BAPNET

BAPNET is the Banana Asia-Pacific Network. It was established in 1991, as ASPNET, to foster collaborative research on bananas and renamed in 2001. BAPNET operates under the auspices of APAARI (Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutes) and is guided by a Steering Committee, which is made up of heads of the national agricultural research institutes of member countries. This committee meets every two years to review progress and identify research needs and other points of convergence and collaboration among countries. The network is coordinated by Bioversity International.

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Members

Australia: Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Bangladesh: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute
Cambodia: Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
China: Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences
India: National Research Centre on Banana
Indonesia: Indonesian Central for Horticulture Research and Development
Malaysia: Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute
Pacific countries: Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Papua New Guinea: National Agricultural Research Institute
Philippines: Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Agricultural Research
Philippines: Philippine Council for Agriculture Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development
Sri Lanka: Horticultural Crop Research and Development Institute
Taiwan: Banana Research Institute
Thailand: Horticulture Research Institute

Creation
1991 (as ASPNET)

Type
Regional banana network

Region
Asia-Pacific

Coordinator
Agustin Molina

Secretariat
Bioversity International

Members
15 country representatives

Website
banana-networks.org/Bapnet
Vietnam: Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Newsletter

The issues of the BAPNET Bulletin, the network's newsletter, are accessible from the BAPNET website[1].

Other regional R4D networks on bananas

MUSALAC - the Banana Research and Development Network for Latin America and the Caribbean
BARNESA - the Banana Research Network for Eastern and Southern Africa
Innovate Plantain - Innovation platform on plantains

References

1. BAPNET Newsletter

Further reading

Returning home to Asia: How the banana hybrids that were produced using diversity collected in Asia are making their way back home to help smallholders fight banana diseases, in the 2003 INIBAP Annual Report.
Bringing back an old favourite, the capitalist way: How a private-public partnership is helping Filipino smallholders produce Lakatan, their preferred cultivar, in the 2004 INIBAP Annual Report.

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