

Dear Interested Persons,

Thank you for your interest regarding the upcoming United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) Conference.

Our organization's membership includes Agricultural Library professionals & those that serve the Agricultural field's informational needs. Our Mission (from our website at <http://usain.org/>) states: "The United States Agricultural Information Network provides a forum for discussion of agricultural issues, takes a leadership role in the formation of a national information policy as related to agriculture, makes recommendations to the National Agricultural Library on agricultural information matters, and promotes cooperation and communication among its members."

This Conference is targeted toward agricultural librarians. It is NOT a scientific or technology-based meeting. A letter of invitation is not required to register for the Conference. If interested, you, or your personnel, may look for information and communication regarding the Conference at the Conference web site which is now available at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/usain/>

We are a small organization, of less than 200 members, and do not have the financial capability of sponsoring international travel. All arrangements for travel, accommodations, and registration are your responsibility.

Our organization does not assist directly with international visas or issue letters of invitation. As we understand it, it is best for you to go through your country's Ministry of the Interior or Ministry of Education for a letter of official authorization for travel to be addressed to the U. S. Embassy in your country, requesting a visa be issued. Any evidence required regarding the importance of the conference and appropriateness of attendance of particular individuals is their responsibility and should be gathered from the Conference website cited above.

I regret to inform you that USAIN will not issue letters of invitation to unknown persons.

Good luck & Good day!

Sincerely,

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