

Answering Questions on FUNDACIAT

- 1. In addition to its mission, will the Foundation be used as a fund-raising tool for CIAT's research, for example, to attract private wealth, like what IRRI is attempting to do in Asia?**

Yes, by Colombian law, the Foundation may undertake all sorts of fund-raising activities for research, development, infrastructure, and services projects. Provided we remain within the law, there are no restrictions.

- 2. How will the LAC connection work? The benefits are clear for Colombia, but not so obvious for other areas.**

FUNDACIAT will be open to all LAC organizations, not just Colombian ones. However, Colombia, being CIAT's host country, will play a major role.

- 3. As a charitable foundation, will FUNDACIAT be able to issue tax receipts to donors?**

Yes. FUNDACIAT may issue "certificates of donation" for tax purposes (e.g., discounts and benefits for donors). Colombian tax laws also allow donors to deduct donations from their income tax returns.

- 4. Is there any risk that the Foundation may interfere with CIAT's diplomatic privileges?**

No. The diplomatic privileges and immunities granted to CIAT by Law 29/88 are not transferable. Being an independent legal entity, FUNDACIAT cannot benefit from those privileges.

- 5. Is FUNDACIAT a totally new legal structure or is it building on something already existing?**

FUNDACIAT is a totally new legal structure. It is an independent, not-for-profit entity, organized as a foundation under Colombian law. As such, FUNDACIAT will be another member of the Agronatura Science Park, which already exists at CIAT.

- 6. If this works as hoped, will it be possible to set up other country foundations, for example, CIAT-Brazil?**

There is no need to create other country foundations. As a Colombian NGO, FUNDACIAT may conduct activities anywhere in the world, provided donors are willing to support them.

- 7. Will the Foundation take on a consultancy role to earn money, for example, to implement a World Bank or IADB project, which may not necessarily deliver CIAT results?**

Yes. One objective is to attract nontraditional funding. FUNDACIAT may hire experts (including CIAT staff) and organize teams to bid for projects, consultancies, and the like. This strategy brings not only additional funding, but also allows CIAT to deliver research findings, as these projects are essentially development projects.

- 8. Some key CIAT resources (like DG time) will be used, to a certain extent, to support FUNDACIAT. How can potential criticism be avoided in this regard? Yet, at the other extreme, it would not make much sense if the Foundation's and CIAT's resources are not shared to attain expected synergies.**

As FUNDACIAT's founder, CIAT must pay the registration fees. Once the Foundation is set up, CIAT will be responsible for paying the Executive Director's first year of salary. When FUNDACIAT becomes self-sufficient, it will pay all service charges (at full cost), as according to CIAT's policies and as a member of the Agronatura Science Park. According to

FUNDACIAT's statutes, CIAT shall have only one representative in a seven-member Executive Council, to be appointed by the CIAT Directorate.