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SCIA REPORT ON YEAR ONE

ADVOCACY STRONGER AND LOUDER TOGETHER

SCIA was founded in 2006 by 70 independent organizations and 125 individuals from 38 countries to assist the spread of solar cooking, pasteurizing and food processing especially through collective advocacy and networking as an affiliate of Solar Cookers International.

Our louder, combined voices link policy makers to current grassroots expertise and successes through each member and SCI's United Nations representatives in New York and Geneva.

Meet a few of the amazing

WHAT NEXT?

The next page summarizes the first year of Solar Cookers International Association, formed at the International Conference on Solar Cooking and Food Processing in Granada, Spain.

It is time to set priorities and goals for next year and beyond. Based on comments from members, priorities are advocacy, regional networking and future international conferences.

professionals who volunteer their expertise: In Geneva, Switzerland, Sonia Heptonstall, Ed.D., professor and consultant, and Joyce Jett of ActInvest bring SCIA's issues to many meetings, also set up exhibits and demos at the World Health Organization, High Commission for Refugees and other international NGOs. They are sometimes assisted by Alison Curtis and Naim Janmohamed, M.D., whose own programs require much of their time in Africa.

SCI's volunteer U.N. reps in New York, Arlene J. Lederman, Ph.D., Deling Wang, and Patricia McArdle were visible at major U.N. meetings including the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and its

Energy Caucus. Ganesh Ram Shrestha, Dir. of Center for Rural Technology, Nepal, also assisted. Pat and Louise Meyer also educated many in Wash-



ington, DC.

Eng. Deepak Gadhia, institutional solar cookers expert, and Margaret Owino, E. Africa

VISIT NEW S.C.I.A. INTERACTIVE WEB PAGES

Go to solarcooking.wikia.com and type "SCIA" in the search box. Then click the "Go" button. You will be taken to the editable "wiki" page for SCIA. You will also see links to Regional and Action Groups. Please try it out, and send feedback—will this be useful for SCIA communication?

THE NEXT ISSUE WILL LIST INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, TOO

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ADVOCACY ISSUES

Solar cooking, pasteurizing and food processing could benefit 2.4 billion people and contribute greatly to U.N. Millennium Development Goals, refugees, disaster relief, carbon emissions reductions, and World Health initiatives to address smoke and water-related diseases, major killers of women and children.

CARBON EMISSIONS: SCIA's very first action was to register objections with CDM Board of UNFCCC Cooperative Mechanisms Programme about its removal of burnable 'renewable' biomass from international carbon emission credits opportunities. Cooking with biomass accounts for 20% of air pollution in many developing countries. Burning of ever-

scarcer wood, charcoal, dung, grass and crop residues for cooking also denudes land, reduces rainfall, and increases hunger, poverty and women's burdens.

HEALTH: SCIA's second action was to adopt a statement on health benefits of solar cooking.

NATIONAL POLICIES: SCIA members also actively educated government leaders in Nepal, Bolivia, Kenya and USA about the health, environmental and economic value of solar cookers.

NETWORKS: INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

One website seeks to link info of the many websites offering vast solar cookers-related info: It is www.solarcooking.org, maintained by volunteer Tom Sponheim, Beth Ogilvie and friends.

Two new additions this year: 1) a 'wiki'-type interactive site, where individuals around the world can post details of their own work and/

or comment on any info to help keep solar cookers-related information current and 2) a new interactive site for SCIA, with sections for each Regional Group and Action Group. **Together let's pool our up-to-date info in many languages for the world.**

NETWORKING—MEETINGS

The **ASIA REGION GROUP** held a most successful **Regional Workshop on Solar Cooking and Food Processing** in Kathmandu, Nepal, in mid April 2007. It was sponsored by CRTNepal, FoST, SCI, the Nepalese government and others, and 30 SCIA members and 70 others attended.

BOLIVIA: SCIA Chair, David Whitfield, and several other SCIA members participated in a seminar in La Paz on integrated household smoke reduction in early March. Co-sponsors GTZ (Germany) and the Bolivian government thereby launched a project to reduce smoke in 100,000 Bolivian households



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SCIA's purpose is to "improve health, economics, societies and environments through collective actions to spread solar cooking, pasteurizing and food processing."

To learn more and support this work, contact Secretariat Bev Blum at blumbev@aol.com or association@solarcookers.org

Steering Committee Chair

David Whitfield says:

*Warm greetings to friends and colleagues. I get three frequent questions when talking about SCIA: "Why do we need the SCI Association?" "What makes it different from Solar Cookers International (SCI)?" and "Does it compete with SCI?" My answers: There is no competition – SCIA is under the legal umbrella of SCI. SCIA differs from SCI – it is many independent agencies and individuals speaking with louder voice toward greater visibility and support. SCI, with consultative status with the U. N., could previously only speak for one small agency. **SCIA and SCI now speak together to bring solar cookers to women wherever the sun shines. Thanks for pulling together during this important "birthing process."** Now let's pitch in to grow.*

Communication is key.

with solar cookers, fuel-efficient 'rocket' stoves and retained-heat cookers ('hay boxes'). Five new groups joined SCIA.

INDIA: SCIA members from Asia, Africa and Latin America spoke at the **Partnership for Clean Indoor Air (PCIA)** in Bangalore, India in April 2007.