

West African Regional Pesticide Safety Educators' Workshop

May 28-June 1, 2007

Bamako, Mali

The IPM CRSP (Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support Program) invites pesticide safety educators working in West Africa to a professional development workshop.

Participants: Pesticide Safety Trainers (agricultural scientists and educators).

Objectives:

1. To share information, experiences, ideas, materials and methods, successes, and "lessons learned".
2. Identify and prioritize pesticide safety program needs and target audiences.
3. Discuss the two components of a quality assurance program for food crops: proper pesticide use validated by residue monitoring.
4. Discuss collaborative/cooperative efforts to ensure food safety involving residue chemists, field researchers, and pesticide safety educators.
5. Share techniques for measuring program impact.

The primary language spoken at the workshop will be French.

There is no registration fee. However, participants will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.

A list of hotels near the conference site will be sent to participants. Assistance with hotel reservations will be provided on request.

Participants will receive samples of pesticide safety training materials developed for use in West Africa.

This workshop is for practicing trainers, *not* administrators. If you have received this e-mail but are not conducting pesticide safety training programs yourself, please feel free to forward this announcement/invitation to trainers working in your agency, organization, or region.

If you plan to attend, or your organization would like to send participants, please complete the pre-registration form that follows (one per participant) and send this information to:

Amadou Diarra, Regional IPM CRSP Coordinator:
Institut du Sahel
Badalabougou Est Immeuble Waly Diawara Porte 293
BP 1530 Bamako, Mali
csp@insah.org

Registration deadline is Monday, 30 April 2007.

For more information, or to request a letter of invitation, contact Amadou Diarra.

----- *Participant Pre-registration* -----

NAME: _____

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: _____

E-Mail: _____

Do you teach farmers (or other people who handle pesticides) how to use them safely?

No
 Yes

Do you teach field agents how to teach farmers about the safe use of pesticides (“train the trainers”)?

No
 Yes

Would you be interested in demonstrating materials or techniques you use at this workshop?

No
 Yes...

...and if yes, please describe the material(s) or method(s):

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