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INFPD 4-year Plan of Actions

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1. Background information and introduction

The International Network for Family Poultry Development (INFPD), which is a typical Information Exchange Network, was set up in November 1989 in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, as the African Network for Rural Poultry Development (ANRPD), with the encouragement and support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other international organizations such as the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA), Wageningen, The Netherlands, and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada. The current name and other appropriate resolutions were adopted by the ANRPD General Meeting held on 13 December 1997 in M'Bour, Senegal. The network is an independent voluntary association administered by a five-member Executive Committee. It has three official languages (English, French and Spanish), and members include researchers, policy makers, educators, staff of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and development agencies, aid donors and smallholder farmers. Information collected by members is disseminated through a trilingual (English, French and Spanish) publication, *Family Poultry Communications* (FPC), which is a peer-reviewed scientific publication produced twice a year and distributed electronically to members. In September 2002, INFPD was accepted as a Global Working Group within the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) without changing its name, logo and acronym. Since March 2007, the INFPD publication has been collaborating with the World's Poultry Science Journal (WPSJ) to publish, twice a year, articles in a new section of WPSJ called “Small-scale Family Poultry Production”. Moreover, INFPD, in collaboration with FAO and sometimes the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), run successful electronic conferences on family poultry (FP), with the themes “*The Scope and Effect of Family Poultry Research and Development*” (December 1998 - July 1999) and “*The Bangladesh Model and other Experiences in Family Poultry Development*” (May - July 2002), “*Opportunities of poultry breeding programmes for family production in developing countries: The bird for the poor*” (24 January - 18 February 2011), “*Family poultry interactions with other production systems (forestry, tree crops, annual crops,*

¹ The current INFPD Executive Committee members were elected on 2nd February 2012 and officially installed on 8th August 2012 in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil:

- Dr. E. Fallou Guèye, INFPD Coordinator/Chair
- Dr. Md. A. Saleque, INFPD Secretary
- Dr. Jean-Claude Fotsa, Editor-in-Chief, *Family Poultry Communications*
- Prof. J. Oluwasola Agbede, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *Family Poultry Communications*
- Dr. Brigitte Bagnol, INFPD Ex-Officio).

large animals, fisheries, etc): Nutritional opportunities and constraints” (16 January - 17 February 2012), and *“Strategic interventions for family poultry in developing countries”* (28 May - 15 June 2012). Furthermore, the INFPD Directory for FP Development is regularly updated and made available to INFPD members and nonmembers. This facilitates contacts and collaboration among members as well as between members and non-members. The current subscriber list (as of 31st July 2012) reveals that there are presently 955 members from 104 countries in five continents. Out of these members, 63.7% are from Africa, 14.3% from Europe, 9.6% from Asia, 6.3% from Middle/South America and the Caribbean, 2.9% from Oceania, 2.0% from North America, and 1.2% from the Middle East. It is noted, with pleasure, increasing memberships from Asia, Middle East and Africa. It can however be assumed that the readership of the newsletter is much larger, as the newsletter is also available on the Internet.

Furthermore, FAO is currently implementing the project, entitled *“Smallholder Poultry Development Programme”*, with funds from IFAD to strengthen and further develop the INFPD so as to enable it to continue to raise the international profile of family poultry production throughout the world, especially in developing countries. This is being done through the selection and training of young poultry scientists from twelve developing countries as ‘Associate Poultry Advisors’; development and dissemination of technical information (family poultry development toolkits) and development of the organizational structure of the INFPD. As a part of the project activities, it was planned to organize three stakeholders’ workshops. Accordingly, the first meeting was arranged on 26 August 2010 during the 13th European Poultry Conference (EPC), held from 23 to 27 August 2010 in Tours, France, with members of INFPD and other interested WPSA (World’s Poultry Science Association) members from Africa and Europe. The project sponsored and invited 10 young poultry experts from Africa to the EPC. The second meeting was organized and successfully held on 26 March 2011 for INFPD members from Asia Pacific during the 7th International Poultry Show and Seminar of the WPSA-Bangladesh Branch, which took place from 25 to 27 March in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Members of INFPD, WPSA and senior officials of FAO and IFAD attended the meeting and participated in the discussions.

Thereafter, the third stakeholders’ workshop was arranged on 08 August 2012 during the World’s Poultry Congress (WPC) held from 5 to 9 August 2012 at the Bahia Convention Centre, Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, with selected INFPD members and interested WPSA members from all over the world. There were 16 participants, including the 5 newly elected INFPD Executive Committee Members (*Pictures 1 & 2*). After the official installation of the current INFPD Executive Committee, the following strategic plan of actions for INFPD was adopted and will be implemented over the next 4 years.



Picture 1: INFPD members at the General Meeting



Picture 2: Newly installed members of INFPD Executive Committee

2. Planned activities

2.1 Strengthen INFPD structure and sustainability

2.1.1 Promote and support the identification of INFPD focal points within WPSA national branches.

2.1.2 Promote INFPD as functional global working group of WPSA and also try to include Coordinator of INFPD as a board member of WPSA.

2.1.3 Prospect possible funding opportunities to ensure the smooth implementation of planned activities

Identify international/local funding bodies to support the INFPD Publication (*Family Poultry Communications*), the website (www.infpd.net) as well as local activities

2.1.4 Analyze adequate possibilities for establishment of a INFPD bank account

Different options and alternatives should be explored such as through WPSA or through national branches

2.1.5 Carry out regular Skype meetings of the executive committee (e.g. one every three months)

Regular Skype meetings will ensure the monitoring of and update on the implementation of the 4-year plan of activities

2.1.6 Regular six-month progress reports

Reports will be produced and shared on the activities implemented, every six months

2.1.7 Country wise update of INFPD active members

2.2 Promote INFPD visibility

2.2.1 Write an INFPD statement to raise the organization profile

2.2.2 Ensure the comprehensiveness, update, functionality and relevance of INFPD website

- Populate the website with useful information and update it regularly;
- Establish links to other websites;
- Make use of opportunities for interactive websites, e.g. WPSA, INFPD, IRPC/Kyeema, Poultry Hub; SAPPLPP
- Develop a list of family poultry experts and keep it updated;
- Identify a web master and ensure that the website is updated regularly.

2.2.3 Promote and support the participation of INFPD members in national and regional meetings and sharing of useful information through public events

2.2.4 Ensure INFPD presence in poultry-related public events

In each of the regional conferences and meetings as well as in the next XXV World's Poultry Congress to be held in Beijing, China, from 5 to 9 September 2016 (WPC2016) promote and support official space devoted to family poultry issues in the main program in the form of a family poultry session and a discussion panel, in addition to a special meeting to discuss INFPD-specific issues to make sure that members are involved in the Network activities and contribute actively to its life.

2.3 Facilitate training, research and publication

2.3.1 Develop and disseminate basic information for INFPD members

Promote the development of Family Poultry definitions, a systematic review of the situation of Family Poultry sector, the DTFPD manual

2.3.2 Publish INFPD Journal, *Family Poultry Communications*

Publish two issues of the INFPD Journal per year maintaining a high quality of papers and research reports

2.3.3 Mentor former Associate Poultry Advisors (APA) to publish papers and develop research proposals

2.3.4 Support and facilitate access to scholarships, research funds and training opportunities for INFPD members

2.3.5 Arrange training sessions

APA training program will be made available electronically on the website and the possibility to carry out the training when necessary made possible.

2.3.6 Encourage for preparing country wise events/activities (if possible) and share with INFPD Executive Committee

3. Expected outcomes

3.1 INFPD structure and sustainability are strengthened

3.2 INFPD visibility is promoted

3.3 Training, research and publication are facilitated



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