

ASPI 1991 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 1992 PLANS

As of November, about ninety percent of the anticipated ASPI 1991 research was complete.

1. Technical Papers

1991 - The second set of 6 technical papers (Year-round Gardening, Low-cost Housing: Yurt, Solar Hot Water Heaters, Nature Trails, Composting for Gardens, and Masonry Stoves and Ovens) has been completed and is being printed. The first set of 6 papers has been translated into Spanish by Maria De Valasco and will be ready by winter.

1992 - An additional 6 papers to augment the 12-paper series will be completed. These will include: Organic and Intensive Gardening, Rural Solar Photovoltaic Uses, AT Information Systems, Forest Preservation Techniques, Wildlife Encouragement, and Rural Waste Recovery Systems. Also, 6 of the most useful of the technical papers will be translated into French.

2. Waste Project

1991 - The first draft of the manual for the London International Waste Minimization Conference (November 1992) is completed. The work was done by Al Fritsch, with historical and archeological sections written by Rick Calkins, as part of a summer internship program. A second draft will be forthcoming with the able assistance of Timothy Collins.

1991 - The background manual for the upcoming November 1992 London conference will be ready in the late winter. Our office will also be instrumental in conference preparation under the direction of Resource Policy Institute's Art Purcell.

3. Resource Auditing Service

1992 - Ten RAS Audits were performed in 1991, five at locations where we held programs (Santa Monica, CA; Allenspark, CO (two); Poteau, OK; and Harpers Ferry, WV). In addition, four follow-up sessions for previously audited groups were conducted.

Four scheduled RAS workshops were completed in the Far West, Rocky Mountains, Southern Plains and New England with over 200 total participants.

1992 - A College Environmental Resources Audit (CERA) project will be initiated. Lou Niznik Productions of Laurel, Maryland is developing a training film for this CERA project.

A gathering of those who have had audits over the past five years will be held in St. Louis August 14-16, 1992. The group participants will compare progress (and difficulties) in reaching their environmental audit goals and encourage one another to further improvements.

Two new workshop programs -- Eco-Church for parishes and congregations and Improved Indoor Environment for a variety of non-profit institutions -- will be initiated next year.

4. Safe Homes and Affordable Housing Project

1991 - Three workshops were held in Appalachia on native materials, cisterns & compost toilets, and edible landscaping. The proceedings were video and/or audiotaped. A summary of the Indoor Pollution workshops was completed by Phil Stern and is now available.

