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Announcements

Regenerative Agriculture for the 21st Century

The first of the Rodale Institute's Natural Resource Management Training Series, *Regenerative Agriculture for the 21st Century*, will be held October 28–31, 1997.

The purpose of this training is to familiarize emerging professionals in the fields of agriculture, international and community development, and natural resource management with concepts of regenerative agriculture technologies that recognize the interdependency between agriculture, human health, and environmental responsibility. Recognizing that many of the solutions to the world's health problems are linked to our agricultural production and distributions systems, a new agenda for food and agricultural development is needed, one for a "greener revolution" directed at increasing the production of nutritionally adequate food supplies in ways that protect and maintain community health, socioeconomic environments, and ecological sustainability.

The focus of the seminar will be on the use of regenerative technologies for enhancing soil fertility and managing natural resources, as well as on the relationship between soil health and human health. Using the case study approach, participants will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and practical experience directly from the expertise of the Rodale Institute's Regenerative Agriculture Research Centers staff, including such topics as Soil Conservation from Senegal, West Africa; Community Forest Concessions, Peten, Guatemala; and Composting and Soil Health from Rodale Institute's Experimental Farm in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. The seminar is designed to be participatory and will make the transition from scientific research to practical field experience.

The seminar should be particularly beneficial for NGOs, international development agencies, prospective or returned Peace Corps Volunteers, and students who plan to work in international development and project management.

For more information on the training seminar and how to register, please contact Jane Fisher at Rodale Institute, 611 Siegfriedale Road, Kutztown, PA 19530, USA; phone: (610) 683–1428, fax: (610) 683–8548, email: jfishe@rodaleinst.org.

4th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development—Call for Abstracts

The 4th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development will be held August 9–12, 1998, in Boston, Massachusetts. Sponsors of the meeting are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, New England Water Environment Association, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory, and National Institute for Standards and Technology. The host for the meeting is the Center for

Environmental Engineering, Science and Technology (CEEST) at the University of Massachusetts.

Several sessions will cover scientific, engineering, and policy advances in several cross-disciplinary geoenvironmental issues such as waste utilization, natural hazards, environmental impact assessment, mining and environment, oil pollution control, geohydrology, site remediation techniques, site characterization, and monitoring.

To submit an abstract, send three copies of one-page abstracts in English (typed, single-spaced) by November 15, 1997, to Dr. Vincent Ogunro, 4th Int. Geoenvironmental Symposium, Center for Environ. Engg., Sci. & Tech. (CEEST), University of Massachusetts (North Campus, Rm E-114), One University Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854, USA; phone: (508) 934–3185, fax: (508) 934–4014, email: ogunrov@woods.uml.edu.

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