

## **Report of the Program Committee**

The Board was pleased to hear the progress made in consolidating the research divisions and partnerships. The application of the recently approved Science Council (SC) indicators in the program presentations is appreciated.

The first part of the report will present the Board's comments on the individual research divisions and partnerships followed by a set of general issues the Board would like to raise to enhance further development of the research and partnership programs.

### **Impact Enhancement**

#### **Genetic Resources Conservation and Characterization**

#### **Crop Enhancement and Improvement**

#### **Integrated Crop Management**

#### **Natural Resources Management**

The focus of the NRM Division is on 1) understanding the complex interrelationships between poverty and NRM, 2) quantifying the impact of the most crucial external factors, and 3) designing/testing resilient systems. Several tools for tracking NRM have been developed.

*The Board recognizes CIP's pioneering role in bringing NRM research into a commodity center. The Division has produced good results in developing methodological tools. However, the Board is concerned with the apparent lack of a conceptual framework and direction for this research area at CIP. To get a more informed opinion on the NRM research at CIP, the Board recommends that a CCER be carried out. The TOR should address questions of critical mass, conceptual framework, and linkages to CIP's commodity research.*

### **Agriculture and Human health (abstract not included)**

#### **Partnerships**

#### **PapaAndina**

#### **Vitamin A for Africa - VITAA**

#### **Consortium for Sustainable Development of the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN)**

#### **Global Mountain Program - GMP**

#### **Users' Perspectives With Agricultural Research and Development - UPWARD**

#### **Urban Harvest**

**Major issues emerging from the Research Program and Partnerships**

To guide the Board's and the Center's decisionmaking and leadership in the research program, the Program Committee recommends that a CCER be carried out on the NRM research in the coming year.

CCERs on plant breeding and post harvest research are recommended for the following year.

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