

ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL SHORT COURSE ON AGROECOLOGY

The University of California, Santa Cruz, through its Department of Environmental Studies and the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, announces a two-week international short course on Agroecology for extensionists, farm advisers, trainers, NGO managers, farmers, graduate students, researchers, professors, and other agricultural professionals from around the world. The course will be held in Santa Cruz, California, August 13 - 24, 2001.

Description

This course will explore the application of agroecological knowledge to the design of sustainable farming systems, emphasizing the integration of agroecology theory with agricultural practice. Coursework will focus on sustainable management practices in small farm systems and their function in supporting farming communities and environmental health around the world.

Academic Activities

The course will consist of lectures, demonstrations, and field applications of agroecology. Discussions of course concepts will be complemented with on-farm experiences in research and production problems. Activities will include presentations on specific topics given by invited specialists, group discussions on assigned readings, hands-on lab and field activities, individual and group presentations, field trips to local farms, and the preparation of a case study demonstrating principles of agroecology and sustainability based on agroecosystems in the participant's home area. Participants will receive key texts, bibliographies, and publications in the field of agroecology, and will access the University of California library system and other on-line resources to search the contemporary knowledge-base on agroecology and sustainable agriculture. A full description of the 1999 Short Course activities is available on-line at: <http://www.agroecology.org/shortcourse.htm>.

Instructors

The Agroecology Research Group of the University of California, Santa Cruz will provide core instructors for the course, including: Stephen R. Gliessman (Alfred Heller Professor of Agroecology), Joji Muramoto (Course Organizer), Ariane de Bremond, and V. Ernesto Mendez, joined by a host of instructors and specialists from the University of California and other state institutions and organizations, including Erle C. Ellis (Assistant professor at University of Maryland). A list of 1999 course instructors is on-line at: <http://www.agroecology.org/shortcourse/1999/schedule.htm>.

Eligibility

We encourage applications from personnel from research centers, government, non-governmental organizations, universities, private institutions, farmers, teachers, and

agricultural professionals interested in agroecology and the promotion of sustainable agriculture. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants. The course will be in English, so a working knowledge of English is required for participation. Please watch the course web site at <http://www.agroecology.org/shortcourse.htm>, for the possibility of a Spanish language version of the course.

Requirements for Admission

Interested candidates should send a short resume and cover letter explaining their background, current work, and reasons for taking the course by the application deadlines listed below. Participants will be selected by a committee and notified of their acceptance within 2 weeks of their application submission, at which time they will need to pay their fees, within the established deadlines below. Upon completion of the full program of the course, participants will be granted a Certificate of Attendance.

Fees/Accommodation Options

The course fee is comprehensive, including all tuition, course & lecture materials, accommodations, three meals per day, field trips and administrative fees. Fees do not include airfare or stays for the period before and after the course. We are offering three payment options depending on the timing of registration. In an effort to facilitate assistance from developing country residents, we have reduced their fees by 22%. Regrettably, at this time we are unable to provide any type of financial support for course participants.

Early Registration Package:

Application received by December 1, 2000

Fees received by December 31, 2000

Developed country residents: \$1700.00 double occupancy; \$1900.00 single occupancy

Developing country residents: \$1400.00 double occupancy; \$1600.00 single occupancy

Normal Registration Package:*

Application received by February 1, 2001

Fees received by March 1, 2001

Developed country residents: \$1850.00 double occupancy; \$2150.00 single occupancy

Developing country residents: \$1550.00 double occupancy; \$1750.00 single occupancy

Late Registration Package:*

Application received by May 1, 2001

Fees received by June 1, 2001

Developed country residents: \$2000.00 double occupancy; \$2300.00 single occupancy

Developing country residents: \$1700.00 double occupancy; \$1900.00 single occupancy

* We'll accept these packages until the enrollment reaches 30 participants.

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electronic submission:

email resume and letter to:
shortcourse@agroecology.org
note: please use text within the email message
or attach a document in MS word

Payment

Participants should pay course fees by the dates indicated by bank check or money order in US dollars payable through a United States bank to: **Regents of the University of California** and mailed to the address above. It is also possible to use international bank transfers- email shortcourse@agroecology.org for more information.

For More Information

Please visit the course web site at <http://www.agroecology.org/shortcourse.htm>, email shortcourse@agroecology.org, or contact the course coordinator **Dr. Joji Muramoto** at Tel. 831-459-2506, Fax. 831-459-2867.

This document is available on-line at: <http://www.agroecology.org/shortcourse/announce.htm>

Información Adicional

Para mayor información en Español sobre el Curso Corto en Agroecología, favor visitar la página de red del curso en <http://www.agroecology.org/espanol/cursocorto.htm>, o contactar al coordinador asistente del curso, **Ernesto Méndez**, via email: vemendez@cats.ucsc.edu o vemendez@hotmail.com, o Fax. (831) 459-2867.

Este documento esta disponible "en línea", en:

<http://www.agroecology.org/espanol/cursocorto/2001/anuncio.htm>