



Canada

Significant achievements in 2015

- In efforts to support trade opportunities for small-scale producers of cocoa, panela and tilapia, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) supported missions involving Canadian importers to Peru & Colombia. This resulted in enhanced capacity of small scale enterprises to access Canadian markets, links established between the producers/cooperatives and Canadian buyers, new business commitments generated; and valued advice provided by the Canadian importers directly to the producers, senior officials of their cooperatives as well as government officials on market requirements and conditions, thereby strengthening the capabilities of stakeholders to access Canadian markets and improve rural livelihoods.
- IICA assumed the role of Secretariat to PROCINORTE¹ and supported the implementation of six significant activities by the network's task forces and Board of Directors. More than 75 participants attended a workshop on Insect Molecular Taxonomy in Mexico, where 25 Animal Health scientists were supported as they reviewed appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and responding to animal disease outbreaks. Further progress on the instrument for measuring avocado maturity was achieved, aiming at food losses and waste reduction in the northern region and in LAC.
- IICA supported the work of an intern with a Canadian partner to develop a Performance Management Framework and monitoring and evaluation (M & E) system to systematically evaluate resiliency in agricultural systems. In addition, lessons for the planning of future agricultural adaptation programs and for demonstrating accountability were identified. This information assists in program management, where stakeholders take informed decisions about the progress made toward resilience in the sector - factors that enhance or limit progress towards resilience - and future requirements.
- IICA delivered the Research and Internship Assistance Program (RIAP) to support knowledge generation in Argentina, Uruguay and Canada,

¹ PROCINORTE is the Cooperative Program in Agricultural Research and Technology for the northern region - USA, Mexico & Canada.

in areas related to the use of satellite technology (SAR Synthetic Aperture Radar Images) to identify snow cover areas for use of water, and the optimization of a technique for early detection of *Nosema ceranea* infection in overwintering honey bee colonies.

- Information was shared by IICA with members of the Diplomatic Corps of Latin America and the Caribbean on “Exporting Food to Canada: Current and Future Regulatory Framework”. Participants valued the information received on how to position both

the public and private sectors in countries exporting to Canada due to the expected changes in import requirements.

- Consistent with the Institute’s Medium Term Plan, IICA identified and established new strategic relationships with several organizations such as the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI), Agri-Team Canada, Farm Management Canada, 4H Canada and the International Economic Forum of the Americas.

