

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 Economic Development Department of JICA and the JIRCAS have also joined the JISNAS. As of October, 2023, the JISNAS has 60 group members and 143 individual members, and is funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

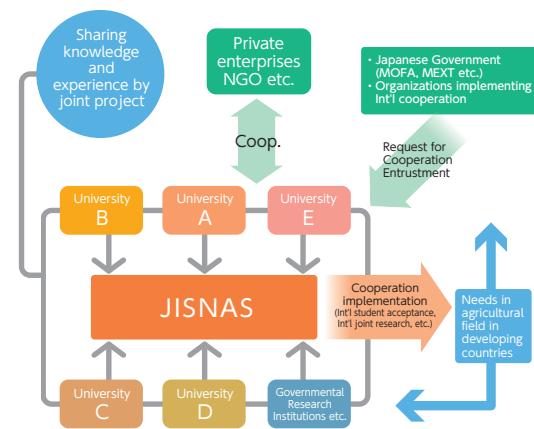
Committees of JISNAS

Committee name	Contents of the activities
Seminar and Symposium	Planning and management of those such as JICA-JISNAS Forum, JISNAS-FAO joint seminar.
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



Image of JISNAS



Open forums, seminars, and email newsletters

The ICREA holds open forums to address important topics relating to international education, international joint research, and international cooperation in the field of agricultural sciences. Subject matter experts, including researchers and professionals, are invited from both within and outside the country to deliver lectures in these forums. Held periodically as relevant topics arise, these forums are open not only to people from academic institutions but also to the general public. Additionally, several times each year, seminars are held that are open to researchers, students, and the general public, where experts in agricultural research and international cooperation share insights to support the development of developing nations. The ICREA also disseminates quarterly email newsletters to its subscribers, reporting on its current research activities.



Group discussion during an open forum.



Speakers from various countries are invited to deliver lectures during an open seminar.