Youth for growing development

Objectives

To facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge among young professionals across disciplines, professions, age and regions.

To broaden opportunities for young professionals to contribute to strategic ARD policy debates.

To promote agriculture among young people.

To facilitate access to resources and capacity building opportunities.
Launched on 8 Nov 2006, New Delhi, India

YPARD Charter

YPARD Members

LR  Local Representatives
CU  Coordination Unit
SC  Steering Committee
SAG Senior Advisory Group

Stakeholders:
- Universities
- Research institutions
- Donors
- NGOs
- Government agencies
- Farmers organizations
- Private companies
Achievements

- Attracting youth to agriculture (March 2009), Chennai, India – organized by MS Swaminathan Research Foundation and SDC
- Indian Youth Science Congress (June 2009), Chennai, India – Government of India
- Science Forum (June 2009), Wageningen, The Netherlands
- FAO meeting on formal and informal education and learning (June 2009), Rome, Italy
- UN Youth congress (August 2009), Seoul, South Korea
Training for Modern Coconut Farmers -2008

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Indian Youth Science Congress
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YPARD Stall-Indian Youth Science Congress-2009
Grant Writing Workshop-2009

Participants of Grant writing Workshop-2009
At Global Summit on Agriculture-New Delhi-2008

YPARD India Annual Review Meeting 2009
YPARD in Media

Youth power to aid agri research

Agricultural Research for Development (YPARD), a global NGO, which has tied up with the VIT university here to carry out their operation for the benefit of the Asian country, has extended its operations in Germany, participating in a working meeting of the Steering Committee meeting here on Wednesday. 

YPARD is a global network involving international delegates of YPARD interacting with affiliated organisations and partners in their respective countries to enhance the role of young professionals in agricultural research.

The steering committee in its meeting decided that in the next few years youth would be given to building institutional linkages and implementations to create direct communication for young professionals.

YPARD in Media

‘Involve more youth in farm research’

The need for involvement of more youth in the field of agricultural research to bring about another green revolution across the country was stressed by VIT pro-chancellor G V Selvam here on Tuesday.

He inaugurated a two-day workshop for young professionals on Successful Proposal Writing in Agricultural Research and Development and Young Professionals Platform for Agricultural Research (YPARD) and Terra Viva Grants (TVG), France. “There are many grants given by the Government and organisations in India and abroad as well, whereas we do not know from whom and how to get them”, he said.

He observed that interest shown by youngsters in the field of agricultural research had declined, adding that they must take up research in agricultural sector in a big way.

L. Larmann, founder and chairman of TVG, dwelt in detail about the various grants that were available for agricultural research, their source of funding and its purpose. Indian network coordinator of YPARD Dr. Sreenivasan said the organisation served as platform for young professionals to realise their potential towards agricultural research for development.
YPARD in Media

YPARD workshop today

Vellore: A two-day workshop for young professionals on ‘Successful grant proposals in agricultural research’ is being organised by the Young Professionals in Agricultural Research for Development (YPARD) India attached to the VIT University, which begins here on Tuesday. (ENS)

YPARD in Local Media
Presence in 117 countries

Global representations

YPARD South Asia – India, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, China
YPARD Africa – Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa
YPARD Latin American and Caribbean – Colombia
YPARD Europe – Germany
YPARD Global- Italy
Participation in ARD meetings

2006
Tropentag, Germany
GFAR Triennial Conference, India
APAARI General Assembly meeting, India
CTA Advisory committee meeting, The Netherlands
CGIAR Annual General Meeting, U.S.A.
APAARI regional synthesis and networking meeting, Bangkok
Agricultural innovation workshop (The World Bank), U.S.A.

2007
ECART meeting, Great Britain
FARA General Assembly meeting, South Africa
PAR steering committee meeting, Italy
GIH meeting, Belgium
ERA-ARD meeting, Belgium
Tropentag, Germany
CGIAR Annual General Meeting, China

2008
ICRD, Switzerland
Tropentag, Germany
APAARI General Assembly meeting, Japan (planned)
JIRCAS climate change symposium, Japan (planned)
CTA Advisory committee meeting, The Netherlands (planned)
EDD, France (planned)
IAASTD conference, Germany (planned)
CGIAR Annual General Meeting, Mozambique (planned)

Future perspectives

• Electronic discussion fora

• Linking young professionals through regional fora – GFAR, APAARI, FARA, FORAGRO, AARINENA) – EC – FSTP (Concept note submitted after discussion) –

• Youth and United Nations Global Alliance (FAO, UNFCCC forum for youth) – publication on youth quick guide to climate change
Membership

- Program committee – GFAR
- Steering committee – GFAR
- Reciprocal membership – APAARI

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