

**SUSANE - Sustainable, sanitary and efficient  
management of animal manure for plant nutrition**

**Invitation to a workshop for development of a network of  
environmental friendly and sustainable livestock production in Vietnam**

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At the January 2007 Workshop about “Sustainable, sanitarian and efficient management of animal manure in Vietnam” with 50 enthusiastic participants from extension service, research institutes and universities, the participants acknowledged that livestock production is changing rapidly, and that this transition is not followed up by appropriate technologies and management of the large amounts of animal manure produced.

Further researchers and institutes carrying out research focusing on developing technology for environmental friendly management of animal manure were encouraged to establish a network of researchers. The network could be a forum for exchange of knowledge and also for creating contact to support collaboration when carrying out farm research and giving advises for an environmental friendly and sustainable management of animal manure.

This conclusion is supported by the conclusion from the 12<sup>th</sup> RAMIRAN International Conference "Technology for recycling of manure and organic residues in a whole-farm perspective", stating that there is a need of a whole system approach when carrying out the research, because introducing a technology may be affected by management upstream in the manure management and the technology may have significant side effects downstream. Without doubt there is a need of participation of several specialties and therefore researchers and institutes from different disciplines when carrying out the research.

The SUSANE research project, therefore, would like to invite researchers, institutes and donors to take part in a one day workshop about “Vietnamese network for development of Manure and Biomass Technology”. During the workshop new contacts and collaborative opportunities will be established.

**Objective of this workshop**

This workshop intends to support transfer of knowledge about the research & development of manure management in Vietnam and initiatives of disseminating information about this subject.

The workshop will contribute to establish contacts and facilitate co-operation between research, industry and extension service to enhance efficiency of research carried out and the overall outcome through improved dissemination of the results of the research.

The intention of the workshop is to initiate a network that will facilitate contacts between agriculture, extension service, institutes and companies working in this area.

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### **Objective of network**

Building a “simple network” with participation of core extension service organisations, research institutes, ministries and the industry may be a first step to enhance use of existing knowledge and improve collaboration. Thus this meeting may facilitate that the institutes, researchers, advisors and administrators meet and a forum for further contacts is developed.

### *Time schedule of announcements etc.*

June 2005: 1<sup>st</sup> announcement of the workshop by invitation to organisations and institutes.  
August 2005: Registration of participants.  
September 2006: Final organisation of the workshop.

### *Workshop venue*

National Institute of Animal Husbandry, Thuy Phuong - Tu Liem - Hanoi - Vietnam

### *Time schedule of the workshop and organisation*

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 07**

The workshop will be organized in thematic sessions

Session 1: Presentation about research and dissemination activities carried out in Vietnam

Session 2: Presentations about relevant policies and programmes of donors being active in Vietnam (WB, FAO, Danida).

Session 3: The partners are split into thematic groups related to environmental friendly and sustainable management of animal manure. The groups will discuss the need and objectives of network and organisation of a network.

Session 4: Plenum discussion and conclusions.

### *Financial support*

The SUSANE research project will provide meeting facilities, food and refreshments during the workshop.

Transport from the city centre to the venue of the workshop will be organised by the SUSANE-research.