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**Acad. Hukmatullo Ahmadov,
Chairman,
CACAAARI**

Members

Armenia:	Ministry of Agriculture
Azerbaijan:	National Agrarian Science Center
Georgia:	Academy of Agricultural Sciences
Kazakhstan:	Ministry of Agriculture
Kyrgyzstan:	Ministry of Agriculture
Tajikistan:	Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences
Turkmenistan:	Ministry of Agriculture
Uzbekistan:	Uzbek Scientific Production Center for Agriculture

Recent Developments

- **Acad. Khukmatullo Akhmadov, from Tajikistan, has been elected as new CACAARI Chairman on 16-Sept. 2008**
- **Dr. Abdushukur Khanazarov, from Uzbekistan, has been elected as Executive Secretary of CACAARI**
- **Steering Committee Meeting to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia on Sept. 15, 2009**

Extending CACAARI membership:

- Invitation letters were sent to all CAC research institutions, universities, farmer organizations, extension services, civil society and other relevant organizations in agriculture of the CAC region.
- So far **six** research institutions from Uzbekistan have agreed to join.
- Agreement on mutual membership signed with APAARI (Asia Pacific region)

Strengthening capacity of CACAARI:

- Full time Assistant for CACAARI Secretariat – Anvar Rahmetov
- Part time Web Master for CACAARI-RAIS – Sherzod Qosimov
- Office is located at PFU, CGIAR

Preparations for Global Conference on ARD (GCARD2010)

- CACAARI to initiate formation of:
 - CAC Farmer Consortium – workshop being planned for October 14, 2009
 - CAC NGO Consortium – workshop established for October 15, 2009
- CACAARI to coordinate
 - Drafting of a synthesis paper on regional research priorities and needs, extension and implementation mechanisms, problems and opportunities of ARD in CAC
 - Holding of electronic and face-to-face consultations (September, 2009 and October 16-17, respectively) to discuss the regional document
 - To draft the document and supervise discussions
CACAARI has hired a consultant (Dr. Beniwal)

Further steps (GCARD2010)

**APPARI, AARINERA, CACAARI
and other regional fora are on
the forefront of defining global
agricultural research priorities**

Webpage and listserve

**A website has been launched
<http://www.cacaari.org>**

**Listserve with news about
policies, vacancies,
conferences, scholarships
etc**