Comments received

Reader from the Philippines
Non-Wood News is of great help and a valuable source of information to our researchers and staff. (Forest Products Research and Development Institute, Philippines)

Reader from the United Kingdom
In these days of information overload, I find myself looking at things arriving via e-mail or in the post and thinking “I just don’t have the time to look at this”. But NOT when Non-Wood News arrives! I received it this morning, and will look forward to settling down for a proper read. Once again, thanks for providing this excellent service.

Reader from the Lao People’s Democratic Republic
I have received the last NWFP newsletter and it’s a really great work you are doing.

Reader from Indonesia
I read the latest issue of Non-Wood News from cover to cover with great interest. It is an invaluable service you offer by gathering so much diverse, relevant and fascinating information together on NWFPs.

Contributions to this issue — a special thank you
I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to this issue — whether by sending me your articles, books and newsletters; by providing me with links; by putting me in contact with people who could benefit from receiving Non-Wood News; or by going to great lengths to send me the photos for the back cover. This issue is particularly rich, with contributions on your research/activities coming from all around the world – from Afghanistan to the Sudan, from Hungary to Peru, and many more in between.

It is truly a great pleasure to be the editor of Non-Wood News – and a great privilege to correspond with so many of you. Thank you for your continued support.

(Tina Etherington, non-wood-news@fao.org)

COMMENTS FROM AN INTERN

“Think global, act local,” this is the omnipresent motto in my hometown (Eugene, Oregon, USA). As a result Eugene always buzzes with the activity of new local initiatives, from urban farming to restoring traditional NWFP harvesting. However, we can easily overlook the benefits local communities receive when people act globally. Non-Wood News is one such example of global action resulting in direct benefits for local communities all over the world.

By contributing to and reading Non-Wood News and the NWFP-Digest, people can learn from and share experiences, knowledge and support. This builds solidarity and enhances the potential for local initiatives to be successful. Acting locally is critical, but without a global community exchanging knowledge and experience, local action will never become what it could be. Non-Wood News provides a platform for this global exchange, enabling productive local initiatives. It has been my pleasure to be part of this community, locally and globally. (Adam DeHeer)

Adam DeHeer has been working as an intern with FAO’s NWFP Programme since late February 2009. His assignment with us finishes in August.

To be a success, I must contribute to the welfare of others, to put in another way, to be all I can be, I need to help you be all you can be.

John Maxwell