

RESOURCES

Organizations

COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GENETICS, 186A South Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111. Executive director, Nachama L. Wilker. A national non-profit organization of scientists, public health and public policy professionals, bioethicists and others dedicated to ensuring that biotechnology is developed safely and in the public interest. Current agenda focuses on biological weapons, human gene therapy, environmental release of genetically altered organisms, and new reproductive technologies. Operates a resource center and speaker's bureau, provides testimony and comments to Congress and regulatory agencies, and publishes geneWatch (six/year; \$12 for individuals, \$20 for organizations and libraries).

ECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH CENTER (ERC), Corson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. A unit of the Center for Environmental Research at Cornell University researching the ecological impacts of biotechnology and examining the potential for limiting adverse effects of the emerging technology and maximizing the positive benefits through application of current regulatory practice, law, technological assessment and ecosystem science.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY INSTITUTE (EPI), 218D Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. 202-544-2600. The Agricultural Resources Project, directed by Jack Doyle, is currently focusing on biotechnological issues including pesticide production, bio-patenting, germplasm conservation, regulation of commercial biotechnology, nutritional erosion in food crops, agricultural research policy and Third World impacts.

INTERNATIONAL GENETIC RESOURCES PROGRAMME (IGRP), c/o Rural Advancement Fund, P.O. Box 1029, Pittsboro North Carolina 27312. 919-542-5292. Publishes the Quarterly IGRP Report of information concerning the seed industry, biotechnology, plant patenting and genetic resource conservation.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON THE SOCIAL IMPACTS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts 02155. Network coordinator: Sheldon Krinsky. 617-381-3394. The purposes of INSIB is to establish linkages among social, natural and life scientists, humanists, science writers, policy analysts, and members of public interest groups. "Many individuals with an interest in the social impacts of biotechnology find it difficult to communicate with one another either because they are situated in different disciplines or they are located in different countries. The formation of INSIB is a step toward improving communications transnationally and creating a new disciplinary locus for the study of the social function of biotechnology."

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NETWORK NEWS

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY has announced the opening of its new USDA-funded ATTRA program: Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas. ATTRA will encourage sustainable U.S. rural communities with information on low-input agriculture and community resource management. ATTRA will operate from NACT's Memphis, Tennessee office at AGRICENTER International. Applications are being taken for several positions (Program Manager, Community Business Management Specialist, Agronomist, Marketing Specialist, Resource Center Specialist, and others. For more information contact Peggy Miller, Vice President for Policy & Government, NCAT, 815 15th St. NW, Suite 938, Wash. DC 20005. 202-347-9193.

THE RURAL ECONOMIC POLICY PROGRAM of the Aspen Institute, funded by the Ford Foundation, selected 15 diverse research projects for funding in 1986 from a national competition. A research competition for graduate students will be conducted in 1987. For information on this and other activities of the Aspen Institute's special program on U.S. rural economic policy, contact Susan E. Sechler, Director, Rural Economic Policy Program, Aspen Institute, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW, #1070, Washington, DC 20036. 202-466-6410.

THE INSTITUTE FOR FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY has added "Reality Tours" to its activities. The first Reality Tour visited Haiti and the Dominican Republic in fall 1986. Beginning in May, 1987, a weekend Reality Tour will be scheduled each month to examine the U.S. food system, beginning in California's San Joaquin Valley. Honduras and Nicaragua will be visited by a Reality Tour in fall, 1987, with the Philippines scheduled for 1988. Contact: Institute for Food and Development Policy, 1885 Mission St., San Francisco, California 94103-3584. 415-864-8555.

THE CENTER OF CONCERN'S 1987 Summer Institute program at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., "GLOBAL/LOCAL LINKS", will examine connections among major socio-economic issues of the day: national security, interest rates, world debt, labor, and the U.S. deficit. The program will probe the international structural causes of poverty and inequity and will explore possible alternatives. Dates: July 11 - 19; tuition: \$225. Contact: David Simmons, Summer Institute Coordinator, Center of Concern, 3700 13th Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20017. 202-635-2757.

OTHER EVENTS: MAY 1, 1987 - "REGULATION AND LIABILITY: GROWING PAINS FOR THE BIOTECH INDUSTRY," a conference sponsored by the San Diego Biotechnology Forum, 350 Cedar St., San Diego, CA 92101 (619-239-0391); MAY 24-27 - "PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE IN TRANSITION: OPPORTUNITIES AT ASEAN'S GATEWAY," a conference

sponsored by the Agri-Energy Roundtable, 2550 M St. NW, Suite 300, Wash. D.C. 20037 (call Bruce Röss, Director of Research Projects of Rosalind Hamar, Director, Program Development - 202-887-0528); JUNE 15 - JULY 2, "PLANNING, FOOD POLICY AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS," seminar for senior level agriculture policy makers, University of Minnesota (contact Fred Hoefler, 405 Coffey Hall, Univ. of Minnesota, 1420 Eckles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108); JUNE 15 - 21, TORTILLA MARATHON from Tijuana, Mexico to Santa Barbara to benefit projects of Children of the Americas, P.O. Drawer 21707, Santa Barbara, CA 93121 (805-963-2189).

NEW MATERIALS

- "ON HUMAN WORK" is a new slide-tape show (30 minutes) providing an excellent introduction to discussion of human work as an essential key to the creation of a more just, humane world. Includes discussion guide. Produced by Jane Blewett. Purchase, \$55.00; rental, \$25.00 from Center of Concern, 3700 13th St. NE, Wash. DC 20017. 202-635-2757.
- "CHILDREN: THE PROMISE," 8-page background paper on problems of poverty among U.S. children. Includes role of families, employment and training, income supports, health and nutrition, housing and homelessness, child care, education, and special challenges such as teen pregnancy and child welfare. Cost: 50¢ each (25¢ for 10 or more), from Interfaith Action for Economic Justice, 110 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. 202-543-2800.
- CHINA'S ECONOMY AND POPULATION: The U.S. Bureau of the Census announces the availability of the results of 1986 research projects by its China Branch. Six different staff papers are listed at prices from \$4.00 to \$12.50. List available from China Branch, Center for International Research, Room 105, Scuderi Building, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.
- "ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL: A STUDY GUIDE" by Joan Marie Maliszewski, CSSF; John Mitchell, Jr.; and Patricia Natali is available from Paulist Press as a self-contained, easy to implement prayer-study program on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral, "Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy." Designed for four sessions. \$1.95 from Paulist Press, 997 Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. 201-825-7300.
- "GLOBAL EDUCATION" is the theme of a special issue of Connections (January 1987), bi-monthly magazine of Church World Service (24pp.). Two pages of resources compiled and annotated by Thomas L. Hampson and Loretta Whalen Force, plus articles by Reinhold Traitler, Richard D.N. Dickinson, and C. Dean Freudenberger and several community action models for global education. One copy free from CWS Connections, P.O.Box 968, Elkhart, Indiana 46515. 219-264-3102.
- "HAITI: IS THE 'DOC' STILL IN?", by Cathy Sunshine, an information-packed background "Food First Action Alert" on the "new" Haiti, with suggestions for individual responses by U.S. citizens has been co-produced by the Institute for Food and Development Policy and the Washington Office on Haiti. Price: \$2.00 for 5 copies; \$3.00 for 10, from IFDP, 1885 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103-3584. 415-864-8555.
- "LIVES MATTER: A HANDBOOK FOR CHRISTIAN ORGANIZING," by Kimberley Bobo provides practical training for Christians who want to be more effective in bringing about social change. It draws on the author's many years of experience organizing with Bread for the World before joining the staff of Saul Alinsky's Midwest Academy in Chicago. 200 pages, \$8.95 plus 50¢ shipping/handling from Sheed & Ward, P.O.Box 414292, Kansas City, MO 64141. Published 1986. Also available from Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island, NE, Washington, D.C. 20018.
- "POVERTY, HUNGER AND THE WELFARE SYSTEM", Hearing before the House of Representatives' Select Committee on Hunger, August 5, 1986 (176 pp.), (Serial No. 99-23) is packed full of excellent analysis and facts. Free from House Select Committee on Hunger, 507 House Annex 2, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.
- "PROJECT EQUALITY BUYER'S GUIDE - 1987" will list about 2,000 employers whose Equal Employment Opportunity policies have been validated by the national interfaith program called Project Equality. Cost: \$20 from Project Equality, 1020 East 63rd Street, Suite 102, Kansas City, Missouri 64110.
- "WFA BULLETIN", newsletter of the World Food Assembly (an international network of non-governmental organizations concerned with food and development equity in the developing countries) provides short articles of news and views from many organizations based in Europe, Asia, and Latin America which are not always readily accessible to their U.S. "colleagues." Published quarterly by WFA, 5 Harrowby Court, Harrowby Street, London W1H 5FA, U.K. \$15.00 annual contribution from readers in the North; free to readers in the South.