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

From: Executive Director

Subject: Research Associate Program for 2004/05

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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 2004/05 seminar will be held for 10 days from May 9 to 18, 2005. Research Associates should arrive in Washington on May 9. In Washington, participants will learn about new technologies in cotton production research, costs of cotton production and cotton research systems in various countries. They will also be briefed about the work of the Secretariat in the field of cotton trade, prices and cotton use. Experts from the US Department of Agriculture and the US cotton industry will talk about recent developments in the US cotton industry. The program also includes a visit to cotton areas for four days.

Participation in the program is open to persons from ICAC member countries, government agencies, universities and the private sector. Candidates from non-member countries will be able to participate only with a tuition fee of US\$3,000 per participant. Candidates from ICAC member countries will be responsible for their cost of international travel to and from Washington, DC. The ICAC will bear the cost of travel in the USA, lodging and will also pay a per diem of US\$50/day for food and miscellaneous expenses.

Candidates must apply through Coordinating Agencies or delegates to the Standing Committee by January 31, 2005. It is intended that research associates will be selected by the Standing Committee in February 2005. More details on the program will be provided to selected candidates at that time. In the selection process preference will be given to candidates from member governments who have not participated recently in a research associate program. Research associates are expected to make a presentation on recent developments in their countries.