

IICA SURINAME

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE
TO THE AGRICULTURAL
SECTOR IN SURINAME
1982 - 2002

PROMOTING PROSPERITY

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PRESENTATION

This brochure is an homage to the twenty years of a dedicated and productive presence in Suriname of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

It records some of the highlights of IICA's activities in Suriname over the past two decades and the most important of IICA Suriname's current actions.

The paintings used to illustrate this brochure are the twelve best from the 2002 Painting Contest for young Surinamese which was organized early in 2002 to mark the 20th Anniversary of IICA in Suriname and the 60th Anniversary of IICA in the Hemisphere. The painting which won the First Prize in the National Contest to mark IICA's 6th Anniversary. These paintings by young Surinamese illustrate our history, but are also symbolic of the importance we place on the younger generations that are inspiring our efforts and our constant renewal.

This brochure also pays homage and expresses our thanks to so many individuals of IICA and so many Surinamese that have together made fruitful these past twenty years in this beautiful Country-Suriname!

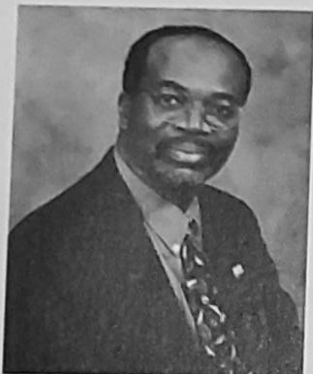
Ernani Fiori

IICA Representative in Suriname

Paramaribo, December 2002



MESSAGE FROM CHELSTON W.D. BRATHWAITE - DIRECTOR GENERAL, IICA



In a happy coincidence in time, even as the InterAmerican Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture commemorates its 60th Anniversary of service to the Hemisphere, the IICA Office in Suriname is commemorating its 20th Anniversary of continuous support to the development of the agricultural and rural sector of the Republic.

From my position as Director General of IICA, I wish, on the Institute's behalf to say thanks to all the men and women who have striven over these many years in Suriname to keep high the name and prestige of IICA. My salutation extends to the rural family which is the true beneficiary of all our efforts and the central pillar of reactivation and sustainable growth in this beautiful country.

This Institute that I proudly lead is committed to the development of trade and agribusiness and the sustainable use of natural resources within overall conditions of agricultural health and food safety. With these objectives we are building a new IICA, dedicated to the prosperous future of all rural communities in the Americas.

On the base of the strong foundation built over twenty years of service, let us continue our efforts and construct a new vision of agriculture for Suriname, the Caribbean Region and the Hemisphere, which responds to the challenges, demands and opportunities of the twenty-first century.

*Chelston W. D. Brathwaite
Director General*



MESSAGE FROM H. ARLINGTON D. CHESNEY - DIRECTOR CARIBBEAN REGION



On behalf of the entire IICA family in the other countries of the Caribbean, I wish to congratulate IICA in Suriname on its celebration of 20 years of service to the Government and people of the beautiful country of Suriname. This event coincides with IICA's celebration of 60 years of service to the peoples of the Americas, especially those from the rural areas. It is therefore a joint celebration of immense importance to Suriname and IICA.

We at IICA, are deeply honoured to have been given the opportunity to work with the major stakeholders involved in the development of Agriculture and the enhancement of Rural Life in Suriname. However, we recognize that, although the last 20 years were important, the future will be even more challenging to all of us involved in this noble pursuit which aims to improve in an equitable fashion, the economic well being of our Agripreneurs whilst preserving the country's natural resources for our children's children. This challenge is significantly influenced and increased as agriculture in Suriname, as indeed most developing countries, attempts to adjust to the advancing globalization in trade and markets. The new and additional tasks facing us can best be addressed if we all work together.

Accordingly, the IICA family in the Caribbean, and indeed the entire Americas, pledges its continuous and unrelenting support to the Government and people of Suriname. Therefore, as we celebrate 20 years of IICA in Suriname and 60 years in the Americas, we look forward anxiously to contributing in an even greater manner to the future development of agriculture and the national economy of Suriname.

*H. Arlington D. Chesney
Director Caribbean Region*

**MESSAGE FROM GEETAPERSAD GANGARAM PANDAY - MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES**

During the past twenty years, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) has become an important contributor to the Agribusiness Development of Suriname. During this period IICA has worked very closely with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV), playing an essential role in providing technical cooperation for the coordinating efforts of this Ministry together with other Ministries and the Non-governmental Agencies involved in Agriculture and Rural Development, the University and the Private Sector of Suriname.



The record of achievement of the IICA Suriname partnership is well recognized especially in the areas of Policy and Planning, Project Preparation, International Trade, Marketing, Interior Development, Fruit and Vegetable Promotion and Development, Dairy and Livestock Development, Agricultural Health and Food Safety, Information and Communication and Training and Education.

In addition, IICA Suriname has established effective and productive links between the Suriname Agribusiness Sector and important Regional and Hemispheric Organizations from the private and public sectors. With many of these we would not otherwise be in contact.

On this significant 20th Anniversary of IICA in Suriname I offer the sincere thanks of the Government of the Republic for the excellent Technical Cooperation we have enjoyed for so many years. We look forward with confidence and pleasant expectation to many more years of IICA's presence and assistance in further developing our agribusiness.

*Geetapersad Gangaram Panday
Minister of Agriculture,
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries*



1982 - 2002: 20 years of Service to the Agriculture Sector in Suriname

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Mascline Kromotirto, 18 years old
First prize in the National - and
second prize in the International contest

Even before Suriname had formally become a member of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, it was an active participant in the Agriculture Technical Cooperation Activities of the IICA Hemispheric Network. Suriname deposited its instrument of ratification of the IICA

Convention on November 20th 1981 and on 29th of January 1982, officially opened its Office in Paramaribo. The IICA Office in Suriname immediately established and proceeded to strengthen vital linkages among Suriname's Agribusiness Sector and that of the wider Caribbean and the rest of the American countries, giving support to activities designed to contribute to enhancing the competitiveness of the Suriname Agribusiness Sector in the face of a rapidly advancing globalization.

On the national scene the IICA Office in Suriname set out to assist the Governmental and Non-governmental Organizations, the University, the Private Sector and the Community in General in efforts to develop Agriculture and the Rural Sector in a sustainable manner. It proceeded to do this by a coherent series of varied approaches, including:

- ⇒ The sponsorship of research and studies into all aspects of crop and livestock production
- ⇒ The training of farmers, agriculture extension officers and technicians in various aspects of improved technology and management

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- ⇒ The generation and transfer of improved agricultural technologies
- ⇒ The detection and diagnosis, and the design of controls of animal and plant, pests and diseases
- ⇒ Agricultural and rural development planning
- ⇒ Agribusiness project identification, design and preparation
- ⇒ Institutional strengthening of agricultural public and private sector development organizations.



Left to right: First IICA Representative in Suriname, Guillermo Villanueva; Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Franklin Vreden and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, F.W. van Amson

Representatives of IICA Suriname 1982 - 2002

Guillermo Villanueva - Dominican Republic

Mario Franca - Brazil

Percy Aitken-Soux - Bolivia

Finn Damtoft - Canada

Ernani Fiori - Brazil



IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES 1982 - 1984

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Presilla Apon, 18 years old; second prize

- *ACID SOILS WORKSHOP - RESULTS PUBLISHED*

The workshop on the Management of Low-fertility Acid Soils of the American Humid tropics held in the late 1981, and organized by IICA, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries and the University of Suriname, was the very first activity of the new IICA office. These handsome and comprehensive publication, printed at the IICA Headquarters in Costa Rica, is a tangible record of IICA Suriname's impressive launching.

- *MILK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING STUDY*

- *SURVEY OF DAIRY FARMS*

These two activities marked the first of several major technical cooperation activities in the area of livestock production initiated by IICA Suriname in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal husbandry and Fisheries.

*IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
1985 - 1987*

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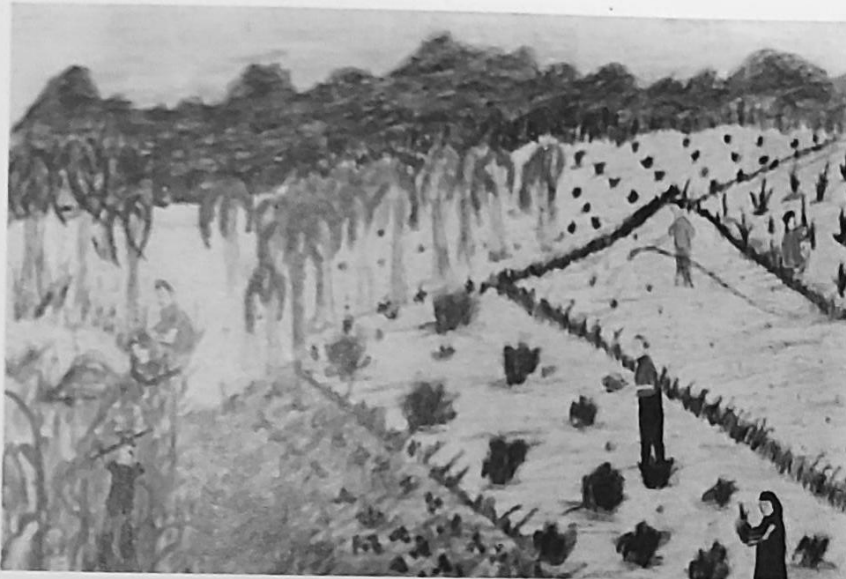


Shyra de Boer, 15 years old; third prize

- *PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR OILPALM RESEARCH IN TROPICAL AMERICA*
- *COOPERATIVE PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN OPERATIVE CAPACITY OF THE MINISTRY AGRICULTURE LIBRARY*
- *SHORT COURSES IN DAIRY PRODUCTION*
- *DAIRY PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY*
- *STUDY OF OIL PALM SPEAR ROT DISEASE SYNDROME*

*IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
1988 - 1990*

IICA Suriname Painting Contest 2002

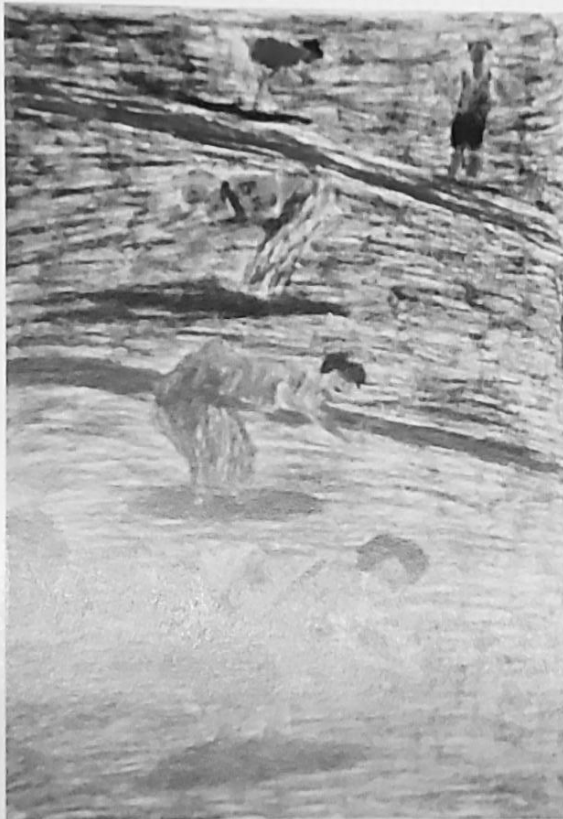


Moerahoe Harswatie, 19 years old

- *INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON OIL PALM SPEAR ROT SYNDROME*
- *DETECTION AND CONTROL OF CARAMBOLA FRUIT FLY PROJECT PREPARED*
- *MEETING TO ANALYSE STATUS OF DACUS DORSALIS COMPLEX (KNOWN AS BACTROCEIA CARAMBULAE)*
- *SEMINAR WORKSHOP ON IDENTIFICATION AND DESIGN OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS*
- *COMPREHENSIVE ANIMAL VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM-PROJECT PREPARED*
- *IICA / NETHERLANDS / SURINAME MISSION ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF RESEARCH TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE-PROPOSAL PREPARED.*

*IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
1991 - 1993*

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Stephanie Loor, 14 years old

- *MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL HEALTH SERVICES-PROJECT PREPARED*
- *ABATTOIR AND MEAT PLANT FEASIBILITY STUDY*
- *SPS/IDB/IICA PROJECT PREPARATION COURSE*
- *IDENTIFICATION OF SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES TO REPLACE OIL PALM*
- *LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN INTERIOR COMMUNITIES*
- *ROUNDTABLE WITH IICA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL ON COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT*
- *PEACH PALM PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING STUDY*
- *SURVEY OF FRUIT PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING*
- *SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL PESTS AND DISEASES*



IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES 1994 - 1996

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Donovan Schmeltz, 14 years old

- *ANIMAL PARASITIC FLIES AND CONTROL METHODS IN THE GUYANA'S-STUDY COMPLETED*
- *SURVEY OF VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING*
- *SEMINAR ON HARVEST, POST-HARVEST AND PROCESSING OF FRUIT CROPS WITH UNIVERSITY*
- *DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK SUB-SECTOR-PROJECT PREPARED*
- *STUDY OF WOMEN FOOD PRODUCERS IN SURINAME*
- *INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PREPARED*
- *IICA/IDB RURAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PREPARED*
- *INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TRAINING IN AGRO-FORESTRY, CROPPING SYSTEMS, BASIC FARM MANAGEMENT*
- *REGIONAL PROGRAMME TO CONTROL CARAMBOLA FRUIT FLY IN SOUTH AMERICA LAUNCHED*

IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES 1997 - 1998

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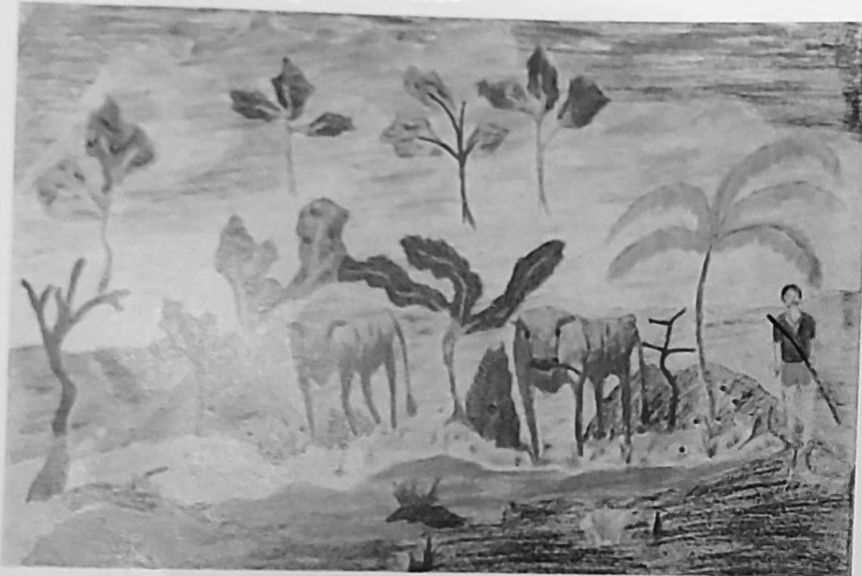


Kasanwidjojo Roël, 18 years old

- *PROCITROPICOS/EMPRABA MISSION VISITS SURINAME*
- *UPPER SURINAME RIVER DISTRICT FOOD AND HANDICRAFT FAIR*
- *CFF LABORATORY OPENED AND FIELD ACTIVITIES EXTENDED TO FRENCH GUYANA*
- *FRUIT MARKETING STUDY COMPLETED*
- *TRAINING COURSES FOR WOMEN FOOD PRODUCERS IN RURAL AREAS*
- *ASSESSMENT COMPLETED OF COUNTRY'S ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH SERVICES*
- *PROGRAM TO UPGRADE THE FRUIT SUB-SECTOR ACCELERATED*
- *AGRO-FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION UNIT REFURBISHED*

IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES 1999 - 2000

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Angelique Ramautar, 14 years old

- *COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PASSION FRUIT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS AND STUDY OF PASSION FRUIT COMMODITY CHAIN*
- *FARMER'S MARKETING SERVICE IN THE UPPER SURINAME RIVER BASIN STRENGTHENED AND EXPANDED TO 25 VILLAGES*
- *CARAMBOLA FRUIT FLY CONTROL PROGRAMME REDUCES INFESTATION TO 25% IN SURINAME*
- *STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SUB-SECTORS PREPARED*
- *APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL FRUIT CROPS COMMITTEE*
- *IICA SURINAME' BULLETINS "PARTNERSHIP" AND "KOBOOGO" LAUNCHED.*

IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES 2001 - 2002

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Varsha Bhagwandien, 20 years old

- *IN COORDINATION WITH PAHO/WHO AND RELEVANT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATION THE NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED*
- *SIDALC-AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM/VIRTUAL LIBRARY CHAPTER IN SURINAME INSTITUTED WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS*
- *IDB/IICA/MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES APPROVED AN AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY MONITORING PROJECT*
- *SEMINAR/WORKSHOP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT*
- *PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH PAHO, EDUCONS AND PEACE CORPS*
- *SIX-MONTH RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR UPPER SURINAME RIVER COMMUNITIES*
- *DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER CONSTRUCTED, EQUIPPED AND PUT INTO USE*
- *PUBLICATION OF MANUAL ON THE GROWING OF PASSION FRUIT*
- *PARTICIPATION IN THE AGROFAIR SURINAME 2001*

IICA SURINAME TECHNICAL COOPERATION - REGIONAL AND HEMISPHERE LINKAGES

Over the past two decades the IICA Suriname office has promoted, and continues to provide, useful and productive linkages between the Suriname agribusiness sector and rural development organizations operating at the Caribbean and at Hemispheric levels. Among these, to name a few, are:

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Ariena Kalidien, 19 years old

ALLIANCE Alliance for Sustainable Agricultural Development and the Rural Milieu
APHIS Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)
CABA Caribbean Agribusiness Association

CACHE Caibbean Council on Higher Education in Agriculture
CARAPHIN Caribbean Animal and Plant Health Information Service
CARDI Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute
CARICOM Sec. Caribbean Community Secretariat
CARIFRUIT Caribbean Fruit Network
CATHALAC Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean
CATIE Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center
CFCS Caribbean Food Crops Society
CGIAR Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIAT International Center of Tropical Agriculture
CIMMYT International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center
CNRWP Caribbean Network of Rural Women Producers
COTED Council for Trade and Economic Development (Caribbean Region)

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Farell Morris, 15 years old

ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin
America and the Caribbean

EMBRAPA Brazil Agricultural Research
Corporation

EC European Commission

FAO United Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization

FONTAGRO Regional Agricultural Technology
Fund

FORAGRO Regional Forum on Agriculture
Research Technology Development

IABA Inter-American Board of Agriculture

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural
Development

OIRSA International Regional Organization
on Agricultural Health

PAHO/WHO Pan-American Health/World Health
Organization

PEACE CORPS
SURINAME
PROCICARIBE Cooperative Agriculture Research
Program for the Caribbean

PROCITROPICOS Cooperative Programme of Research
and Transfer of Technology for the
South American Tropics

SIDALC Agricultural Information and
Documentation System for the
Americas



NATIONAL AGENDA 2003 - 2006

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Pranewaré Humberto, 20 years old

TRADE AND AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Trade Negotiation and Integration
- Access to International Markets
- Sectoral Modernization for Competitiveness
- Project Cycle Training

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

- Design and Promotion of Technical Innovation Policies
- Generation and Transfer of Technology

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

- Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Promotion Food Safety
- Design of Food Safety Policies and Legislation

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Strategies and Policies for Sustainable Rural Development
- Development of Management Capabilities at National Level for Micro Enterprises and Food Security

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

- Infrastructure of Information for a virtual Network and E-Commerce

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Training Materials Development
- Promotion and Development of Distance Learning

TOWARD THE FUTURE WITH COMPETENCE AND PARTNERSHIP



Together with the commemoration of the 20 years of IICA in Suriname it is important to acknowledge the number of people, human beings, among the different organizations and communities that have worked together around common goals, placing their capacities, motivations and dedication to face the different challenges in promoting prosperity.

The challenges ahead within a global economy, are larger; And so, larger are the responsibilities of all the organizations looking ahead toward the future to continue being of help to make prosperity accessible to all. The extent of these challenges often place the solutions far beyond the reach of one isolated organization or of one isolated Country. A new approach is necessary, requiring decisions concerning joint ventures or partnerships in which ownership and responsibility do not get lost but are shared by all the partners in an equitable mode. Otherwise the future years of efforts, laudable as they may be, will have but temporary results and will never be established in a sustainable way.

This road ahead to the future requires competent and dedicated human beings: professionals, producers, farmers, technicians, teachers, politicians and business people, to name but a few of very many in the civil society.

Among these many players is IICA, engaged and committed to working in partnership, constantly creating and revising its goals and approaches, and openly measuring its achievements and impacts.

Within these goals and visions, IICA in Suriname and in the Americas intends to be of substantial help and benefit to all in the years ahead.

This is our vote, our sincere wish and our commitment to the future. To continue our record of success, and, together with so many other individuals within and outside of IICA, to continue, as we have during our first twenty years, serving this beautiful Country, Suriname.

*Ernani Fiori
IICA Representative in Suriname*



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IICA SURINAME PERSONNEL



In front (L/R): Jeffrey Follet- IICA/Peace Corps Volunteer; Caroline Gilds- Coordinator Food Safety Project; Mavis Sabajo- Project Secretary; Ermani Fiori - IICA Representative in Suriname; Hesdy Ormskerk- Fruit and Vegetable Specialist; Yvonne Sital- Administrator; Sila Jagessar- House Keeper; Aldo Malavasi- IICA/CFF Regional Project Coordinator.

At the back (L/R): Christian Ogle- IICA/Peace Corps Volunteer; Gobien Sewpal- Gardener; Leo Sampai- IICA/LVV Rural Development Specialist; Irwin Telfer- Consultant; Brahma Ramsoedit- Driver; Melitia Rack- Executive Secretary; Morela Mijnsen- IICA/CFF Secretary; Alies van Sauers- IICA/CFF National Project Coordinator.

*AT THE BACKGROUND ICCA OFFICE SHOWING THE NEW WING BUILT AND EQUIPPED IN 2002 AS
A DISTANCE LEARNING AND VIRTUAL LIBRARY CENTRE*



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Its Permanent Observers are: Arab Republic of Egypt, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, European Community, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Poland, Romania, Russian Federation and Spain.

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