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## INSTITUTE NEWS

### Wallace Center Created at Winrock International

The Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture has become the Henry A. Wallace Center for Agricultural & Environmental Policy at Winrock International. Founded in 1983 and named after Henry A. Wallace, former Secretary of Agriculture and U.S. Vice President during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration, the Wallace Institute has been instrumental in defining alternative agriculture in the United States.

Winrock International is a private, non-profit organization that works with people around the world to increase economic opportunity, sustain natural resources, and protect the environment. Based at Morrilton, Arkansas, Winrock offices are located in Arlington, Virginia; Salvador, Brazil; Beijing, China; New Delhi, India; and Manila, Philippines.

As a voice for alternative agriculture in Washington, DC, the Wallace Institute has provided strong leadership, sound policy research and scientific analysis, and reliable information for the sustainable agriculture movement. It has influenced national agriculture policy and has worked with government agencies, educational and research institutions, producer groups, farmers, scientists, advocates, and other

organizations that provide research, education, and information services.

"Winrock International has long sought to increase its capabilities in policy research and analysis to strengthen our programs in agriculture and natural resource management," commented Frank Tugwell, Winrock president and chief executive officer. "With creation of the Wallace Center, we will be able to address both domestic and international policy issues, and tackle some of the complex challenges that face agriculture and development around the world. Our shared desire to help people and do so in sustainable ways makes the two organizations a good fit."

Kate Clancy, director of the Wallace Institute's Agriculture Policy Project, is the new director of the Wallace Center at Winrock. Former Executive Director Garth Youngberg will continue to assist the Center on a part-time basis. Wallace Institute Board Chair, Dr. Cornelia Butler Flora, has been elected to Winrock International's Board of Directors. The Wallace Center will relocate from Maryland to Winrock's Arlington, Virginia, offices by mid-spring. The 10-member staff will continue its ongoing projects and will participate in the development of new programs at Winrock: Kate Clancy, Chantal

Line Carpentier, Suzanne DeMuth, David Ervin, Elizabeth Higgins, Joanna Hildebrand, Lydia Oberholtzer, Nessa Richman, Rick Welsh, and Garth Youngberg.

The Wallace Center will maintain its policy analysis programs and will continue to publish *Alternative Agriculture News*, a monthly newsletter covering policy and scientific developments and activities in the alternative agriculture community, and the quarterly *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*, a peer-reviewed, scientific journal on alternative agriculture.

Winrock International matches innovative approaches in agriculture, natural resources management, clean energy, and leadership development with the unique needs of its partners. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas and technology, Winrock is increasing long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management to benefit the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

Winrock International staff implement projects in 40 countries, including the United States, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Activities are funded by grants, contracts, and contributions from public and private sources.

### National Academy of Sciences to Review USDA's Biotech Process

The National Academy of Sciences, in cooperation with the USDA, will establish a committee to undertake an independent, on-going scientific review of USDA's regulatory process for biotechnology-derived plants. The 15 committee members will examine the environmental

impacts associated with commercialization of biotechnology-derived plants, and provide guidance on how best to assess and mitigate those risks. The committee will also serve to address emerging scientific issues. "It is impor-

tant that we maintain public confidence in our regulatory process, and we can only do that by ensuring that our decisions are backed by the most up-to-date and rigorous science available," said USDA Secretary Dan Glickman.