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## Memorandum No. 721

**To:** Delegates to the Standing Committee, Coordinating Agencies, and Members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel

**From:** Executive Director and the Chair of the Working Group on Government Negotiations

**Subject:** Research Associate Program for 2002/03

**Date:** May 1, 2002

The Research Associate Program of the ICAC provides an opportunity for persons in member countries to receive additional training in cotton research, marketing, statistics and economics. The program is conducted in the USA each year, except during the years in which World Cotton Research Conferences are conducted.

The third World Cotton Research Conference (WCRC-3) will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from March 9-13, 2003. Accordingly, the 2002/03 ICAC Research Associate Program will provide partial support to twenty people to attend the WCRC-3.

The Conference will cover all disciplines of cotton production research, transfer of technology, fiber quality and processing of cotton. Prominent cotton scientists have been invited to make keynote addresses. Concurrent specialized sessions and workshops will be held during the Conference. A field trip is planned, and private companies will participate in a trade exhibition.

Consistent with past practice during the first and second World Cotton Research Conferences in Australia in 1994 and Greece in 1998, the Research Associate Program will cover the cost of the registration fee for the Conference, accommodation in Cape Town and the fee for the field trip. The registration fees for Research Associates will be paid directly to the Organizing Committee in South Africa. Each Research Associate will receive US\$750 from the ICAC for lodging and boarding. Persons selected will be responsible for the cost of their travel to and from South Africa and incidental expenses not included in the conference fee.

Each Research Associate will be expected to present a paper at the Conference. Researchers from ICAC member countries are invited to apply for the Research Associate Program 2002/03 no later than August 15, 2002. Researchers must apply through Coordinating Agencies or delegates to the Standing Committee. Applications should include, name, complete address, position, title of the paper to be presented at the WCRC-3, fax number and email address.

The Standing Committee will make a decision on the applications in September or October 2002. Researchers who have not participated in Research Associate Programs in the past will receive preference.