



Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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Trip Report: Peru 1-15 January 2007

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Purpose of Trip: (1) Consult with UNALM (Universidad Nacional Agraria-La Molina) and UNA (Universidad Nacional del Altiplano) and (2) co-teach course Globalization, Agricultural Policy and Rural Development to students in two of UNALM's graduate programs.

Sites Visited: UNALM and UNA, Lima Peru

Description of Activities:

- Worked with UNALM team and Enrique Rivera and student from UNA on developing a protocol for the advocacy coalitions work with Santa Maria and Apopata communities.
- Co-taught course "Globalization, Agricultural Policy and Rural Development" with Waldemar Mercado, Professor of Economics, UNALM. The course is required for the Agrarian Innovation for Rural Development Masters, for the Masters in Sustainable Agriculture, and for the Ph.D. in Sustainable Agriculture at UNALM. Enrollment in the course was 23—9 in Sustainable Agriculture and 14 in Agrarian Innovation. The course was done on the campus of UNALM in Lima. There were 8 women and 15 men in the course.
- Met with the Technical Committee of IPPS (Institute de la Pequeña Produccion Sustentable of the UNALM)—Purpose was to exchange information on collaboration among SANREM, ISU, and UNALM. Victor Barrena will be acting director of IPPS during Silvana Vargas' maternity leave (first half of 2007).
- Met with Manuel Canto, director of the Sustainable Agriculture Ph.D., UNALM. Discussion of having some or all nine Sustainable Ag students who participated in the course come to Iowa State to participate in the Farming Systems travel course (SusAg 509 in August).

- Met with Waldemar Mercado on the possibility of his doing a sabbatical at ISU on the topic of developing a plan for the integration of distance education into the UNALM curriculum. I suggested that we might arrange it so that he would also collaborate with ADEC through the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development at ISU.

Suggestions and Recommendations):

- The UNALM SANREM team agreed to more fully develop the protocol for carrying out the advocacy coalitions effort in Santa María (and later in Apopata) and to run it by the Floras. This has been accomplished and the process has begun in Santa María (see 2007 UNALM annual report).
- Cornelia Flora followed up with Waldemar Mercado on the sabbatical idea when she was at the CONDESAN Board meeting in March. He is still working out the details on his end.
- Because of need to find funding for the UNALM Sustainable Agriculture students to visit ISU, we are postponing that effort to August 2008.

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