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WALLACE CENTER NEWS

Senator Culver Honors Henry A. Wallace at Reception Inaugurating Wallace Center at Winrock

A reception inaugurating the Wallace Center at Winrock International in late spring featured remarks on the significance of the Wallace Center joining Winrock International, and the legacy of Henry A. Wallace, former Vice President and Secretary of Agriculture. A historical overview was given by Jean Wallace Douglas, Henry A. Wallace's daughter, Honorary President of the former Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture, and long-time supporter of the Center's work. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Winrock International President Frank Tugwell, and Wallace Center Managing Director Kate Clancy emphasized the importance of the merger. Former Iowa Senator John Culver's address focused on the accomplishments of Henry A. Wallace, and the links between Wallace and the Wallace Center's work.

"The Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy, in analyzing these changes [in agriculture] and in proposing policies to ensure a healthy and productive future for American agriculture

and rural communities,' is doing exactly what Henry A. Wallace and his father and his grandfather would be doing if they were alive today," Culver said. "The Center's work in fostering sustainable and equitable agriculture and food systems through their research, promoting natural resources management, strengthening rural communities, and shaping agricultural and food policy agendas will compliment the work of Winrock's domestic and international programs, and ensure the continuation of the Wallace family legacy."

He concluded that "the Wallace Center in conjunction with Winrock International is faithfully carrying on the evermore challenging but rewarding work which [Wallace] began over 100 years ago."

Report Identifies Challenges, Potential of Organic Foods Market

The future of the organic foods industry "looks bright" if it can meet major challenges that include ensuring that products labeled "organic" satisfy the criteria for organic food, according to a new report published by the Henry A. Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy at Winrock International. *Organic Food*

Markets in Transition, by Carolyn Dimitri of the USDA's Economic Research Service and Nessa Richman of the Wallace Center, identifies the most critical issues confronting the organic foods industry, develops potential approaches to resolve the issues, and outlines a future research agenda.

As the organic foods market develops, defining a uniform standard for organic foods is one of the two most critical challenges it faces; the other is identifying why out-of-stock problems persist at the retail level, and taking appropriate measures to correct them. "New and established companies can coexist and prosper—provided that they squarely face the challenges posed by an immature distribution network and less than complete regulation," the report said. "If they are successful, the organic foods industry has the potential to deliver significant environmental and social benefits not only to its own suppliers and consumers, but also to society at large."

Organic Food Markets in Transition is \$15 from the Wallace Center, 9200 Edmonston Road, #117, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (301) 441-8777; e-mail wallacecenter@winrock.org.