Promoting horticulture through its health added value

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Promoting Horticulture for Development

The vision of GlobalHort:
Horticulture for Health and Prosperity

The mission of GlobalHort:
Promoting Horticulture as a Development tool
Turning Horticulture weaknesses (*fragmented communities, knowledge intensive, input intensive*) into strengths and benefits
Core Activities

The Global Horticulture Initiative promotes research in horticulture and horticultural sciences for the developing countries. Four core activities fulfil this general objective:

1. Promoting research for development projects through complementary grants programs
2. Networking the development players of the world's widely distributed horticultural community (including Regional Coordination)
3. Coordinating training and capacity building in both private and public sectors
4. Advocating and lobbying for horticulture and horticultural sciences

The Global Horticulture Initiative will maintain a flexible open-door policy as regards to the submission of ideas and research proposals requesting support. Ideas may be submitted to the following web address: www.globalhort.org. The criteria for research funding was identified at the Global Horticulture Initiative launch workshop in Montpellier, March 2006.

Proposed research should demonstrate a positive impact on health and nutrition, poverty alleviation and environmental integrity; be sustainable beyond project implementation; have a high return on investment; and be interdisciplinary, bridge horticulture sectors (public-private partnerships) and have an international component.

This first section above includes Research Grants, Network & Communities are described in the second section, the third includes Capacity Building, the fourth Lobbying.
GlobalHort got mature in Tanzania
2007-2010

• Extended its network Horticulture for Development
  – Launch of the AAHC in Nairobi 2009
  – Strengthened North-South cooperation:
    SHE 2008 (Vienna), IHC 2010 (Lisbon)
  – Synergized initiatives on food city supply (ALGAF2010)
• Shared information and knowledge
  – Workshops on CORIPHA concept (2010)
  – Regional coordination: video-conferences (2010)
  – *Webportal and newsletters*
• Facilitated research for development projects
  – Call for proposals in 2008-09: *Recipes for Success*
  – Hort CRSP (2010): *Use of bioactive nets in horticulture*
« Wedding time » at FAO, Italy
From 2011

• New environment
• New Board and changed Statutes
Promotion and networking

Main Challenges

• **Food security** is overtaking **nutrition security** in the international and national agendas

• **Biofortification and supplementation** are subsidised in place of stimulating **diversification** of diets and making value of **indigenous** or **traditional** species

• Horticultural fragmented sector has poorly efficient **lobbies**
Promotion and Networking Opportunities

Making the new environment favorable in combining all added-values of horticulture in a less agriculture-competitive approach:

- **With GFAR**: promoting Horticulture for its environmental, socio-economic and nutritional services (Collective action on **Agrobiodiversity**)
- **With FAO**: promoting Horticulture for **higher income** for small scale producers (Save and Grow, Growing Greener Cities, Food for the Cities)
- **With PROFAV**: promoting Horticulture for its **Health benefits** (school gardening, diet diversification, good horticultural practices etc.)
Now
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GlobalHort supports PROFAV!

PROFAV 2011
Promotion of Fruit and Vegetables for Health

African Regional Workshop
Arusha, Tanzania, 26-30 September