

# CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### TAC 37

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### Item

1. Opening Session
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  - (b) Adoption of TAC 36 Report
  - (c) Items Arising from TAC 36
  - (d) Adoption of Agenda
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  - (b) Training Study
  - (c) Financial Matters
    - 1984 Outcome
    - 1985 Situation
    - 1986 Outlook
  - (d) Impact Study
  - (e) Budget Study
  - (f) Other
3. Follow-up to External Program Reviews (EPRs)
  - (a) WARDA
  - (b) IBPGR
4. Future External Program Reviews (EPRs)
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  - (b) ILRAD
  - (c) ILCA
5. Programs and Budgets for 1986
  - (a) Traditional Procedure
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6. Strategic Considerations
  - (a) TAC Strategy Paper
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7. MSTAT: Michigan State University Presentation on the Use of Microcomputer Software in Agricultural Research
8. Other Matters
9. Future Meetings

## TAC 37

### ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Item 1 - Opening Session

##### (a) Opening Remarks by Chairman

The Chairman will open the 37th TAC Meeting by introducing a new Member and welcoming TAC Members and all others present.

##### (b) Adoption of TAC 36 Report

The Report of TAC 36 will be discussed, amended if necessary, and approved.

##### (c) Matters arising from TAC 36

Matters arising from the report, not otherwise covered by the Agenda, may be brought up. The meeting will decide on appropriate arrangements for scheduling the discussion of such matters.

##### (d) Adoption of the Agenda

TAC will consider the proposed Agenda and adopt it with or without modifications. The Chairman will invite Members to bring to his attention any items to be discussed under "Other Matters" (Agenda Item 8). The Chairman will also announce the membership of Working Groups and their meeting times and places.

#### Item 2 - Report from the CGIAR

The Executive Secretary of the CGIAR will report on the following topics:

- (a) The response of the CGIAR to the IBPGR and ICRISAT Reviews
- (b) The response of the CGIAR to the Training Study
- (c) Financial Matters
  - 1984 Outcome
  - 1985 Situation
  - 1986 Outlook
- (d) Impact Study and the progress made since the last meeting
- (e) Budget Study and the progress made since the last meeting
- (f) Additional items which may be of interest to TAC.

### Item 3 - Follow-up to External Program Reviews

#### (a) WARDA

TAC will receive a report on the progress WARDA has made in implementing the EPR and EMR recommendations. TAC will also consider the exact timing, program and panel composition for WARDA mid-term review, which is scheduled for mid 1986.

#### (b) IBPGR

TAC will receive a report of the TAC sub-committee set up after the TAC 36.

### Item 4 - Future External Program Reviews

#### (a) ISNAR

A brief progress report will be presented on the External Review activities of ISNAR.

#### (b) ILRAD

A progress report on the preparations for the ILRAD External Program Review, scheduled for early 1986, will be presented.

#### (c) ILCA

TAC will consider an initial report on preparations for the ILCA Review. In particular TAC will be asked to discuss and make recommendations on possible timing program issues, and panel composition.

### Item 5 - Programs and Budgets for 1986

As agreed at its 36th Meeting, TAC will consider IARCs programs and budgets prepared according to two different guidelines: (a) all Centers will submit their P&B documents prepared in line with the CGIAR Secretariat guidelines with more emphasis placed on programmatic rather than financial elements; (b) four Centers in addition will submit their P&B documents prepared on a voluntary basis according to new guidelines derived from the proposed changes in budget structure developed by the Budget Study.

#### (a) Regular Procedure

Consideration of 1986 P&B will commence on Monday, June 17 at 10:30 hr. when the Committee in open session with the Center Directors will discuss the process to be used and work out a consensus list of across Center activities which should be given more, less or the same emphasis as in 1985. Then starting at 14.00 hr. Monday afternoon and concluding at 15:00 hr. Wednesday afternoon, each Center will be given one hour to discuss with TAC its program for 1986. The discussions will, as usual, be led by the TAC Member responsible for the Center,

supported by the alternate member. These discussions will be followed each afternoon by Working Groups meetings where the programs presented by the Centers will be examined in greater depth and proposals prepared for the full Committee in light of agreements reached on Monday 17 June. On Wednesday afternoon, 19 June, each Working Group will complete consideration of all its assigned Centers, and ensure that its proposals are consistent across all its Centers.

TAC will meet in closed session starting at 14:00 hr. Thursday 20 June to complete its consideration of the programs and budgets and prepare its recommendations which will be announced in open joint session with the Center Directors on Friday morning at 08:00 hr. This will conclude the regular process.

(b) Alternate Procedure

On Thursday morning starting at 08:00 hr. the Committee will consider the programs of those four Centers (CIMMYT, CIP, ICRISAT and IFPRI) prepared according to the new process. On Friday between 08:30-10:00 hr. in open joint session with the Center Directors, the alternate procedure will be discussed and guidelines developed for P&Bs preparations in the future.

Item 6 - Strategic Considerations

(a) TAC Strategy Paper

As decided at TAC 36, a draft of the TAC Strategy Paper will be presented for the Committee's consideration. This draft will be based on the present drafts of the TAC discussion paper on priorities and take into account the discussions of TAC, Center Representatives, Board Chairpersons and Observers at TAC 36.

The new draft paper will be considered by:

- TAC in closed session on 16, 24 and 25 June
- TAC and Center Directors in joint open session on 22 June.

On the basis of these discussions, the draft paper will be revised and, subsequent to approval by TAC, the paper will be transmitted to the CGIAR in time for the International Centers' Week in November 1985.

(b) Nutritional Concerns in International Agricultural Research

As agreed at TAC 36, the Committee will complete consideration of the position paper outlining the Centers' approaches to addressing nutritional concerns in international agricultural research and prepare its reaction for subsequent transmittal to the CGIAR for its November meeting.

Item 7 - MSTAT: Michigan State University Presentation on the  
Use of Microcomputer Software in Agricultural Research

An innovative program on the use of microcomputer software in agricultural research has been instituted by the Michigan State University (MSU) under the acronym MSTAT. It was developed at the Agricultural University of Norway and at MSU to integrate the design, management and analysis of agronomic experiments. It is already being used by several of the Centers and by many national programs in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. A member of the MSU team will make a presentation on the importance of MSTAT and its applications to the IARCs.

Item 8 - Other Matters

TAC Members are invited to submit matters to be taken up under this item.

Item 9 - Future Meetings

TAC may wish to confirm the following meeting schedule:

- TAC 38: 21-26 October 1985 in Washington D.C. immediately prior to Centers' Week (28 October - 1 November 1985)
- TAC 39: 17-25 March 1986 in Rome
- TAC 40: June 1986 at CIAT in Cali, Colombia. The date is to be determined at TAC 37 in consultation with the Chairman of the Group of Center Directors.

### TAC 37 - PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Meeting times: 08:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:30 (except as noted)  
Breaks: 10:00-10:30, 12:30-14:00, 16:00-16:30

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#### Sunday, 16 June

|             | <u>A.M.</u>   | <u>CLOSED</u> |
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| 08:30-10:00 | Item 6 Strategic Considerations<br>(a) TAC Strategy Paper |               |
| 10:30-12:30 | " " " " " " (cont'd)                                      |               |
|             | <u>P.M.</u>   | <u>CLOSED</u> |
| 14:00-16:00 | Item 6 " " " " " (cont'd)                                 |               |
| 16:30-17:30 | " " " " " " (cont'd)                                      |               |

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#### Monday, 17 June

|             | <u>A.M.</u>  | <u>OPEN</u>    |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 08:30-09:00 | Item 1 Opening Session<br>(a) Opening Remarks by Chairman<br>(b) Adoption of TAC 36 Report<br>(c) Items Arising from TAC 36<br>(d) Adoption of Agenda  |                |
| 09:00-10:00 | Item 2 Report from CGIAR<br>(a) External Program Reviews<br>(b) Training Study<br>(c) Financial Matters<br>- 1984 Outcome<br>- 1985 Situation<br>- 1986 Outlook<br>(d) Impact Study<br>(e) Budget Study<br>(f) Other | <u>OPEN 1/</u> |
| 10:30-12:30 | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986: The Review Process   |                |

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1/ Joint Session with Center Directors

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Monday, 17 June (cont'd.)

|             | <u>P.M.</u>  | <u>OPEN</u> |
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|             | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Traditional Procedure |             |
| 14:00-15:00 | " " - IFPRI  |             |
| 15:00-16:00 | " " - ICARDA   |             |
| 16:30-17:30 | P&Bs Working Groups  | <u>OPEN</u> |

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Tuesday, 18 June

|             | <u>A.M.</u>  | <u>OPEN</u> |
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|             | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Traditional Procedure |             |
| 08:00-09:00 | " " - WARDA  |             |
| 09:00-10:00 | " " - CIP  |             |
| 10:30-11:30 | " " - ILRAD  |             |
| 11:30-12:30 | " " - ICRISAT  |             |
|             | <u>P.M.</u>  | <u>OPEN</u> |
|             | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Traditional Procedure |             |
| 14:00-15:00 | " " - ISNAR  |             |
| 15:00-16:00 | " " - CIMMYT   |             |
| 16:30-17:30 | P&Bs Working Groups  | <u>OPEN</u> |

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Wednesday, 19 June

| <u>A.M.</u>                     |  | <u>OPEN</u> |
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|                                 | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Traditional Procedure |             |
| 08:00-09:00                     | " " - IRRI   |             |
| 09:00-10:00                     | " " - ILCA   |             |
| 10:30-11:30                     | " " - CIAT   |             |
| 11:30-12:30                     | " " - IBPGR  |             |
| <u>P.M.</u>                     |  | <u>OPEN</u> |
|                                 | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Traditional Procedure |             |
| 14:00-15:00                     | " " - IITA   |             |
| 15:00-16:00<br>&<br>16:30-17:30 | P&B Working Groups   | <u>OPEN</u> |

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Thursday, 20 June

| <u>A.M.</u> |   | <u>OPEN</u>   |
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|             | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(b) Alternate Procedure            |               |
| 08:00-09:00 | " " - CIMMYT  |               |
| 09:00-10:00 | " " - CIP   |               |
| 10:30-11:30 | " " - ICRISAT   |               |
| 11:30-12:30 | " " - IFPRI   |               |
| <u>P.M.</u> |   | <u>CLOSED</u> |
| 14:00-16:00 | Item 5 P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>Review Process and Decision Making |               |
| 16:30-17:30 | " " " " " " "   |               |

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Friday, 21 June

|             | <u>A.M.</u>                           |  | <u>OPEN 1/</u> |
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| 08:00-08:30 | Item 5                                | P&Bs for 1986 (cont'd)<br>(a) Announcement of P&B Results                                      |                |
| 08:30-10:00 | " "                                   | (b) Alternate Procedure  |                |
| 10:30-11:30 | Item 7                                | MSTAT Presentation on the Use of Microcomputer<br>Software in Agricultural Research            |                |
| 11:30-12:00 | Item 4                                | Future External Program Reviews  | <u>OPEN</u>    |
| 12:00-12:30 | Item 6                                | Strategic Considerations<br>(b) Nutritional Concerns in International<br>Agricultural Research |                |
|             | <u>P.M.</u>                           |  |                |
| 14:00-15:00 | Item 3                                | Follow-up to External Program Reviews<br>(b) IBPGR   | <u>CLOSED</u>  |
| 15:00-15:30 | " "                                   | (a) WARDA  | <u>OPEN</u>    |
| 15:30-15:50 | Item 7                                | Other Matters  |                |
| 15:50-16:00 | Item 8                                | Future Meetings  |                |
| 16:30-17:30 | Working Group on Nutritional Concerns |  | <u>OPEN</u>    |

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Saturday, 22 June

|             | <u>A.M.</u> |  | <u>OPEN 1/</u> |
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| 08:00-10:00 | Item 6      | Strategic Considerations<br>(a) TAC Strategy Paper |                |
| 10:30-12:30 | " "         | " " " " (cont'd)                                   |                |
|             | <u>P.M.</u> |  | <u>OPEN 1/</u> |
| 14:00-16:00 | Item 6      | " " " " (cont'd)                                   |                |
| 16:30-17:30 | " "         | " " " " "  |                |

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Sunday, 23 June

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Monday, 24 June

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| 08:00-09:00 | Item 6 | Strategic Considerations<br>(b) Nutritional Concerns in International<br>Agricultural Research |
| 09:00-10:00 | " "    | (a) TAC Strategy Paper   |
| 10:30-12:30 | " "    | " " " " (cont'd)   |

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| 14:00-16:00 | Item 6 | " " " " (cont'd) |
| 16:30-17:30 | " "    | " " " " "        |

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Tuesday, 25 June

A.M.

CLOSED

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| 08:00-10:00 | Item 6 | Strategic Considerations<br>(a) TAC Study on Priorities (cont'd) |
| 10:30-12:30 | " "    | " " " " " "  |

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