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Dear Sir/Madame:

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) would like to invite a young professional between the ages of 22-40 years to represent the United States at IICA's Third Hemispheric Forum for Young Leaders in Agriculture, which will focus on agricultural entrepreneurship. Young professionals from IICA's 34 Member States will participate in this event, which will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in Lincoln, Nebraska from August 2nd to 6th, 2010.

The Hemispheric Forum for Young Leaders in Agriculture is an initiative that was first launched in March 2008 to promote the development of leaders with a global vision. It will provide a unique opportunity for young professionals associated with agriculture and rural life in the Americas to expand their understanding of global issues and to assist in the development of an inter-American network of young leaders who can effectively transform the agricultural sector of the Americas.

The Forum will include inter-related components such as:

- Agricultural entrepreneurship and agribusiness
- Biotechnology
- Natural Resources
- Climate Change
- Opportunities for developing wealth in the rural sector

IICA and UNL will provide two scholarships per country: one full, and one half with the participant covering the cost of airfare. The criteria for selection to attend the forum as well as a list of questions to be answered are attached. Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and answers to questions for review no later than **June 21st 2010**, via email knanlal@iicawash.org.

We look forward to working with you in identifying a candidate to attend the Hemispheric Forum for Young Leaders in Agriculture.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hatch', written over a light grey horizontal line.

David C. Hatch
Associate Deputy Director General
Representative in the United States

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Young Leader should:

- 1) Have demonstrated commitment to international development issues.
- 2) Disciplines sought include: Agronomy, International Relations, Political Science, Public Policy, Gender & Development, Environmental Studies, Agricultural Economics, Anthropology, Law, Computer Science, Sociology, etc.
- 3) Be computer literate.
- 4) Preferably be bilingual (Spanish and English) which will be the official languages of the Forum. However, simultaneous translation will be offered.
- 5) Be able to work in multicultural environments.
- 6) Proven adaptability, flexibility and maturity.
- 7) Demonstrated leadership potential.
- 8) Be between 22 and 40 years of age and be actively in projects related to agriculture and rural well-being.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think are the five most important qualities of a leader in the 21st century? Please explain why you chose these five.
2. Which values have guided you in your life and which ones you feel will make you a leader of the future?
3. Do you believe leaders are born or leaders are made? Please explain your answer.
4. Please use no more than a page to describe the kind of world you wish your children to grow up in. Be sure to address political, economic, social, technological and environmental aspects.
5. Please describe one accomplishment of which you are most proud. It should be something involving humanity, where you showed vision, and that you will be proud to tell your children and grandchildren.
6. What will be your personal challenges over the next ten years for developing your leadership capacity?
7. What have you done in your life or career which demonstrated that you have leadership qualities?

ABOUT IICA

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture is the specialized agency for agriculture of the inter-American system. Its mission is to support the Member States in their pursuit of progress and prosperity in the hemisphere through the modernization of the rural sector, promotion of food security, and development of an agricultural sector that is competitive, technologically prepared, environmentally managed, and socially equitable for the people of the Americas.

The Institute has its Headquarters in Costa Rica and offices in 34 countries of the Americas, an office in Miami, responsible for the Promotion of Agricultural Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety and a European Office located in Madrid, Spain. The Directorate for Strategic Partnerships is located in Washington, D.C.

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