Australia.
19.	For organizations	Jose Rubio	President of ESSC (Spain)
20.	For organizations	Adam Kertesz	President of ISCO (Hungary)
21.	For organizations	Winfried Blum	President of European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS), Vienna, Austria
22.	Subject matter specialist	Ian Hannam	A Honorary Member of WASWC, from Australia – and a subject matter specialist in Law and Policy
23.	Subject matter specialist	Rolf Derpsch	No-Tillage specialist and Norman Hudson Memorial Award recipient for 2005. From Paraguay, South America.

To sum up: Africa: 2; America, Latin: 2; America, North: 3; Asia: 6; Australia: 3; Europe: 7
Those with numbers highlighted in yellow are existing councilors.

WASWC Constitution Amended. The present council has amended the constitution from the last one, i.e. from October 2005, to be the present one for August 2007, as attached with this mail for your information. This amending has been done largely to conform with the new structure of the council for 2008-10.

We expect to issue another HOT NEWS soon after this. Pls stay tuned, and write to us what you think can improve the performance of our association to cope with the rapid degradation of our land and water resources, and now coming up with the threatening global warming, deteriorating air quality and more and more ...

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