

Japan Intellectual Support Network in Agricultural Sciences

Founded on November 30, 2009, the Japan Intellectual Support Network in Agricultural Sciences (JISNAS) serves as a bridge between the universities that are committed to playing a part in international cooperation activities in the field of agricultural sciences and the international institutions/organizations that specialize in agricultural research. The ICREA, which was one of the founding members of the JISNAS, has served as the secretariat for JISNAS with a clear mission and vision in mind.

There are various ways through which universities can contribute to international cooperation. They could, for example, provide advanced education and training programs to concerned parties in both developing countries and Japan, conduct academic research to investigate the problems that exist in developing countries, carry out international development studies, or actually take part in international cooperation. Since its foundation, the JISNAS has shared its knowledge and experience with the international community through various activities (e.g., educational/research activities, social contribution activities, etc.) in the field of agricultural sciences. With the recent advancement of social and economic globalization in advanced as well as developing/emerging countries throughout the world, the needs for international cooperation are becoming increasingly diversified and complicated. It is therefore important more than ever to expand the network of international agricultural cooperation that brings together the wisdom of personal insights.

Through promotion of international cooperation in agricultural education and research activities, the JISNAS has not only contributed to successful human resources development in developing countries but also offered high-quality learning opportunities to aspiring individuals in Japan who are willing to take part in international education, joint international research programs, and international cooperation. This success is expected to strengthen the roles of academic and research institutions in the international community. In 2015, the Rural Development Department of JICA and the JIRCAS have also joined the JISNAS. As of July 2019, the JISNAS has 53 group members and 120 individual members, and is funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and the JICA.

Committees of JISNAS

Committees name	Contents of the activities
Seminar and Symposium	Planning and management of those such as JICA-JISNAS Forum
Journal	Journal : Editorial Board of the academic journal "Journal of International Cooperation for Agricultural Development (JICAD)" (planning, editing, and publishing)
International Cooperation	Collaboration with JICA and the other International Organizations
International Research	Strengthening cooperation between the network and collaborators to promote international research programs
Human Resources Development	Promoting international career of young researchers and students, supporting recruit



Organization Chart

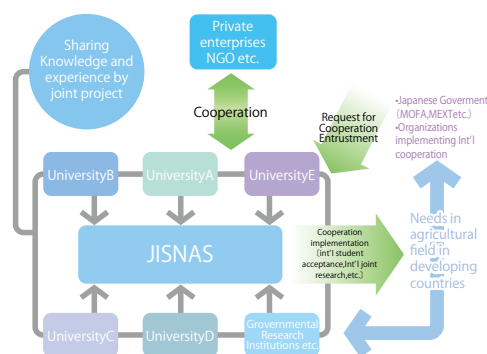


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Open forums and seminars

The ICREA holds a forum every year to address important topics relating to the fields of agricultural education and international cooperation. Researchers and other professionals from both inside and outside the country who are experts on the subject matter are invited to give lectures in this forum. The forum is open not only to people from academic institutions but also to the general public. Furthermore, several times a year, a subject matter expert (e.g., an agricultural expert with practical experience in international cooperation activities in developing countries) is invited to conduct an open seminar for researchers, students, and the general public who may be interested in international agricultural cooperation.

