



# SOLAR COOKERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SOLAR COOKER ADVOCATES

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## SECOND YEAR REPORT

### July 2007 – June 2008

In brief, this past year SCIA expanded membership to 77 organizations and 134 individuals and began an interactive SCIA 'wiki,' and the Advocacy Action Task Force worked on an impressive list of collective tasks.

Please take a few minutes from your busy schedule to:

1) pat yourself on the back for a year of hard work,

2) send examples of 'local wisdom' in your projects (see #1 URGENT TASK FOR ALL),

3) check and edit your info on our new internet gathering place and reference for policy-makers, (See SCIA'S NEW INTERNET SITE)

4) If you haven't already, join or renew membership in SCIA for 2008 & 2009. Simple membership form is on the 'wiki' or request another by mail.

SCIA's funds to date are a modest \$2000, which I propose to distribute to regions to support regional networking.

As the volunteer Secretariat, I apologize for tardy responses to correspondence, and any errors and omissions. The Association is growing, has taken a few steps, and will soon be running (flying?) and speaking with booming voice around the world. As always, I welcome your comments and ideas:

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Bev Blum, Secretariat

## NEW NGO MEMBERS

GRADES – AFRICA, NIGERIA

Kagera Development and Credit

Revolving Fund (KADEFU),

TANZANIA

Mixtec Children's Project, MEXICO

The Solar Stove, USA

Women in Peace Education and

Awareness (WOPEDAI), NIGERIA

## #1 URGENT TASK FOR ALL

Please support an application for official relations with the the World Health Organization (WHO) to open new doors for all SCIA members by sending examples of local wisdom in your programs. The WHO Dept. for Health Promotion seeks examples from solar cooker promoters, where indigenous learning has enhanced the usefulness of outside ideas and technologies related to health. These may also be featured at the 7<sup>th</sup> UN Global Conference on Health Promotion in August 2009.

Your examples might include:

- \* How Local Knowledge has influenced your programs,
- \* Why and how Local Knowledge should be protected, and
- \* How it can enhance local involvement, buy-in, adoption, empowerment, cost effectiveness, etc.. For more info see [www.ngos4healthpromotion.org](http://www.ngos4healthpromotion.org).

**Please send short examples (1 page or less) in the next weeks** to our UN Rep in Geneva, Dr. Sonia Heptonstall at [Heptonstall@chenay.com](mailto:Heptonstall@chenay.com).

## MORE ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

### 2. CONFERENCES VISIBILITY

Alert others and participate in related conferences in your region. See January 2009 Food Processing Conference in India.

### 3. WORLD MAP

Join Partnerships for Clean Indoor Air (free) and get on their website's World Map at [www.PCIAonline.org](http://www.PCIAonline.org)

### 4. EDUCATE GOVERNMENTS

on the costs of imports, subsidies and pollution of fossil fuels.



## NEW



## SCIA 'WIKI'

Where is the world's best info to effectively promote solar cookers and influence policy makers? Volunteer creator/ webmaster **Tom Spenheim**, of the awesome solar cooking archive, and his cadre of other volunteers, has created an interactive SCIA wiki site that we all can improve and expand.

Please check, update and expand your information on yourself and your organization if any, at <http://solarcooking.wikia.com/wiki/scia>

Editing is quite easy, but if you prefer, send desired changes to [webmaster@solarcooking.org](mailto:webmaster@solarcooking.org). You are also invited to help reduce reinvention of many wheels by sharing project evaluations, advocacy messages and publicity materials and add your comments on any part of this site.

Two earlier chat spaces for SCIA - one in the 'archive' and one in the wiki had little use and that mostly to swap technical info, sometimes missing the vast info available on the 'archive' – ([www.solarcooking.org](http://www.solarcooking.org)).

With your help we'll see what evolves on the new SCIA site.



## ADVOCACY ACTION

### TASK FORCE:

### BRIDGE BETWEEN SCI & SCIA OPENS DOORS

This volunteer Task Force, comprised of some of the world's best solar cookers advocates, includes but is not limited to SCI's volunteer UN reps. In December 2007 the Task Force set itself 32 tasks and by April reported progress on 2/3 of them. Here is a brief sampling of who your reps are talking to:

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- \* **UNHigh Comm. for Refugees (UNHCR)**, urging documenting of KoZon's pioneer Iridimi project for Darfur refugees in Chad and replicating in other camps.
- \* **The Int'l. Rescue Committee (IRC) Women's Initiative** and **ICVA**, developing guidelines on energy needs (international equivalent to US's InterAction network).
- \* **The Congress on NGOs (CONGO)** to gather and refute oil companies' propaganda as an example of undesirable business influence
- \* **UNCTAD** to waive tariffs where solar cooker materials must be imported.
- \* Corporations for **in-kind** support **such as Tetrapak** reflective material in Kenya, **3M** Petrifilms for Tanzania and Kenya and **IDEX** discount Colilerts for water testing in Kenya.
- \* The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, whose Workshop on Household Energy Interventions in Humanitarian Settings involved SCI ED Patrick Widner and Geneva U.N. reps Heptonstall and Jett.

And there is much more. Here's a partial list of agencies exposed to solar cookers in recent months by one amazing volunteer, Pat McArdle of Washington, DC, US.

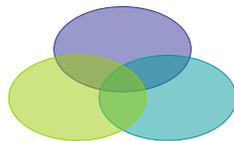


*Patricia McArdle, advocate equally at home in high level meetings giving Power Points, answering questions, feeding skeptics and giving field demonstrations. Her follow-up is equally effective:*

- \* TIDES (Transportable Infrastructure for Development & Emergency Support
- \* International Network on Household Energy in Humanitarian Settings

- \* Red Cross
  - \* Women's Commission for Refugee Women & Children
  - \* Climate & Development Legislative Working Group in Wash., DC
  - \* Google Earth
  - \* Multiple departments of the US State Department including Economic Empowerment in Strategic Regions, Afghan Women's Affairs, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Refugee Affairs, and Int'l Agency Standing Committees Task Force on Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings (IASC Task Force SAFE).
  - \* DC Environmental Film Festival
  - \* Honduran Disaster Relief (COPECO)
  - \* Rotarians in Mexico
- Thanks, Pat!

## SCI + SCIA + Advocacy Action Task Force = WIN-WIN-WIN



On June 16, 2008, leaders of the Association and its umbrella NGO, SCI, connected by Skype across two continents to update each other and review the roles of each vis a vis the other.

We reaffirmed the mutual benefits for all – SCI's access to UN agencies benefits all members, and the Association allows SCI and all members to speak on behalf of 80+ agencies.

**SCI** is a prime international advocate for solar cookers through its accreditation and consultative status with the UN and its U.N. reps in Geneva and New York. As the historic leader in networking among solar cooker experts SCI also provides the *Solar Cooker Review*, query-response services and the archive website ([www.solarcooking.org](http://www.solarcooking.org)), which links directly to SCIA's wiki.

SCI also organized ten regional and international conferences and invites the

Association to continue these as needed in the future.

### Association Members

- \* Can speak and advocate on behalf of all SCIA members,
- \* Contribute educational resources in many languages and examples of sustainable commercial successes to educate policy makers,
- \* Coach other groups in their regions to introduce and promote solar cookers.
- \* Participate in related networks such as Partners for Clean Indoor Air, voluntary carbon credits, and organizations for related technologies such as hayboxes and fuel efficient stoves.

### The Advocacy Action Task Force

- \* Provides a forum for Association Members to contribute ideas on advocacy priorities and specific issues statements.
- \* Recommends and helps develop, effective displays and handouts for specific meetings and venues.
- \* Alerts SCIA members when they can amplify advocacy through local branches of international organizations.
- \* Plans to recruit and train more volunteer advocates for more visibility at large conferences and UN meetings.

Together we can accelerate the spread of visibility and access for solar cookers.

## SCIA MEMBERS HONORED

Congrats to the following SCIA members recently recognized internationally for distinguished work.

### JIMMI MCGILLIGAN

In June Asia Region rep and Director of Barli Development Institute for Rural Women in India was conferred by Queen Elisabeth II of Britain the honor of Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to social causes and the use of alternative energy in rural communities.

### SANU KAJI SHRESTHA

Nepal's Foundation for Sustainable Technologies (FoST) received the World Challenge Award 2007, supported by the BBC World Service, Newsweek and Shell Foundation.

## MARGARET OWINO

In May Africa Region rep and Director of SCI Eastern Africa, received the European Parliament's Kenya ENERGY GLOBE Award 2007 for SCI in Brussels at an international television gala.

## JOE ODEY

The Nigeria office of Teachers Without Borders has honored Joe Odey as Ambassador of the Millennium Development in Nigeria.

### International SOLAR FOOD PROCESSING CONFERENCE 2009

14th to 16th January 2009  
In Indore, India

The **International Solar Energy Society (ISES), Solar Food Processing Network, Barli Development Institute for Rural Women, and School of Energy and Environmental Studies, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, India** are pleased to announce and cordially invite you to participate in the first International Solar Food Processing Conference. Barli Institute will be our host and venue of the conference and will share its many years of experience for this exciting conference.

Solar Food Processing is very old, when we think about traditional solar drying, yet new when we consider new solar thermal technologies and new food processing options. The conference aims to share new technologies, concepts and strategies of using the sun as a main energy supply for food processing with a primary focus on income generation and economic feasibility.

You are invited to submit your paper abstracts until 15th September 2008 in any of the following topics:

- \* Local solar food processing technologies and local parameters
- \* Local marketing / grassroots projects / village industries
- \* International marketing
- \* Packaging
- \* Solar food processing and back-up systems, how to ensure sustainable energy supply
- \* Solar food: quality measures and indicators

\* What is solar food? / definition and quality standards

\* Examples of solar food projects : successes and hindrances, networking and cooperation

You are also welcome to submit abstracts on more than one topic. Authors will be notified by 10 October and asked to submit full papers or prepare poster presentations.

More detailed information about the conference, abstract and paper submission (including the abstract template) and registration can also be found at

<http://www.solarfood2009.org/>.

We look forward to meeting you in Indore in January 2009.

Sunny greetings,

The Conference Team:

Rolf Behringer (Solar Food Processing Network, ISES)

Jennifer McIntosh (ISES)

Heike Hoedt (Solare Bruecke e.V.)

Dr. Janak and Jimmy Mc Gilligan (Barli Development Institute for Rural Women)

Dr. S P Singh (School of Energy and Environmental Studies, Devi Ahilya University), Indore, India

## VISIONS FOR SCIA FOR 2008 - 2009

Together let's

- \* Increase visibility at many related conferences
- \* Streamline and publicize our website
- \* Explore bigger possibilities for mutual support region by region
- \* Explore collective capacity to market and provide to humanitarian and relief agencies solar cookers supplies and fast-response teams for training, set-up and follow-up.
- \* Increase commercial successes and wider use by both rich and poor.
- \* Give all of today's children solar cooking skills.
- \* YOUR IDEAS HERE

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

as of July 2008

AkayConsult, MALAYSIA  
All India Women's Conference, INDIA  
Assoc. pour Dev. de L'energie Solaire (ADES), SWITZERLAND  
Assoc. for Renewable Energy Cooking Appliances (AFRECA), S. AFRICA  
Avinashilingam Deemed University, INDIA  
Barli Development Institute for Rural Women, Indore, INDIA  
Center for Development with Solar Energy (CEDESOL), BOLIVIA  
Center for Development with Solar Energy (CEDESOL), PARAGUAY  
Centre for Rural Technology, (CRT/N), NEPAL  
Chinchani Tarapur Education Soc., INDIA  
Clarte -Dieu, Abbaye de la, FRANCE  
Componente Acceso a Servicios Energéticos (COPASA-GTZ), PERU  
Dev. Assoc. for Renewable Energies, INDIA  
Energia Solar Andina S.R.L., BOLIVIA  
Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Universidade do Algarve, PORTUGAL  
Falk Solar, BOLIVIA  
Foerderverein fur Solarkocher (FSK), SWITZERLAND  
Foundation for Sustainable Technologies (FoST), NEPAL  
Friendly Appropriate Solar Technologies (FAST), USA  
Fundación Inti Uma, ECUADOR  
Gadhia Solar Energy Systems, Pvt. Ltd., INDIA  
Girl Guides Assoc. of Zimbabwe, ZIMBABWE  
GloboSol, SWITZERLAND  
GRADES-AFRICA, NIGERIA  
Hag Global Limited, ENGLAND  
Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, INDIA  
Inst. Ecuatoriano de Invest. y Capitación de la Mujer (IECAIM), ECUADOR  
Int'l. Center for Networking, Ecology Ed. & Reintegration (ICNEER), INDIA  
International Solar Energy Society  
Japan Solar Cooking Association, JAPAN  
Joka Organization for Protection of Environment & Development (OPED), INDIA  
Kagera Dev. & Credit Revolving Fund (KADETFU), TANZANIA  
Keen Youth Malawi, MALAWI  
Kent Sudanese Society, USA  
Kerr-Cole Sustainable Living Center, USA  
Kyoto Twist Solar Cooking Society, CANADA  
Luwero Kids League, UGANDA  
M/S. Padmaja Food Products, INDIA

Micro Enterprise Solar Harvest, USA  
 Mixtec Children's Project, MEXICO  
 Mueller Solartechnik, GERMANY  
 New Energy Works, USA  
 Niño a Niño, MEXICO  
 Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima, EL SALVADOR  
 Partnership Integrated Sustainable Energy Dev. Assoc. (PISDA), ETHIOPIA  
 Project Hope, USA  
 Projectos Solares Inteligentes, COLUMBIA  
 Promoters & Researchers in Non Conv. Energy (PRINCE), INDIA  
 Raps Development Project, UGANDA  
 Red Iberoamericano Cosina Solar (RECOSOL), CHILE  
 Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory, U. of California, USA  
 Rotary Club of Fresno, USA  
 Rotary Club of Kusinta-Lusaka, ZAMBIA  
 Rotary Club of Adana-Seyhan, TURKEY  
 Sobre la Roca Energías Alternativas, BOLIVIA  
 Solar Alternatives & Associated Programs, INDIA  
 Sol Sustenance, Inc., AUSTRALIA  
 Solar Connect Association, UGANDA  
 Solar Cooker Japan (SCJ), JAPAN  
 Solar Cooking Foundation – the Netherlands, NETHERLANDS  
 Solar Energy for West Africa , (SEWA) GERMANY  
 Solar Health and Education Project (SHEP), SWITZERLAND  
 Solar Household Energy (SHE-Inc), USA  
 Solar Serve, VIETNAM  
 Solea Consult, SPAIN  
 Stichting KoZon, NETHERLANDS  
 Sun Baked, CANADA  
 SunFire, SOUTH AFRICA  
 SunStove Organisation, SOUTH AFRICA  
 Synopsis, FRANCE  
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SCIA's purpose is to "improve health, economics, societies and environments through collective actions to spread solar cooking, pasteurizing and food processing."

Want to learn more and support this work? Other ideas? Questions about the Association? Please contact Secretariat Bev Blum at [association@solarcookers.org](mailto:association@solarcookers.org)

