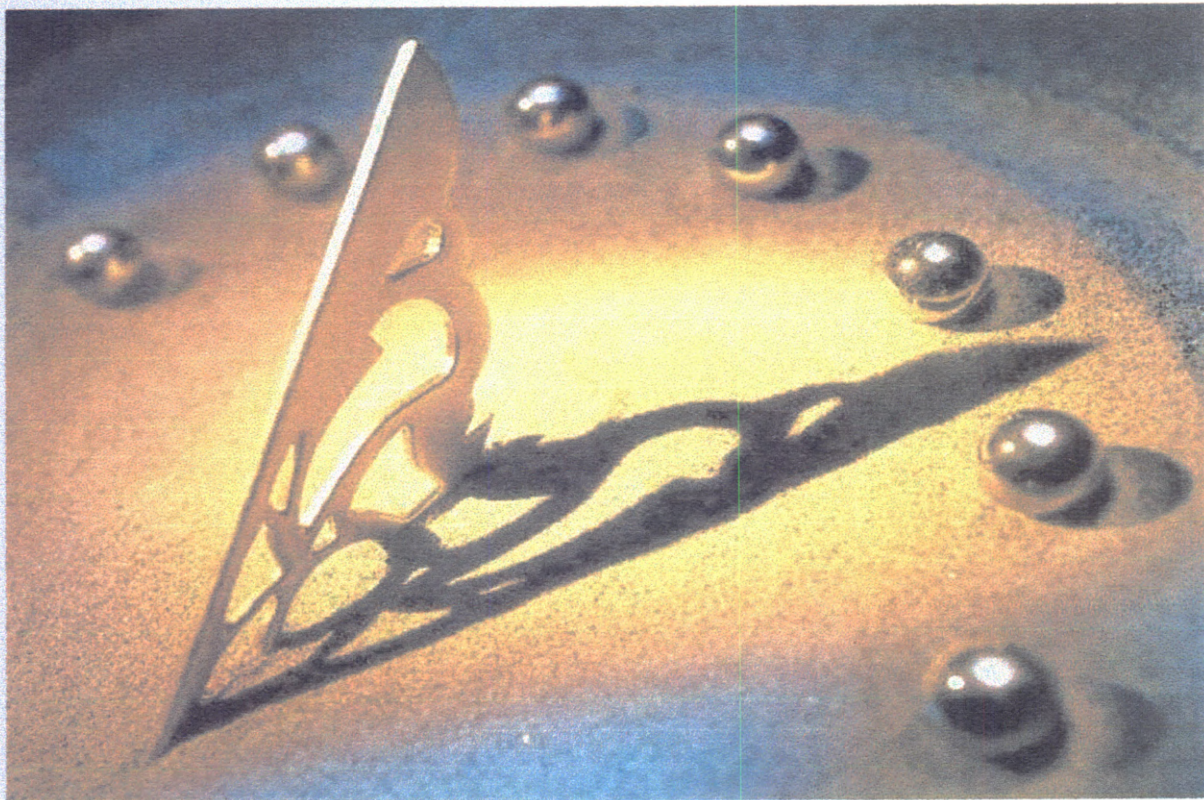




... Three years later



More than just technology

**Major Achievements
1998-2001**

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IICA - RIECDI Inter-American Distance Education and Training Network



RIECDI

Mission

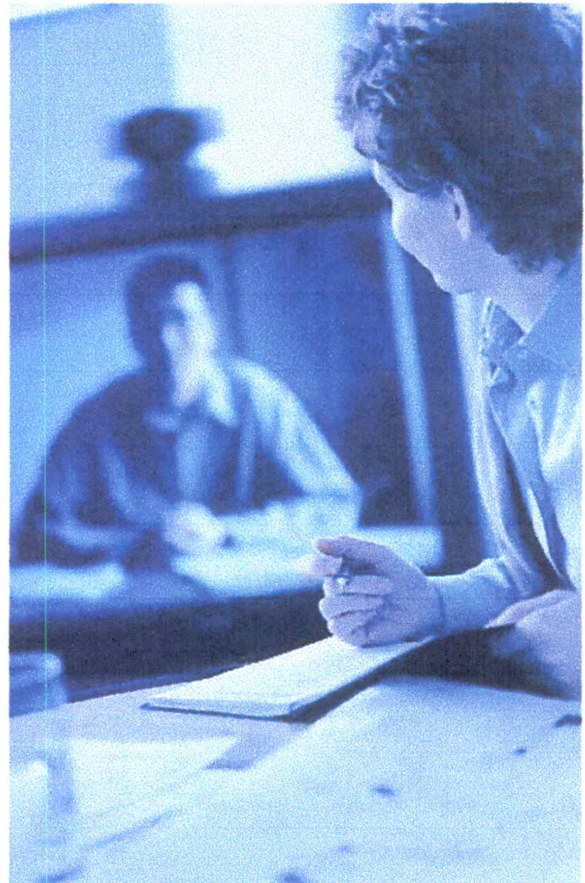
To support the development of human resources in the Hemisphere in the context of integration and sustainability, by providing services of the highest quality in the field of agricultural distance education and training.

The Inter-American Distance Education and Training Network will be recognized for its contribution to the transformation of the agricultural sector of the Hemisphere in the new millennium, through the use of nontraditional distance education and training tools.

Vision

Services

- Virtual courses and panel discussions on topics related to IICA's strategic areas and relevant to the countries.
- Virtual rounds of negotiations for agricultural products.
- Inter-ministerial virtual meetings and forums for consultation.
- Videoconference room rental.
- Assistance with the design and equipping of virtual distance training centers.
- Conversion of teaching materials to multimedia format for distance training
- Distance education via multimedia, videoconferencing, Internet, satellite, CD-ROM, and video.



106 videoconferences and teleconferences

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Most important video-seminars of interest to the Latin American countries

- Conflict management tools.
- Decentralization of public health services.
- Payment of environmental services in the water tariff structure.
- Introduction to the concept of gender in development.
- Telemedicine.
- Ethics in civil services.
- International trade of heart of palm.



Total participants:

3,678

Characteristics of the events :

- They are free of charge.
- Directed to all interested sectors .
- Aim to disseminate *knowledge and foster dialogue with other countries of the world.*

Countries that have participated:

1. Argentina
2. Barbados
3. Bolivia
4. Canada
5. Chile
6. Colombia
7. Costa Rica
8. Ecuador
9. Guatemala
10. Holland
11. Italy
12. Mexico
13. Nicaragua
14. Peru
15. Dominican Republic
16. Switzerland
17. United States
18. Uruguay

Most important teleconferences

"Creating a virtual campus"

"Marketing with the guru
Phillipe Kottler"

"Re-imagining education: a matter of justice and possibility"

From Florida State University, with the participation of 5 expert panelists.

The Latin University from Costa Rica organized this expert visit and CECADI transmitted it to 200 students that could not be at the event.

With the former First Lady of the United States, Hillary Clinton, broadcast from New York.

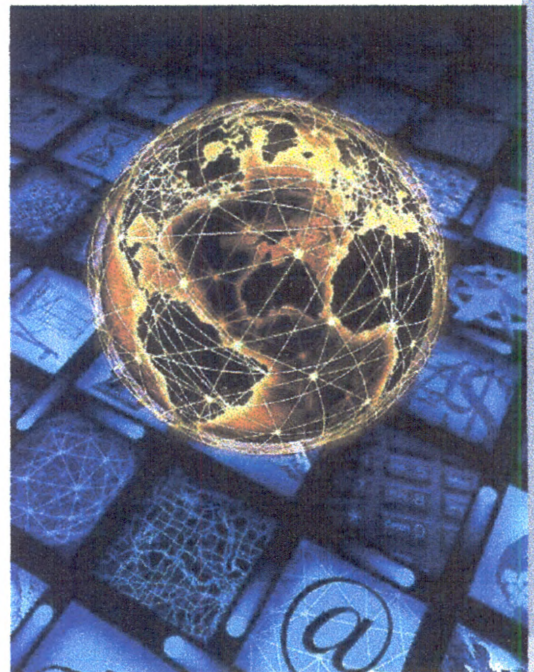
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26 Courses and Workshops that have been held at CECADI-“Mexico”

1. International course for development and implementation of online training courses.
2. International course for trainers for developing and implementing hazard, analysis and critical control points (HACCP).
3. Building safety nets.
4. International course for distance education and training in the digital era: instructional design.
5. Anti-corruption investigative journalism.



Workshops

- Elements of an online training course.
- Materials conversion for distance education and training.
- Educational uses of videoconference technology.
- Development of distance education programs.
- Instructional design through multimedia.

**A total of 1,310
people received
training**

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Round tables and others

- Innovative trends in training.
- Good communications is not an accident.
- Continuing education for information specialists through the use of new technologies.
- Elaboration of an interactive CD-ROM for CECADI.

Consolidation of RIECDI for financial self-sustainability

- Texas A&M University, U.S.A..
- Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Agreement, World Bank.
- Virtual University of the Monterrey Technology Institute of Higher Education (ITESM), Mexico.
- Open University of Catalunya (UOC-Barcelona).
- Regional Cooperation Center for Adult Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CREFAL), Mexico.
- Costa Rican Distance Education University (UNED), Costa Rica.
- University of the Republic, Uruguay.



Cooperation, services and financing proposals

- Costa Rican Ministry of the Reasury.
- IICA-CECADI/GTZ Cooperation Project .
- University of the Isthmus, Panama.
- National Insurance Institute, Costa Rica.
- IICA-CREFAL International Undergraduate Program, Mexico.
- Mixed Institute for Social Aid, Costa Rica.
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- Organization of American States (OAS).
- International Cooperation Agency, Spain (AECI).
- Global Development Learning Network (GDLN), World Bank.

**CECADI has
formulated
14 proposals**

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In addition

Through its strategic alliances, CECADI seeks for academic content, that allows it to provide better services and at the same time, generate benefits that foster financial self sustainability.

Remarks by General Director Dr. Carlos E. Aquino González during the inauguration of CECADI-“Mexico” October 29, 1998

“...Recognizing the demonstrated importance of “...Academic excellence, technical and education and communication in the professional experience of the highest level and development of our countries, and, in particular, state-of-the-art technology will be the hallmark in agriculture and the rural milieu, it is an honor of the Center, so that it becomes a tool that to share with you this new initiative that IICA characterizes the Institute’s new style of work...”

has promoted jointly with the Mexican Government and Texas A&M University in a well-articulated effort geared to meeting future needs...”

“...A year ago, as partners, we assumed the commitment of promoting the implementation of the Mexico Distance Training Center, which we have the honor of inaugurating today. I also want to take this opportunity to assure all of you, as an integral part of the IICA family, that this alliance will not only be further

strengthened but will also be expanded to include other countries and international organizations with which we work and that have decided to support our efforts to expand the Center throughout the hemisphere...”

“...The Center will offer the countries of the hemisphere a technologically advanced communication service, via which it will be possible to disseminate, exchange and transmit knowledge related to agriculture. It will be targeted especially at government and private-sector institutions, producers’ organizations, academic institutions and professionals, technicians and farmers involved in the wide-ranging network of organizations with which IICA works...”



“...It must be borne in mind that globalization and integration processes are removing more and more frontiers and this has largely been due to technological breakthroughs in the telecommunications field. Therefore, training linked to these new technologies is also a very important tool for contributing to the development of competitiveness in our economies...”

“...On this occasion we would urge the other countries in the region and technical and financial cooperation organizations to take part in this work and pool resources and efforts, so as to create an innovative team in a field that is of key importance to agricultural and rural development...”

“... We are all called upon to perform a task that pertains to the twenty-first century, in the spirit of solidarity and complementarity that is required for the years ahead...”

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en Santa Fe

Strengthening RIECDI with its Distance Training Centers (CECADIs) in IICA's Member Countries

Distance Training Centers (CECADI)



Barbados



Dominican Republic



Costa Rica



Colombia

Studies made in other countries

- Peru - U. La Molina, U. Agraria Tingo María and U. de Tacna
- Chile - INDAP
- Nicaragua - Ministry of Agriculture
- Dominican Republic - IICA and CAJIR
- Washington - IICA/OAS/TAMU
- Venezuela - IICA
- Guatemala - IICA/Del Valle University
- El Salvador - IICA
- Bolivia - IICA

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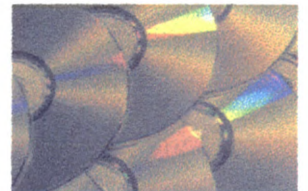
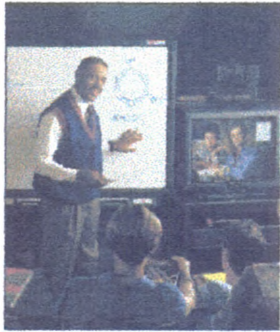
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