

Applications for 1997 Ward Sinclair Internship Due March 15

To honor the late Ward Sinclair — an organic farmer, a writer, and a member of the Wallace Institute's Board of Directors — the Wallace Institute awards one internship each year to a person desiring the "hands-on" experience of working on a farm that produces and direct-markets food, combined with a policy exercise dealing with the direct marketing of food. Interns spend approximately half their time working at the Flickerville Mountain Farm and Ground Hog Ranch in Dott, Pennsylvania, the farm established and managed by the late Ward Sinclair, and Cass Peterson, who supervises this half of the internship. In 1997, the other half of the internship will be spent working with the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture on marketing issues.

Applications for the 1997 Ward Sinclair Memorial Internship Program are due on March 15. For more information or a brochure about the internship, contact the Wallace Institute, 9200 Edmonston Road, Suite 117, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (301) 441-8777.

Wallace Institute Launches New Policy Project; Clancy Named Director

The Wallace Institute has launched a new project, "Designing a Policy Framework for Food, Agricultural and Rural Sustainability." The five-year project is being funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, which has contributed \$2 million to be dedicated solely to the project. The director of the effort is Kate Clancy, former Professor of Human Nutrition at Syracuse University, New York.

Building on work already begun by regional sustainable agriculture working groups, the Integrated Farming Systems Network, the Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, and other efforts, the project will seek to develop a shared vision of sustainable agriculture and supportive food and agriculture policies at the local, state, and national level. Working with sustainable agriculture leaders across the country,

Clancy will organize and lead a systematic process to create the foundation for longer-term and proactive policy development and decision-making for a sustainable food and agricultural system. The Wallace Institute staff and others will then analyze these interacting policy proposals to identify their tradeoffs, costs, and benefits, and make the results widely available to Congress, government agencies, and the public.

Clancy had been at Syracuse University from 1982 to 1996. In 1985, she was a Visiting Fellow at the National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy in Washington, D.C. For a semester in 1995, she was a Visiting Professor at the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She served on the Wallace Institute's Board of Directors from 1988 to 1994, and has also served as President of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society.

Wallace Institute Board Elects Four New Members

The Wallace Institute's Board of Directors, at its mid-year meeting in September, 1996, in Gainesville, Florida, elected four new members who will start their terms in March. The board meeting was preceded by a reception hosted by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

The four new members elected to the Wallace Institute Board are: Desmond A. Jolly, Agricultural and Consumer Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of California, Davis; Extension Economist, University of California; and Director, Small Farm Program, University of California. Deborah A. Neher, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, University of Toledo; former Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Associate, Department of Plant Pathology, North Carolina State University; and former Research Assistant, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Davis. Robert I. Papendick, Soil Scientist, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Washington State University; former Research Leader and Supervisory Soil Scientist, Land Man-

agement and Water Conservation Research Unit, USDA-ARS, Pullman, Washington; and former Research Leader, Subarctic Agricultural Research Unit, USDA-ARS, Fairbanks, Alaska. Frederick V. Payton, Assistant Professor, Institute of Community and Area Development, University of Georgia; Director, Southwest Georgia Alternative Agriculture Project; and former Senior Scientist and Interim Director, Central America and Caribbean Region, International Potato Center.

Dr. Vidaver Named to New USDA Advisory Board

Dr. Anne Vidaver, President of the Wallace Institute Board of Directors and Chair, Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been named to the newly created USDA National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, authorized by the 1996 farm bill. The board will advise the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on agricultural research, extension, education, and economic policy and priorities.

Thompson Farm Publishes Annual Research Report

"Alternatives in Agriculture," the 1996 annual research report of Thompson On-Farm Research in Boone, Iowa, is now available. The report updates all previous reports with summaries of the research done by Dick and Sharon Thompson, and is published to be "helpful to both farmers and the research community." Research is categorized in nine chapters: Inspiration, Documentation, Education; Fertility; Cover Crops; Alternative Weed Management; Crops; Water Quality-Soil Health; Economics; Livestock; and Farming for Better Communities. The publication of the report and the 1996 research work at the Thompson Farm is made possible by the financial support of Mrs. Jean Wallace Douglas through the Wallace Institute. Copies of the report are \$10 each from Thompson On-Farm Research, 2035 190th Street, Boone, IA 50036-7423; (515) 432-1560.

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Guide for Authors

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The American Journal of Alternative Agriculture (AJAA) publishes original research on biological, physical, or social science aspects of alternative agriculture. We particularly welcome multi-disciplinary studies, but papers from a specific discipline also are invited. However, since AJAA readership is much broader than for a single-discipline journal, highly specialized terminology should be explained or avoided. The significance of a statement, or the reasoning behind a conclusion, may have to be spelled out more than in a more specialized journal. See Vol. 5, No. 1, pp 2 & 3, for an explanation of the various categories of articles.

Units

Research papers should use the International (SI, or metric) system throughout. Occasional use of common unit equivalents in parentheses is permitted.

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References should be listed in alphabetical order by author's name, and by year for a particular author (with letters after the year if needed). If a sole author is also the lead author of papers with

multiple authors, use the following order: single author (by year); two authors (alphabetically by second author's name); three or more authors (by year). Repeat the author's name for each reference. Give the names of all authors in the reference; never use "et al."

Use full names of journals, institutions, conferences, etc., except for extremely familiar abbreviations like "Dept." Remember that an abbreviation familiar to you may not be familiar to readers outside your field. If in doubt, write it out.

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Tables should fit on one page, be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals, and be on a separate sheet. Every figure and table should be mentioned at least once in the text.

A detailed guide to formatting is available from the editor (address below).

Submission of manuscripts

Submit four high-quality copies to William Lockeretz, Editor, American Journal of Alternative Agriculture, School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155. The cover letter should state that the manuscript is an original contribution that has not been published elsewhere in substantially the same form, that it is not currently under consideration elsewhere, and that permission has been obtained for any copyrighted material used.

How you can help support the scientific and educational needs of a sustainable agricultural system

A growing number of Americans have become concerned about the long-term sustainability of our food production system. Farmers and agricultural scientists are among those raising questions about the growing dependence of modern farming on nonrenewable resources, the depletion of our resource base through soil erosion, and heavy reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Continued heavy reliance on farm chemicals is questioned because they have become an expensive production input. Their widespread use also raises questions about human and animal health, food quality and safety, environmental quality, and the continued demise of the family farm.

Low-input alternative farming methods address these economic and environmental challenges. Alternative production systems point the way toward more profits, more individual choice, and long-term sustainability for our food system. More must be done to develop effective ways to make sure research, education, and information sources are readily available to farmers who want to adopt these techniques.

The Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture needs your help in meeting this challenge. We are a nonprofit tax-exempt research and education organization established in 1983 to encourage and facilitate the adoption of low cost, resource conserving, and environmentally sound farming methods. We work directly with government agencies, colleges and universities, producer groups, and other institutions that provide research, education and information services to farmers.

The Wallace Institute also provides these services:

- *A resource to lawmakers and others who influence agricultural research, education, and information policy*
 - *A voice for alternative agriculture in Washington*
 - *A sponsor of research and education outreach programs*
 - *A national clearinghouse for information on alternative agriculture*
 - *A publisher of reliable scientific information on agricultural sustainability*
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If you're interested in helping us, please contact the Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture, 9200 Edmonston Road, Suite 117, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1551. The phone number is (301) 441-8777.



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