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INSTITUTE NEWS

Wallace Institute Board Elects Four New Members

The Wallace Institute's Board, at its mid-year meeting on September 10 in Madison, WI, elected four new members who will start their terms in March, 1995. On the Friday evening preceding the meeting, the board attended a reception at the University of Wisconsin hosted by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Cooperative Extension. Following the Saturday meeting, board members toured several research projects at the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute in East Troy, WI, including an integrated cropping systems trial which compares the production, profitability, and environmental impact of six different cropping systems that range from high to low in levels of purchased inputs and crop diversity. The new board members are:

Dr. Frederick Kirschenmann, farmer and manager of Kirschenmann Family Farms, Windsor and Medina, N.D.; former Chair of the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program's Administrative Council; and current member of the Wallace Institute's President's Council.

Dr. Frederick R. Magdoff, Professor in the Department of Plant and Soil Science, University of Vermont; Chair, Soil Science Society of America's Soil Test and Plant Analysis Committee; and Coordinator of the Northeast Region SARE program.

Dr. Mazo Price, Dean and Director/Professor, School of Agriculture and Home Economics, 1890 Research and Ex-

tension Programs, and Professor, Department of Agriculture, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; and former project leader, Farming System Research Project, World Bank, Rwanda.

James H. Stephenson, Advisor to the Governor of Pennsylvania; chair, Inter-Agency Council on Food and Nutrition; and former Executive Director, Pennsylvania Coalition on Food and Nutrition.

Members of Wallace Institute's President's Council Named

Michael Heller, President of the Wallace Institute, has announced the members of the 1994-1995 President's Council, formed four years ago to provide guidance and support for Wallace Institute activities in promoting a more sustainable agricultural system in the United States and abroad.

Members are: Dr. Jill Shore Auburn, University of California, Davis; Dr. Charles Benbrook, Benbrook Consulting Services; Norman A. Berg, Washington Representative, Soil and Water Conservation Society; Hon. Bob Bergland, Roseau, MN; Hon. George E. Brown, Jr., U.S. House of Representatives; Ron Ellermeier, farmer, Glenvil, NE; Robert Gray, Resource Management Consultants; Ralph Grossi, President, American Farmland Trust; Dr. R. Jim Hildreth, Elmhurst, IL; Ms. Dana Jackson, Land Stewardship Project; Dr. Dennis R. Keeney, Director, Leopold Center, Iowa State University; Hon. Patrick J. Leahy, U.S. Senate; Dan Martin, Director, World Environment and

Resources Program, MacArthur Foundation; Dr. Ned S. Raun, Stillwater, OK; Ronald L. Rosmann, farmer, Harlan, IA; R. Neil Sampson, Executive Vice President, American Forestry Association; Edward Sills, Pleasant Grove Farms, CA; Dr. David G. Topel, Dean, College of Agriculture and Director of Experiment Station, Iowa State University; and Dr. Stephen Viederman, President, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation.

Kathleen Merrigan Joins Wallace Institute Staff as Senior Analyst

Kathleen Merrigan, a former Senior Legislative Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, has joined the Wallace Institute as Senior Policy Analyst. She will play a dual role, assuming responsibility for coordinating legislative and regulatory affairs for the Institute as well as undertaking important analytical efforts beginning with an intensive critique of sustainability definitions. Ms. Merrigan's work on the Senate Agriculture Committee from 1987 to 1992 included responsibility for science and technology policy development and overseeing agricultural appropriations for Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy. She recently completed courses and comprehensive exams for her Ph.D from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is now working on her dissertation on defining sustainability in agriculture.

