



## **SOLAR COOKERS WORLD NETWORK (SCWNet)** *formerly Solar Cookers International Association (SCIA)*

[www.solarcooking.org/scwnet](http://www.solarcooking.org/scwnet)

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### **NEWS FLASH: SCIA is revised and renamed for further growth.**

**Its purpose is unchanged.** It is ready to continue building collective strength among independent promoters of solar cookers, pasteurizers and food processers

#### ***Dear Members,***

*Your membership continues, and we hope the revised structure encourages more idea exchanges - you are invited to edit and add to six new wiki pages at [solarcooking.org/scwnet](http://solarcooking.org/scwnet) (type in the following in the left column space):*

- \* Advocacy Net
- \* Technology Net
- \* Communications Net
- \* Africa Net
- \* Asia Pacific Net
- \* Ibero-Latin America Net

*Please also add your recent news to your own web page by typing your name at the same address.*

**SCWN's 3-YEAR GOAL, 2009-2011:**  
that many member agencies double consumer access to solar food technologies in their programs.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDING STEERING COMMITTEE:**

To Claude Pulfer (Paraguay) , Dr. Mona Rizig (Sudan), Monika Hermann-Sanou (Burkina Faso/Germany), Margaret Owino (Kenya), Joyce Jett (Switzerland), Susanne Itschert-Neutey (Germany), Rowena Gerber (US), Richard Stolz (US), and Jack Blanks (US): we gratefully acknowledge your past contributions and look forward to your continued participation in one or more of our revised Sections.

#### **CHANGES FOR GROWTH**

Since its creation July 2006 in Granada, Spain, SCIA (now SCWNet) has grown to 95 organization members and 160 individuals. Many proposals for revisions were discussed at the January 2009 Solar Food Conference in Indore, India, and plans for the next 3 years were drafted.

Its purpose is unchanged, but name and structure are changed toward further growth. "Network" better describes its nature and "world" helps avoid confusion with individual organizations. This network focuses on collective strength beyond the vast information already available on many web sites and SCI's *Solar Cooker Review*. Rather than Task Forces for small groups, we propose six Sections for all members to follow and contribute to as they choose. We think these wiki pages may be more user friendly for many participants than the discussion forums at [solarcooking.org/discuss](http://solarcooking.org/discuss), which require log-in and password. You can help us decide which is more useful. The Network Steering Committee is changed from 17 individuals to 9 lead agencies which appoint representatives to serve for 2009 and 2010, Founding President, David Whitfield, will also serve.

#### **DO WE NEED EACH OTHER?**

As an enjoyer and promoter of solar cookers for 23 years, I've gained most of my wisdom and inspiration from courageous, delightful people who are spreading access to many different simple solar tools.

While promoting different devices and strategies, **common challenges unite us**. Networking has often shown ways past barriers and re-energized me. As I see it, the SCW Network is a long-distance community of dedicated and creative peers with great potential for synergizing efforts for faster progress and louder voices **TO BE HEARD**, just as mighty rivers are made from many small streams.

Bev Blum, Secretariat

## SOLAR COOKERS WORLD NETWORK STRUCTURE as of Feb. 2009

### UNCHANGED:

#### **PURPOSE OF SCWNet**

Improve health, economics, societies and environments through collective actions to spread solar cooking, pasteurizing and food processing.

#### **MEMBERS**

Organizations and individuals that express a desire to support the purpose of SCWNet submit an application form (see web site), or were already SCIA members. Donations are encouraged but optional.

#### **LEGAL STATUS**

Solar Cookers International, with U.N. consultative status, currently serves as SCWNet's legal umbrella and handles SCWNet's finances

### REVISED as of Feb. 2009:

#### **STEERING COMMITTEE for**

**2009 – 2010:** Lead agencies for each of six Sections appoint reps to the Steering Committee.

#### **SIX SECTIONS:**



These Sections replace/revise small Task Forces. Members are now encouraged to participate in any of the sections. Each will work mostly independently to avoid any centralized 'bottleneck.'

#### **ADVOCACY NET**

To encourage advocacy at all levels toward policies that reflect the potential of solar cookers, pasteurizers and food processors. Agencies and reps on Steering Committee: **Solar Cookers Intl. (SCI):** Dr. Sonia Heptonstall (Switzerland) & Dr. AJ Lederman (US), & **Solar Household Energy (SHE-Inc.):** Patricia McArdle (US)

NOTE: URGENT IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FROM U.N.W.H.O. for anecdotes for an upcoming publication (see next page).

#### **TECHNOLOGY NET**

To develop standards for evaluating solar cookers performance for diverse consumer preferences; encourage members to upscale capacity and develop training for others to supply cookers at cheaper rates and distribute more widely with adequate consumer training and maintenance services. Steering Committee agency and rep: **Promoters & Researchers in Non Conventional Energy (PRINCE):** Prof. Ajay Chandak – seeks co-workers.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS NET**

To expand and improve publicity, visibility and links to other networks through websites, member e-news, conferences, etc. Also, double network membership. Steering Committee reps: **SCWN Secretariat:** Bev Blum, **FOUNDING PRES.** David Whitfield & **Solar Food Processing Network:** Rolf Behringer.

#### **THREE REGIONAL NETWORKS**

To encourage regional networking and participation in all SCWNet sections. Also guide and monitor progress for SCWNet overall. Steering Committee agencies & reps:

**AFRICA NET: Solar Cookers for Africa Network:** Crosby Menzies (South Africa)

#### **ASIA PACIFIC NET:**

**Center for Rural Technology Nepal (CRT):** Ganesh Ram Shrestha (Nepal), **Barli Development Institute for Rural Women** (to be confirmed)

**Int'l Center for Networking, Ecology, Educ. and Re-integration (ICNEER):** Deepak Gadhia (India)

#### **IBERO-LATIN AMERICA NET:**

**Red Ibero-americana de Cocinas Solares (RECOSOL):** Dr. Pedro Serrano (Chile)



## Searching for a NEW LOGO

Have an idea for a new logo for SCWNet??

A black and white logo is preferred for easy printing and replication. Please email ideas to [blumbev@aol.com](mailto:blumbev@aol.com)

by **March 31, 2009.**

The winner will be chosen by the Steering Committee and will receive a

**special prize.**

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