

This book documents the proceedings of a major international conference on higher education in agriculture held in Amsterdam in July 1999. The conference was organized by the Global Consortium of Higher Education and Research for Agriculture.

Amsterdam was selected as the site of the inaugural conference of the Global Consortium because it is situated at a true global crossroads of cultures, of telecommunications, and of transportation. The conference was very appropriately held in The Netherlands because of the enlightened reforms being spearheaded there in the agricultural education and research system. This major reform effort is being led by Rector Cees Karssen of Wageningen University and Research Centre who opened the conference on July 22, 1999.

Nearly 150 participants from over 30 countries attended the conference. From this starting point a membership drive was launched. Today, I am proud to say that the consortium has nearly 200 members in over 100 countries.

I encourage you to become a member of the Global Consortium of Higher Education and Research for Agriculture.

Your application can easily be submitted on-line at: <http://www.gchera.iastate.edu/>

Once you are a member, you will find a wide range of working groups in which you can participate. Soon after you register on-line, the working group leader will contact you to give you details on how to become involved.

Watch the web site for announcements of upcoming conferences. We look forward to seeing you at the next conference of the Global Consortium of Higher Education and Research for Agriculture, scheduled for 2001.



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Their names appear in Appendix II.

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