

**REPORT ON VISIT TO ETHIOPIA**  
**by Peter Mills**  
**CropLife Africa Middle East**  
**07-December-2003 to 12-December-2003**

**PURPOSE**

- **Presentation:** two presentations on training activities in Africa Middle East.
- **Personnel:** meet with EACA executive personnel; Ziway area Agricultural personnel.
- **Training materials:** hand over and discuss all CropLife Africa Middle East training materials with Ministry of Agriculture staff.
- **Training:** present a two-day Storekeepers course for Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association personnel for accreditation to EUREP-GAP.
- **Training Materials:** Attend and collect all training materials from a two day course "Poisoning, Diagnosis and Treatment for Medical Personnel" by Dr. James Ombega and Dr. Jack Aston.

**ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, 07-December-2003

07h15: Depart Harare (SA025)

08h55: Arrive Johannesburg (SA025)

09h30: Preparation @ Johannesburg airport

13h45: Depart Johannesburg (ET876)

21h25: Arrive Addis Ababa, via Lusaka (ET876)

Overnight: Addis Ababa - Hilton Hotel

Monday, 08-December-2003

06h30: Depart Hilton Hotel

08h30: Arrive Ziway

09h00: Day 1 **Training for Storekeepers** (EUREP-GAP)

18h00: End of Day 1

Overnight: Ziway - Tourist Hotel

Tuesday, 09-December-2003

08h30: Day 2 **Training for Storekeepers** (EUREP-GAP)

17h00: End of Day 2

Overnight: Ziway - Tourist Hotel

Wednesday, 10-December-2003

09h00: Day 1 **Training for Medical Personnel** (Poisoning)

18h00: End of Day 1

Overnight: Ziway - Tourist Hotel

Thursday, 11-December-2003

09h00: Day 2 **Training for Medical Personnel** (Poisoning)

12h00: End of Day 2

13h00: Depart Ziway

15h30: Arrive Addis Ababa

16h00: **Administration:** Printing, copying

19h00: **Meeting** EACA - Mesfim & Windemu

20h00: Dinner: Jack, Windemu, Getachew, James

Overnight: Addis Ababa - Hilton Hotel

Friday, 12-December-2003

03h05: Depart Addis Ababa (ET857)

08h45: Arrive, Johannesburg (ET857)

10h00: Report writing & administration

Overnight: Cape Town (holiday!!!)

## KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Getachew Cherinet, EACA executive officer.
- Belete Demissie, Agro-Chem: EACA executive, co-ordinator of training course.
- Merid Kumsse, Head of Migratory Pest Control Team, Pesticide Regulation Department, Quarantine Pest Control, Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa; closed the Safe Use course.
- Dr. James Ombega, Medical Training Consultant, Kenya.
- Dr. Jack Aston, Responsible Use Training Consultant, Kenya.
- Tsegaye Abebe, Chairman of Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association; General Manager Ethio Flora & Blue Nile Flora Farms, Ziway; opened the Safe Use course.
- Shumet Chanie, Executive Director, Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association.
- Mr. Sileshi Taye, Head Industrial & Institutional Hygiene Control Division, Department of Environmental Health, Federal Ministry of Health; opened the medical training course.
- Mesfin Endezinaw, EACA executive.
- Windemu W/Hana, EACA executive.
- 36 EHPEA storekeepers, supervisors and operators for EUREP-GAP accreditation (Safe Use course).
- 7 medical personnel (Medical course).

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Two presentations, one on training activities to Safe Use course participants, and one on CropLife activities to Medical course participants
- Presented two day course on Pesticide Storekeeping to 36 personnel from members of the Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association.
- Attended and obtained all training materials for two day course on "Poisoning, Diagnosis and Treatment for Medical Personnel" by Dr James Ombega and Dr Jack Aston.
- Attended presentation by Belete Demissie on pesticide application, as part of two day Storekeepers course.
- Discussion and planning for future visits.
- Established that Ed Havis, a UK based consultant used by DFID is supporting the EHPEA - a useful contact, as he is a friend of mine.
- Meeting with EACA executive, regarding training and future training with FAO at ASP training in January.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Plan for future ASP training with FAO in January (GC, PM).
- Plan for future ToT courses (PM, GC).
- Present certificates to participants (GC).
- Present training manuals to participants (GC).
- Collate training materials from medical training (PM).
- Meeting with Dr Bitano, to persuade him to accept CropLife at FAO-ASP inventory and safeguarding training in Ethiopia in January (GC, JLA, JO).
- Meet with Ed Havis, the UK horticultural consultant and set up future training co-operation with DFID, who are sponsoring the Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association (PM).
- Collate application training materials from Belete Demissie's presentation (PM)
- Getachew must attempt to translate the manuals and presentations (GC).

## **CONCLUSION**

Once again Getachew should be congratulated on organising these two training programs. And again good progress has been made. Hopefully we can in future get more co-operation with DFID, who are assisting EHPEA, through a UK based consultant Ed Havis, who is a good friend of mine!!

Once again, I need to comment that we would reach a far wider audience and range of participants, if we run training of trainers courses. Future training must only be ToT courses.

Getachew does need some equipment for further training, such as flip chart stands, laptop, projector. Can we look into this, please?

Discussions with Merid Kumsse may prove fruitful, and we may in future be included in the FAO Obstocks training due to take place in January. *Getachew* needs to follow up.

Very disappointing turnout of medical personnel - only 7 arrived of 22 invited. *Getachew* needs to follow up and ensure better turnouts in future.

## **KEY**

PM = Peter Mills

GC = *Getachew Cherinet*

JLA = Jack Aston

JO = James Ombega

Peter Mills

12-December-2003





Responsible Use Training for Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association. Note the two media cameras!!!



Responsible Use Training for Ethiopian Horticultural Producers and Exporters Association, with Getachew discussing a key point.



Training for Ziway medical doctors, with start up presentation from Dr. Jack Aston & Dr James Ombega from Kenya.