



**International Network for Family Poultry Development**  
**Réseau International pour le Développement de l'Aviculture Familiale**  
**Red Internacional Para El Desarrollo de la Avicultura Familiar**

[www.fao.org/ag/againfo/themes/en/infpd/home.html](http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/themes/en/infpd/home.html)



**INFPD Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation meeting in Dhaka,  
Bangladesh during 7<sup>th</sup> IPSS on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and Visit to PRTC  
on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Report prepared by the IFAD/FAO/INFPD Project Coordinator, Dr.  
Md. A. Saleque**

**Introduction:**

Global interest in the development of family poultry production is represented by the International Network for Family Poultry Development (INFPD) that was established with the assistance of FAO to promote and facilitate the development of the small scale poultry sector in the developing countries. With funds from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), FAO is currently implementing the Smallholder Poultry Development Programme to strengthen and further develop the INFPD so as to enable it to continue to raise the international profile of family poultry production. 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. A first meeting was arranged in Tours, France during the European Poultry Conference (EPC), 2010 which provided an opportunity to discuss planned project activities with INFPD and other interested WPSA members from Africa and Europe. Thereafter, a second meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Dhaka, Bangladesh during the 7<sup>th</sup> International Poultry Show and Seminar (IPSS) arranged by World Poultry Science Association, Bangladesh Branch. Members of INFPD, WPSA and senior officials of FAO and IFAD attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

**The objective of the meeting** was to discuss current activities and services of INFPD and decide about the future structure and sustainability of INFPD.

The meeting received brief presentations on the agenda items indicated below which were followed by general discussion and final decision on some issues.

## **The Main Agenda of the meeting were:**

1. Background, activities, structure and governance of INFPD – a brief presentation by Prof. Funso Sonaiya, INFPD Coordinator
2. Results and conclusions from the INFPD members' survey- presentation by Dr. Md. A. Saleque, IFAD/FAO/INFPD Project Coordinator
3. Presentation on Family Poultry Production in Thailand by Dr. Monchai Duangjinda, and in Indonesia by Dr. Hardi Prasetyo.
4. Activities and proposal for the future development of INFPD:
  - (a) Membership issues; INFPD linkage with WPSA and future activities – discussions led by Prof. Funso Sonaiya;
  - (b) Ongoing project activities (Web site, decision tools, APA training, Newsletter, Information materials, etc. - led by Dr. Olaf Thieme;
  - (c) Conclusions and summary of the recent e-conference - Dr. D. P. Singh
5. Future structure and sustainability of INFPD, open discussion by participants

Rapporteurs that recorded conclusions and decision of the meeting -  
Auvijit Saha Apu and Shuvashis Karmaker

## **The meeting was chaired by the IFAD Senior Livestock Specialist, Dr Antonio Rota.**

### **Agenda No 1:**

The meeting started with a presentation by Prof. Emmanuel Babafunso Sonaiya who discussed the background (history), structure, paradigm, activities (past, present and future), governance and development of INFPD. In his presentation Dr. Sonaiya mentioned that the INFPD was created in 1989 as African Network for Rural Poultry Development, an information exchange network. Since its inception, the network has been working very closely with FAO which sponsored its founding and has supported all the workshops organized by INFPD on various issues related to family poultry. Regarding the structure of INFPD, he pointed out that INFPD was designed to function at national, regional, and ultimately global levels. INFPD has a steering committee and is governed by a general assembly which holds biennially. Noting the role played by smallholder family poultry in poverty alleviation and promoting gender issues, the objective of the network was to create a forum for sharing results and information about family poultry, contribute to capacity building and identify research and development

priorities and opportunities. Since its inception, INFPD has been involved in many international poultry conferences/workshop all over the world, which provided the opportunity of face to face meeting of the members every two years and also promoted the recruitment of new members.

**Many research activities** were identified and implemented by INFPD members on various topics such as Newcastle disease vaccination strategies financed by FAO/IAEA, ACIAR, IFS; feed resources financed by FAO, IFS, IAEA, AWARD etc., poultry genetic resources financed by the EU-STD and IFS, and currently a study on the socio-economic aspect through the IFAD project.

**The development activities** that were undertaken are the sharing of information via electronic or hard copies of the bi-annual newsletters (English, French and Spanish), and through face to face meetings. IFAD support capacity building through training programs. Since 1990, there has been an annual publication of the Family Poultry Development Directory which usually accompanied the bi-annual newsletter on family poultry. The proceedings of three INFPD conferences held in 1989, 1995 and 1997 have been published and the last two have been uploaded to the INFPD website. The proceedings of the meeting held in 1991 was published by the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium; and papers presented at the family poultry sessions held during the World's Poultry Congresses (1992 – 2008) are published in the WPC proceedings.

Regarding the members he mentioned that more than 800 INFPD members are listed. However, he also discussed some constraints like too many dormant members, insufficient feedback, incomplete or non-implementation of the plans. He expected that INFPD members within their country should become more active for family poultry and all should become members of WPSA.

He mentioned the objectives for the period 2004-2008. The objectives included institutionalization of family poultry via WPSA, and development of the IFAD proposal. In line with these objectives, he informed that INFPD became institutionalized as a global working group under the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). The IFAD project proposal was developed and is considered a major step towards the sustainability of INFPD.

The period 2009-2012 is considered as the period for ensuring the sustainability of INFPD via the IFAD funded project that is managed by FAO. The project had invited African INFPD members to a regional consultation meeting in August

2010 in Tours, France and a second consultation meeting was organized for Asia-Pacific members at Dhaka during IPSS, March, 2011. The third global consultation meeting is planned for the World Poultry Congress in Brazil in 2012.

### **Agenda No 2:**

Dr. Saleque presented the results and conclusions of the INFPD member's survey. The survey was based on a questionnaire, prepared in three languages (French, English, and Spanish). Out of 883 members from 102 countries in the mailing list, a total of 163 respondents from 60 countries responded to the survey. From the survey, it appeared that INFPD members were of different professional groups and most of them were among the middle aged group (41 to 60 years) of which very few were female (16%). Most of the members (71.7%) became associated with INFPD since the last 10 years. Best efforts of INFPD were reflected in the very high response of the INFPD members to remain in the mailing list (98.8%) and their agreement to post name (98.2%) and contact on the web site (92.7%). Number of members reading INFPD newsletter was also very high (90.2%) indicating the usefulness of the newsletter. However, only 54% respondents visited the INFPD website regularly. About (39.9%) of the respondents gave emphasis on including updated and related additional information in the website. Most of the respondents (62.6%) wanted to contribute to the newsletter and/or website by sharing their experiences through submission of articles. Regarding the membership criteria, about half of the respondents suggested fixing specific criteria. Their proposed criteria for membership were working with family poultry, development workers, poultry farmers, researchers, professionals, policy makers, specialist, donors, and other stakeholders related to family poultry; member of WPSA. Comments were also made about payment of membership fee.

Some of the respondents acknowledged being members of both WPSA and INFPD but nearly 87% respondents gave their strong consent to build up a strong linkage between WPSA and INFPD to sustain and achieve wider dissemination of the activities of INFPD throughout the world. Among the four suggested topics for the planned e-conferences, the highest number of respondents was in favor of "*Commercial niche for family poultry production*" though the highest priority was expressed for "*Opportunities for specific breeding programmes: the bird of the poor*". Following this request a first e-conference was already arranged.

Recommendations were made from the output of the survey. As women are very often involved in family poultry keeping, it was suggested to encourage more women to become members; development of the membership based on criteria

and yearly fee collection, the printing and distribution of hard copy of the newsletter to some members from developing countries, periodic get together for brain storming and sharing experience, organizing regional meeting/workshop on family poultry, development of strong linkage with WPSA to work jointly for mutual benefits and sustainability of INFPD, arranging regular electronic conferences, developing a well structured website with more information on family poultry issue such as on going activities in family poultry, research report, guidelines on rearing, disease prevention and control, funding opportunities, training/capacity building, etc.

### **Agenda No 3:**

Dr. Monchai Duangjinda shared his research experience about family poultry development in Thailand. Thereafter, Dr. Hardi Prasetyo presented his experience on family poultry production in Indonesia. Both of them showed that there is a lot of scope to expand this venture.

### **Agenda No 4:**

Dr. Olaf Thieme in his presentation discussed different ongoing activities of the project supported by IFAD/FAO like Website, decision tools, APA training, Newsletter, Information material etc. He mentioned that FAO encouraged the creation of the network for family poultry development and is always supporting the INFPD. He briefly explained the following activities of the project:

- Training of a new group of people both theoretically and through exposure to development projects. Twelve (12) young scientists would be trained as Associate Poultry Advisors (APAs) of which already a first batch consisting of 5 scientists completed their training in Rome in the first year and a second group consisting of 7 scientists including one from Bangladesh have been selected for the training.
- The development of appropriate decision tools and training materials and how it can contribute to INFPD.
- The provision of information material, sharing and dissemination through a strengthened INFPD. He found that the INFPD does not have many members from development agencies or NGOs. He mentioned that three e-conferences were planned for three years. Out of the three, the first one has already been arranged this year. He also gave his views about updating the website, reorganizing the contents of the newsletter and urged more contribution from the members. FAO is presently hosting the web site but INFPD should have to update and maintain it and also think about a separate website in future.

Thereafter, Dr. DP Singh, moderator of the first e-conference summarized the results and concluded by mentioning that dual purpose birds would not work well under traditional scavenging system, and one need to consider egg and meat production separately, while the number of birds should not exceed above 50 for traditional scavenging and semi scavenging system of poultry producers. One need to evaluate, characterize, improve and conserve local breeds of the respective country on a priority basis. After situation analysis with due consideration of perceptions and priorities of the poultry keeping family intervention should be decided as well as prioritized.

#### **Agenda 5:**

After the presentation there was a forum for open discussion and comments on the discussed issues. Auvijit Saha Apu and Shuvashis Karmaker summarized the general discussion and decisions taken on some issues in the meeting.

### **General discussions and decisions of the meeting**

#### **Structure and governance of INFPD:**

The INFPD member's survey revealed that the INFPD members are very much interested to build up a strong linkage with WPSA. This issue was raised in the INFPD meeting held on 25 March 2011 and thoroughly discussed. From the discussions it was concluded to build up a strong linkage with WPSA. Bob Pym, President of WPSA assured of a strong and equal support to small scale family poultry by the WPSA. It was also mentioned that the Asia-Pacific Network of the WPSA has a regional working group (RWG) on small scale poultry farming. In this respect it was agreed that INFPD would work as a Global working Group of WPSA. **To implement this, Funso Sonaiya will send a formal letter to the President of the WPSA to be tabled at the WPSA central executive committee to reconfirm INFPD's continuing interest in implementing the prior decision on the global working group by the WPSA central committee.**

#### **Membership:**

There was a long discussion on this topic. It was accepted that the members of INFPD should also become members of the WPSA. Anyone who is not a member of WPSA, will not be considered a full member of the INFPD anymore.

While discussing INFPD membership fee, some participants proposed US\$10 or US\$ 5. Finally it was agreed that as the INFPD will have close linkage with WPSA and play a role in family poultry as a Global Working Group under WPSA, there is no need to charge a separate fee for INFPD. There is only the need to pay the stipulated yearly WPSA membership fee.

Regarding an update of the membership list and enlisting new members it was agreed that Dr. Olaf Thieme will forward the list of INFPD members he has to Dr Fallou Gueye who will update the list before sending it to Dr Funso Sonaiya who will send the final updated list of INFPD members to the WPSA secretariat to identify those who need to become members of the WPSA.

Regarding new membership, Dr. Olaf Thieme will prepare an online membership application form and upload it on to the current FAO website so that anyone can apply online for INFPD membership.

### **INFPD website**

From the discussion it was concluded that the INFPD should have an independent website. The website hosted and managed by FAO would be redesigned. After designing the new INFPD website, this will be maintained by PRTC. PRTC will take all the responsibilities to update the information. All the scientists agreed to provide updated research information from time to time.

### **Publication of Newsletter and Information material – New ideas**

Some participants mentioned that under the circumstances in many developing countries, hard copies of the Newsletter are more effective than electronic copies that are delivered by email. In the meeting, ideas about information materials and new topics were also discussed and, right there, four topics for information materials were identified. Mr. Olaf Thieme will share them with all INFPD members and will ask for additional topics.

**Mr. Antonio Rota concluded the session by thanking the participants.**

## **Meeting at Poultry Research and Training Centre (PTRC), Chittagong, 28.03.2011**

Participants of the Meeting:

1. Prof. Dr A.S. Mahfuzul Bari, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong Vet. & Animal Sciences University (CVASU)
2. Dr Kazi M. Kamaruddin, Director, PTRC
3. Olaf Thieme, FAO
4. E. B. Sonaiya, INFPD Coordinator
5. Md. A. Saleque, Project Coordinator
6. Manager, IT, Chittagong Vet. & Animal Science University (CVASU)
7. Dr Md. Inkeyas Uddin, Senior Scientific Officer, PTRC

The meeting started with a presentation on the activities of PTRC (Training, Research and others) by its director. This was followed by discussions about possible maintenance of a website, the present organizational set up of the PTRC, expertise/existing experience to maintain the website, reliable internet connection and time spent for maintenance of the website. The meeting also discussed the responsibility of website administration.

The Vice chancellor of the CVASU and the director, PTRC showed great interest to get involved in the maintenance of the INFPD website. They informed that they have appropriate infrastructure for the website maintenance. The vice-chancellor showed also keen interest to renovate their own website (CVASU) as well.

### **Decision**

1. There will be an agreement between PTRC and INFPD/FAO.
2. Approximately 200 man hours will be needed every year for updating/maintaining the website. The IFAD/FAO/INFPD project will bear the initial cost of updating/maintaining the INFPD website.