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AGROFORESTRY ABROAD

MU delegation visits Indonesia, explores collaboration

UMCA Director Shibu Jose visited Indonesia as part of a University of Missouri delegation in January 2014. The delegation, led by Dr. Jim Scott, Associate Vice Provost for International Initiatives and Director of International Center, also included Leszek Vincent (Plant Sciences and Biochemistry), Mark Hannink (Biochemistry), Fritz Cropp (Journalism) and Bernard Burrola (Executive Director of the U.S.-Indonesia Joint Council Partnership on Higher Education).

They visited with officials from the U.S. Embassy, USAID, and the Indonesian Ministries of Education and Forestry about exploring opportunities for

collaboration between MU and Indonesian institutions of higher education. They also visited faculty and scientists at the World Agroforestry Center in Bogor, Bogor Agriculture University, Biopharmaca Research Center, and Bogor Herbarium among others.

Traditional herbal medicine (Jamu) and medicinal plant cultivation within agroforestry systems were topics of mutual interest and a recurring theme in many of the conversations. A memorandum of agreement between MU and Bogor Agriculture University's Biopharmaca Research Center is being developed to strengthen future collaboration.



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Left to right, Irma Suparto, Mark Hannink and Edy Djuahari at the Biopharmaca medicinal plant garden in Indonesia. Daily rainstorms were common!

GRADUATE EDUCATION

UMCA online agroforestry M.S. program, graduate certificate

UMCA developed the online Agroforestry M.S. and Graduate Certificate program back in 2009-2010. Our knowledge of the field indicated that a number of full-time working professionals were interested in the growing science and practice of agroforestry. However, due to limitations in available agroforestry courses and programs, career commitments, and geography, working professionals were unable to obtain in-depth agroforestry knowledge.

We rolled out the online courses in 2011-2012. Interest in the online programs has been growing rapidly both within the U.S. and abroad. We are delighted to report that as of January 2014, there are now 23 students in the M.S. program and 3 students enrolled in the graduate certificate program.

To learn more about the Agroforestry programs, visit Mizzou Online's page at: <http://online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/agroforestry/index.aspx>

Cover crops research symposium, forums

The MU Cover Crops Research and Extension Symposium was sponsored by the MU Center for Agroforestry and NCR-SARE on January 14. It provided an opportunity to hear some of the latest information on cover crops in Missouri and to discuss what future research, education and extension programs are needed in the area. 132 people attended the symposium and over 30 additional people participated through the live-stream broadcast.

For those who were unable to attend the symposium, or those who want a refresher, all presentation were recorded. Find them online at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/sare/covercropposymposium.aspx>

Upcoming in the cover crops world is the National Cover Crops and Soil Health Forums on Feb. 18, 2014 in Omaha, Neb. A free, live broadcast

of the national conference brings the information to you. The broadcast will include discussions on how to build soil health, improve yields, curb erosion, manage pests and build resilience in your own farming systems.

Over 200 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Extension offices nationwide will host Cover Crops and Soil Health Forums where farmers can learn from one another while exploring local and national perspectives on cover crops.

The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m. CST for those in the Eastern, Central and Mountain regions and will be rebroadcasted later for those in the Pacific region. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the broadcast.

More information can be found at: www.SARE.org/covercropconference.

TAKE NOTE

European agroforestry conference to promote good practices

The Second European Agroforestry Conference will be on June 4-6, 2014 in Cottbus, Germany. The European Agroforestry Federation is organizing the conference, which has a theme of "Integrating Science & Policy to Promote Agroforestry in Practice."

The conference aims to provide a platform for people from diverse backgrounds to present, discuss, and debate critical issues related to agroforestry. It will also include talks on agroforestry in Europe. The Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg will host the conference. Abstract submission deadline for oral and poster presentations is March 20, 2014. Additional details, including where to email abstracts to, can be found at: <http://cebra-ev.de/de/eu-agroforestry-conference.html>

Upcoming Events

February 18, 2014 — National Cover Crops and Soil Health Forums

Find a forum near you: www.SARE.org/covercropconference

March 4, 2014 — Boone's Lick Chapter Master Naturalist Spring Training Course begins.

More information can be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/masternaturalist.aspx>

March 8, 2014 — Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference, Sinsinawa, WI.

Learn how to attend: www.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/

March 10-12, 2014 — Missouri Community Forestry Council 2014 Conference: Preserving, Sustaining and Growing the Urban Forester, Jefferson City, Mo.

More information: www.mocommunitytrees.com/mcfconference2014.html



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