

TRAINING CENTERS FOR ORGANIC FARMING IN MADAGASCAR

CHAMP-ECOLE

Situation :

20 km from Ambositra

Accommodation capacity :

Up to 12 people

Accommodation type :

Single or collective Malagasy traditional housing

Specialties in agriculture :

Technical offer :

Organic farming's component :

- > Development of productive spaces on hills and valleys
- > Fertilization and fertility management of cultivated soils
- > Cultural systems of intensive and diverse production

Technical innovations are given to trainees in a concrete way at Champ-école, based on these 3 agrobiological components.

Socio-organization and management :

- > Strategic approach and methodological support for rural development
- > Institutionalization of rural participants and peasant organization
- > Training of PO (Peasant Organizations) for management : TIME management, GOODS management, MONEY management

Specialized thematic offers :

(for trainees from university or college, engineers, master's programs)

- > Scientific basis of fertilization in organic farming
- > Agroecological management of productive spaces on hills and valleys
- > Agroecological and economic analysis of production plans in agrobiological
- > Vegetable products suited for phytosanitary treatments in agrobiological

Public :

For all members of the public and farmers, technicians, students

Training level :

Initiation (no background required)
Improvement
Specialization

Duration :

Short and long durations, from 1 week to several months

Periods :

All year long : Two internship periods at Champ-école, closely linked to cultural seasons :

Period from november to april

- > Development of productive spaces on hills
- > Composting on a large scale, and of quality
- > SRI (System of Rice Intensification)
- > Cultural techniques on fertilized hillocks
- > Non-irrigated crops on « Tanety » (deforested hills with damaged soils)
- > Vegetable growings
- > Liquid manure from vegetable slurries to treat crops
- > Culinary and home-made transformations of agricultural produce

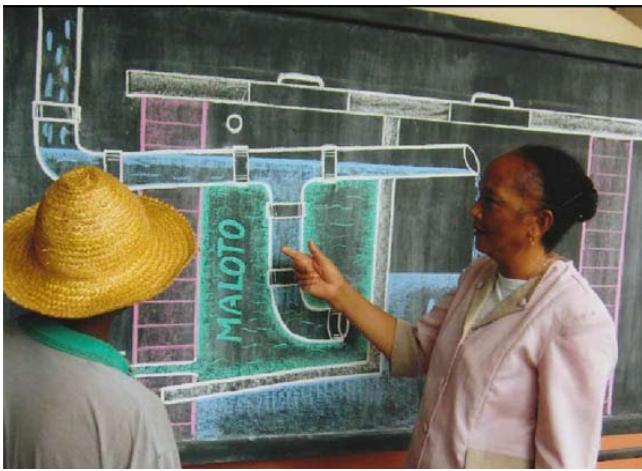
Period from may to october

- > Drainage, dredging of irrigation canals
- > Off-season crops in shallow paddy-field (wheat, barley, potatoes, green peas, carrots, cabbage...)
- > Composting on a large scale, and of quality
- > Liquid manure from vegetable slurries to treat crops
- > Vegetable growings
- > Culinary and home-made transformations of agricultural produce
- > Training in socio-organization and economic results' management

Trainees may choose thematic offers for their internship

Spoken languages : French, Malagasy





TAOEZAKA (courageous project in Malagasy language)

Location:

Two training centres :

> TAOEZAKA I at Fianarantsoa

Engineering organization, concerning housing, agricultural facilities, domestic appliances, school equipment, specializing in composting, gardening, pumping and rice growing (SRI) equipment.

> TAOEZAKA II, 20km from Northern Antananarivo

Reference area for housing, domestic appliances, culinary equipments and agrobiolgy with a specialized library (8 departments, 28 sections) and innovative agricultural, horticultural, rice growing, hand-made and domestic equipment. Offers a practical training based on 12 modules.

Accommodation capacity : Up to 12 people

Accommodation type :

Single or collective Malagasy traditional housing.

Camping is possible

Specialties in agriculture :

- > Composting
- > System of Rice Intensification
- > Off-season crops
- > Market gardening
- > Arboriculture
- > Crops' rotation
- > Seed production
- > Natural pesticides
- > Water control and management
- > Land settlement
- > Small livestock farming

Other specialties :

- > Craft industry
- > Design and fabrication of agricultural tools
- > Ecological housing
- > Furnaces
- > Nutrition
- > Alternative medicine
- > Preservation and transformation of agricultural produce
- > Water potabilization (rainwater collection)
- > Ecological treatment of sewage

Public :

For all members of the public and farmers, technicians, students

Training level :

Initiation (no background required)

Improvement

Specialization

Duration :

Short and long durations, from 1 week to several months

Spoken languages :

French, Malagasy

TATA – Training centre specialized in earthworm culture

Location :

25 km from Northern Antananarivo

Accommodation capacity :

Up to 5 people

Accommodation type :

Single or collective Malagasy traditional housing.

Camping is possible

Specialties in agriculture :

- > Earthworm culture
- > Earthworm composting
- > Agrobiolgy
- > Agroforestry
- > Biopesticides

Public :

For all members of the public and farmers, technicians, students

Training level :

Initiation (no background required)

Improvement

Specialization

Duration :

Short and long durations.

Spoken languages :

French, Malagasy





ZOMA

The main aim of Zoma is to help Malagasy families in difficulty in cities, who would like to come back to the land, giving them a one-year agricultural training.

Location :

250 km from Western Antananarivo, village of Tsiromandidy

Accommodation capacity : Up to 12 people

Accommodation type :

Single or collective Malagasy traditional housing.
Camping is possible

Specialties in agriculture :

- > Livestock-drawn cultivation
- > Enhancing techniques of « tanety » (deforested hills with damaged soils)
- > Food-producing crops : irrigated rice, pluvial rice, corn, soybean, peanuts, cassava...
- > Market gardening
- > Production and breeding of plants' seed and of soil improving legumes (Tephrosia vogelii, Cajanus cajan, Stylosanthes, Macroptilium, Dolichos lablab, etc...)
- > Use of green manure
- > Work on soil improving legumes and on soil regeneration : green manure, compost, improved management of fallow land, no tillage...

Other specialties :

- > Fabrication and repairing of agricultural and domestic equipment
- > Ecological construction
- > Forest plantations

Public : For all members of the public and farmers, technicians, students

Training level :

Initiation (no background required)
Improvement
Specialization

Duration :

Short and long durations, from 1 week to several months

Spoken languages : French, Malagasy

TAF – agro-eco-tourist centre

Location :

100 km from Southern Antananarivo

Accommodation capacity :

Up to 10 people

Accommodation type :

Single or collective Malagasy traditional housing.
Camping is possible

Specialties in agriculture :

Natural farming, composting, earthworm composting, System of Rice Intensification, Seed production, agroforestry, management of soil fertility, off-season crops, crop association, terroir management, livestock-drawn cultivation, and small livestock farming.

Other specialties :

Rural construction, rural dietetics, rural tourism

Public :

For all members of the public and farmers, technicians, students

Training level :

Initiation (no background required)
Improvement

Duration :

Several opportunities, short and long durations

Spoken languages :

French, Malagasy
Acquisition of Malagasy language is proposed

Remarks :

- > Trainees must appreciate field work and be able to adapt to rural lifestyles.
- > We appreciate trainees who like sports and who play music !
- > A new centre is under construction 20 km away from Northern Moramanga.





LGU (Laulanié Green University)

This ecological university devoted to agriculture and agro-tourism offers :

- > agricultural and rural training customized for trainers, highschool students and peasants
- > training for rural tourism (villager tourism or ecotourism)
- > training for local gastronomy based on dietary rules for health and the promotion of local products

The objective of the LGU is to assure an education which maintains indivisible links between sustainable agriculture, alimentation and health.

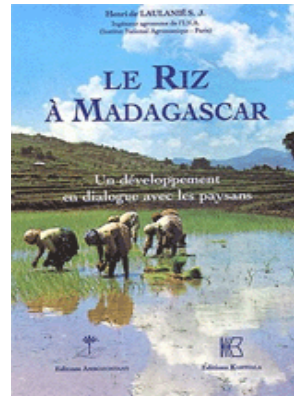
The LGU can welcome students, trainees and foreign farmers on demand for theoretical and practical trainings « à la carte ».

The training centres are also willing to welcome ecotourists with the goal of sharing and discovery of Malagasy rural lifestyle.

Henri de Laulanié, a peasant from Poitou (a French region), an engineer in agronomy, and a Jesuit priest, arrived in Madagascar in 1961 to support Malagasy rural development. A man of genius and a man of the field, he travelled all over the island to serve peasants, together with a small crew of leaders. In 1983, he discovered the System of Rice Intensification.



Before his death in 1995, he created with his fellow workers the association Tefy Saina to promote and to continue his work.



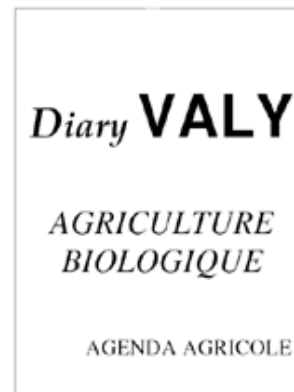
LE RIZ A MADAGASCAR

Un développement en dialogue avec les paysans

Henri de Laulanié S.J.

Editions Karthala

This incontrovertible book written by Father de Laulanié is the detailed analysis of 40 years rural development in Madagascar.



DIARY VALY

Organic Farming

This edition of the Malagasy agricultural Diary Value is devoted to agrobiology. This global view of organic farming was written by Michel Hubert and Edmond Rataminjanahary who betray their precious background, especially to make compost and natural pesticides.

You can download it on our website.

Booklet on SRI : Know-all about the System of Rice Intensification



This booklet was realised by Brother Michel Hubert, and easily explains in a pictorial way the main principles of the SRI. It is bilingual french/english. It is used by many agricultural popularizers, in schools, etc.

You can download it on our website.

For more informations on trainings, internships and the association, you can email us at : srimadagascar@voila.fr and refer to our website www.srimadagascar.org

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