

EDITORIAL

A major aim of CROP is to enhance communication between poverty researchers across national and disciplinary boundaries and make other social scientists interested in doing poverty research. There are several ways to work towards this aim, and we shall have to make use of all of them if we are to advance further.

For those of you who are attached to Internet, it is now possible to visit the CROP web page at <http://www.uib.no/svf/helsos/crop>. The page holds general information about CROP, including the latest CROP Newsletter, an overview of previous workshops and plans for upcoming workshops, call for papers, a list of CROP publications in print and those under preparation, a presentation of the CROP Standing Committee and the Secretariat, as well as other relevant communications. Next step is to include abstracts of papers presented at CROP conferences and a more detailed description of ongoing projects.

However, if a dialogue between researchers is to occur, we shall need more than the one way communication built into this first attempt at going electronic. The CROP Secretariat welcomes all initiatives for creating electronic meeting places and invites you to help us exchange addresses for links to other relevant web pages. We also want to set up a CROP Bulletin Board for exchange of information, discussion about topics of mutual interest, and dissemination of information about ongoing poverty research and new publications. We shall get back to you on this score in the next newsletter. In the meantime, all feed-back on the use of electronic media in poverty research and the extended use of the CROP web page is appreciated.

Those of you who are not yet connected to Internet will be at a disadvantage, once more stressing the fact that new technology and the lack of resources increase the gap between the haves and the have-nots. To make up for a small part of this gap the CROP Secretariat offers to make available a printed version of the web-pages which can be mailed upon request. The CROP Newsletter will be mailed out to all participants in the CROP network, as before.

Else Øyen, Chair of CROP

POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CROP, ADIPA (Association of Development Research and Training Institutes of Asia and the Pacific) and UNCTAD organised the workshop in Sabah, Malaysia, October 28th and 29th, 1995. The following papers were presented:

Poverty and Environment: A study in the New Irrigation Settlement Areas in Sri Lanka

Dr. Karunatissa Atukorala, Dept. of Sociology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Campfire Programme in Zimbabwe: An Approach to Environmental and Poverty Relief

Dr. L. T. Chitsike, Campfire Ass., Harare, Zimbabwe

Poverty and Deforestation in the Congo Basin Rainforest

Francois E. Ekoko, Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Poverty and the Environment: Some Observations from Malaysia

Dr. Mohd. Yaakub Hj. Johari, and Nuraain Amirah, Institute for Development Studies Sabah, Malaysia

Which Growth? Whose Growth?: The Trinity of Development, Inclusion and Environment

Prof. S. M. Miller, Boston College & Commonwealth Inst. USA

Poverty and Land Degradation in Australasia and the Pacific Islands

Ass. prof. James McMaster, Faculty of Management, University of Canberra, Australia

Household Production and Reproduction Decision Making in a Risky Insecure Environment

Dr. Moazam Mahmood, Pakistan Inst. for Development Economics, Pakistan

Gender, Poverty and Environment: An analysis of Ecological Degradation and Indian Women in Poverty

Prof. Dr. B.K Nagla, Dept. of Sociology, M.D. University, India

Environment and Poverty in Latin America: An Overview

Dr. Maria Onestini, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Alleviation of poverty and sustainable development

Dr. Matti Vainio, UNCTAD, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Switzerland

The Story of a Mountain Tribe and a Dam: Focus on the Bugkalots

Prof. Luzviminda B. Valencia, Dept. of Sociology, University of the Philippines

The papers will form part of a book on «*Poverty and the Environment*», edited by Arild Angelsen, Christian Michelsens Institute, Bergen; James McMaster, University of Canberra; Maria Onestini, CLACSO, Buenos Aires and Matti Vainio, UNCTAD, Geneva.

CROP PLAN FOR 1996

CROP/INTERCOCTA: Glossary on Poverty, London, March, 1996

Urban Problems in Developing Countries: Shelter for all and Sustainable Cities, Oslo, 26-27 March. Centre for Development and Environment (SUM), Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Studies (NIBR) and CROP.

Social Costs of Poverty, Bergen, 20-21st May. Dr. Bertil Tungodden, (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration), and Professor Else Øyen will be academically responsible.

Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Mediterranean, Rethymno, University of Crete, 11 -12th October. Professor Maria Petmesidou, University of Crete, Dr. José B. Figueiredo /Dr. Charles Gore, ILO, and Professor Alfredo Bruto da Costa, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, will be academically responsible.

Human Rights as an Instrument for Poverty Alleviation, São Paulo, Brazil, November. Professor Willem Genugten, Netherlands, Director Asbjørn Eide, Oslo, Norway, and dr. Paricia Helena Massa, São Paulo, Brazil, will be academically responsible.

CROP PUBLICATIONS

☞ *Environment and Urbanization Vol. 7 No. 1 and 2, 1995*. These volumes of the IIED journal is dedicated to the issue of "Urban Poverty". Most of the papers were presented at the CROP workshop by the same name (October 1994). The papers include micro-case studies, and studies of urban poverty at a national or global level. they are available from the CROP secretariat. They are prized at USD 15, per volume, including postage.

☞ *"Poverty: Research Projects, Institutes, Persons"*, by Tinka Ewoldt-Leicher & Arnaud Marks (Eds.). IDIN, CROP, ICSSD, Tilburg, Bergen, Amsterdam 1995. The book with data on poverty research projects and poverty researchers, collected by the three authors. The book is prized at 50\$. *NB: There is a limited number of copies.*

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Please note: We can no longer answer the increased demand for copies of single papers, presented at CROP seminars. However, if you have the patience, most of the papers become available through the publications that follow the seminars and will be duly announced. We still supply the authors addresses, phone & fax numbers.

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