

Mission

TEACH US is an agriculture literacy and outreach program targeting traditionally under-represented groups to enhance and expand knowledge of agricultural science and research activities and opportunities in the U.S. and globally. TEACH US aims to expose minority teachers working in urban settings to agricultural disciplines through international study tours focused upon diverse agricultural and natural resource management practices. The **TEACH US Conference 2002** will review and articulate lessons learned, explore new partnerships, and identify new priorities through presentations from past participants including teachers, facilitators and funders.

Objectives

- ! To increase opportunities for urban teachers and students to experience activities focused upon international trade and global food security.
- ! To expand international awareness, knowledge, and skills in the field of agriculture within large urban school systems characterized by large minority populations.
- ! To maintain and enhance demonstrated excellence in the education and production of future agriculture scientists by actively increasing the talent reflective of the world's diversity.
- ! To contribute positively to efforts to improve math and science competency internationally among primary and secondary students within large urban school systems characterized by large minority populations.
- ! To provide urban teachers and students with information and resources to pursue job

opportunities and careers in the field of international agriculture.

- ! To enhance global awareness, knowledge, and practices in the field of natural resource conservation including pollution reduction, preventing the exhausting of resources, and shifting resource consumption to more sustainable patterns.
- ! To promote preparation and support for teachers in their efforts to interpret other countries and other cultures for their students, to infuse international elements across the curriculum, and to encourage student and teacher exchange.

Desired Outcomes

- # Contribute to increase in interest and enrollment in Agriculture in the Classroom curriculum, National Ag Day activities, and America's Largest Classroom on Agriculture
- # Generate interest in and facilitate international capacity building and technical assistance in the field of international agricultural research, education, and extension.
- # Stimulate lesson plan development emphasizing awareness of the role of agriculture in science and vice versa among international urban teachers
- # Improve delivery mechanisms of Science Standards to students
- # Create linkages between US classrooms and international classrooms which result in regular cross-cultural communication

"TEACH US rejuvenated my teaching, reinforced my knowledge of science and agriculture, and better enabled me to bring the gift of science back to our young people in the cities." *Turner, Teacher, Patterson Elementary School, Washington, DC*

Preliminary Agenda

Saturday, May 4th "What We Have Accomplished"

9:00	Welcome Remarks
9:30-10:00	Keynote Address: TBA
10:00-10:30	Refreshment Break, Screening of TEACH US video
10:30-12:00	<i>Session 1:</i> Teacher Presentations
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	<i>Session 2:</i> Host Country Presentations
2:30-4:00	<i>Session 3:</i> Teacher Presentations II
4:00-5:00	Wrap up of Day 1

Sunday, May 5th "What Needs to be Accomplished for a Successful Future"

9:00-9:30	Opening remarks and re-focus
9:30-11:00	<i>Session 4:</i> Evaluation Reports
11:00-12:30	<i>Session 5:</i> Stakeholders Reports
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Ecoport Presentation
2:00-3:30	Directed participation/ discussion activity for all teachers and participants
3:30-4:30	Wrap up

Collaborators and Clients

- S United States Department of Agriculture
- S Smithsonian Institution
- S Cornell University
- S Cornell Institute for International Food and Agriculture Development
- S District of Columbia Public Schools
- S New York City Public Schools
- S University of the District of Columbia

Location

Smithsonian Zoological Park,
3001 Connecticut Avenue
Washington DC 20008
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The 163-acre Smithsonian National Zoological Park in Rock Creek Park was established by an Act of Congress in 1889 "for advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people." It is a world leader in exhibition, conservation, zoological research, and education. The Zoo conducts a wide range of research and educational programs to further scientific knowledge and help conserve the world's wildlife. Its training programs are part of the urgent international effort to save biological diversity world-wide.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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**TEACH US CONFERENCE 2002
REGISTRATION FORM**

**May 4&5
Washington, D.C.**

Non-refundable Registration fee (includes lunch and snacks): **\$50**

Make checks payable to: CIIFAD

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Proposal Presentation

Title: _____

Abstract (100 words or less):

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Directions to the Zoo

The Zoo is at 3001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., in the midst of a quiet residential neighborhood. It is just a few minutes by car or public transportation from the Capitol, the White House, and the Smithsonian museums on the Mall.



By Metrorail:

Take the Red Line to the Woodley Park/Zoo stop or the Cleveland Park stop; the Zoo entrance lies half-way between these stops, and both are a short walk from the Zoo.

From Reagan National Airport:

Take the metro from the National Airport stop on the Blue Line to Metro Center, Transfer to the Red Line (towards Shady Grove) and get off at either Woodley Park/Zoo or Cleveland Park Metro stop.

From Union Station:

Take the Metro at Union Station (Red Line) in the direction of Shady Grove. Get off at either Woodley Park/Zoo or Cleveland Park Metro stop.



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