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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### EDITORIAL

The Executive Committee met in Sana'a, Yemen last September and reviewed the progress of the activities of the Association since its last meeting in Marrakech. The progress included the activities of Networks and the Regional Agricultural Information system. The committee took important decisions during this meeting such as the inclusion of farmers and NGOs representatives in the governing bodies of AARINENA to be invited to future meetings. Such move will promote the exchange of agricultural, scientific and technical experience and information to farmers.

The Committee recommended constitutional amendments regarding the Executive Secretary to be appointed by the executive committee for a period of four years renewable once according to his technical competence and to the rules and conditions and terms of employment set by the general conference. The committee reviewed the 7 offers received from member institutions to host the permanent seat of the secretariat and recommended ICARDA to host the secretariat in order to provide long term stability to AARINENA. The Director General of ICARDA welcomed this recommendation and stated in his letter to AARINENA President that ICARDA will be happy to host the permanent seat of AARINENA Secretariat and to provide all necessary facilities and operational logistics to enable AARINENA Executive Secretary to implement the work plan of the Association. It is expected that such arrangement would eventually result in smoother operation of the secretariat and faster dissemination of AARINENA activities and will strengthen the Regional Agricultural Information System (RAIS).

The program for the 10th General Conference was adopted by the committee to be held in Sana'a in May 2006. All AARINENA members are encouraged to participate in this conference in order to elect new executive committee members and prepare the Association work plan and budget for the next two years. AARINENA goals will not be realized without member's valuable contributions, active interaction and information exchange of current research activities to promote partnerships among all stakeholders.

Executive Secretary

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