

CIP's Mission is to help increase food production, generate sustainable and environment-friendly agricultural systems, and improve the well-being of mankind by:

- (a) conducting coordinated, multidisciplinary research programs;
- (b) carrying out extensive collaborative research and training designed to strengthen the capacity of national research programs to determine and use the unique potential of the products of CIP's Mandate within different food systems;
- (c) catalyzing collaboration between countries to promote mutual comprehension and interdependence in the solution of common problems, and
- (d) helping scientists worldwide to successfully and flexibly answer the changing demands of agriculture.

CIP has all the faculties deemed necessary and will be able to assume the obligations considered convenient for the achievement of its objective. In consequence, and without considering the following list to be limiting as it is presented here only as an example, CIP will perform by itself or by commissioned third parties the following activities:

- (a) Conduct research programs that contribute to the improved production of potato, sweetpotato, and other tuberous root crops in the host country or in any other country of the world.
- (b) Collect, maintain, and distribute germplasm so that it can be used in the host country or in any other country of the world.
- (c) Assist in the development of related institutions established in the host country or in any other country of the world.
- (d) Train researchers working the areas of responsibility of CIP
- (e) Publish and distribute the results of the research.
- (f) Establish a computerized information center and organize a specialized library and a herbarium.
- (g) Organize conferences, meetings, round tables and seminars, both national and international, related to the improvement activities of the products contained in its Mandate.
- (h) Participate in all the activities related to the objective of CIP.

**ARTICLE 5. - Legal Capacity:** In the exercise of its activities, CIP will be able to carry out all operations and hold all contracts and, in general, carry out all that is pertinent or necessary to fulfill its social mission, without limits or restrictions of any kind.

Without considering the present enumeration as restrictive but merely enunciative, CIP has, in particular, the following faculties:

- (a) Secure, acquire, or in any way legally obtain franchises, licenses, rights, concessions, or other similar rights, as well as assistance, whether financial or of any other nature, from any public or private entity, be it an authority, institution or governmental organization, private enterprise, company, association, foundation, university, person, or, in general, from any other international, regional, or national entity whichever its nature may be.
- (b) Secure, acquire, or in any way obtain through donation, purchase, concession, barter, lease, unrestrictedly or in trust, or through any other legal title, all kinds of properties be them real or contractual positions, funds, shares, objects of value or other rights as well as possess, conserve, administer, use, benefit, sell, transfer or dispose in general or those rights and properties.

