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About Volume VIII of TRIP

The Resources of International Permaculture - **TRIP** - is a directory of organizations that encourage aspects of sustainability. Permaculture is a wholistic process for designing human settlements and lifestyles through the application of the lessons learned from Mother Earth, most particularly from the design of ecosystems. Permaculture is distinguished by its wholistic, integrated design approach regulated by a code of ethics. Almost all the technologies and systems woven into permaculture design are taken from the excellent work being done in such fields as alternative economics, appropriate technology, sustainable food systems, and green politics. **TRIP** serves permaculture workers, and others concerned with sustainability, by providing a directory--a Green Pages if you will--to a number of such groups working around the world.

TRIP makes no claim to be complete or infallible. Doubtless there are thousands of additional groups that could be listed. We have taken great pains to catch mistakes, but we probably have not found them all. And we are unquestionably biased. Those countries, and regions within countries, where I most often teach are disproportionately represented. **TRIP** began as a personal file

that we published as a service to others and its personal bias persists.

As its sister publication, *TIPS Journal*, **TRIP** is a reader or user generated publication. If you find an error, or feel that a group should be included (or should not have been included), or learn of an address change, let us know. We are rigorous in recording such input.

The first four volumes of **TRIP** were included as a reference section in *TIPSY*, finally known as *The International Permaculture Species Yearbook*. *TIPSY* became *TIPS Journal (The International Permaculture Solutions Journal)*, published in smaller installments, and **TRIP**, now published separately, has grown from under 1,000 entries listed under eight categories in the last *TIPSY* to about 2,000 entries listed under 17 categories in this edition.

In **TRIP V**, we announced a major change in the classification of "Permaculture Centers." Many groups that use the name "Permaculture" in their title were cut from this category, mostly reclassified as "Bioregional Groups." This was based on a mailing of a special form to every group that we had previously listed under the "Permaculture Centers" category. I had become concerned that

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a number of such groups were neither demonstrations of applied permaculture nor centers of information in any way. The "Permaculture Centers" category now includes only those groups that we feel perform some function of a center.

Permaculture organizations that seem to be functioning in some way but do not meet our "center" criteria are listed as Permaculture Groups. This is a little more useful than categorizing them as Bioregional Groups. Some entries in this PG category might be reclassified as centers if we had more information.

More inclusive lists of permaculture groups are published by various regional associations (listed under "Permaculture Centers"). Moreover, the permaculture publications that we list report on groups active in their regions. Groups wishing to be listed as Permaculture Centers should send us an SASE or two international return-mail coupons & address label so that we can send them a questionnaire. Or email us at <YankeePerm@aol.com>.

We invite people practicing permaculture consultation or other professional permaculture services to contact us for a listing in our sister database, **The Permaculture Suppliers List (PSL)**. PSL now has about a thousand suppliers listed.

How TRIP Is Updated

To verify the addresses in TRIP, we mail to every group in the directory. The process is more or less continual. New entries are sent a special form to verify the information we have for them. We also mail to selections from TRIP regularly with Yankee Permaculture and Elfin Permaculture promotional mailings, so that we receive address corrections when there have been changes. In addition, we use the database a lot in our publications, teaching, and design work. In many ways, the course of use generate updates.

TRIP also rents its mail list to other compatible groups and offers rebates for address corrections.

Ironically, groups contributing to sustainability can be short lived. Since TRIP V, we deleted more than 680 listings based on letters returned from the post office and, to a lesser extent, other criteria. We are now embarking on a special program to weed out groups that do not respond to communications. Whatever good they are doing, they are obviously useless in terms of a directory for networking. So TRIP IX may be smaller than the previous few editions. We expect to have more information about the groups we keep in the directory, however.

All paid subscribers to TRIP receive a subscription to our update service. We aim to publish changes, additions and deletions at least three times before we publish a new edition of TRIP. This saves trees and saves you the expense of buying new editions frequently. If we publish a new edition of TRIP before subscribers get at least three updates, we send the new edition instead of updates. For that reason, all subscribers to Vol. VII, after which we managed only one update, have been sent Vol. VIII.

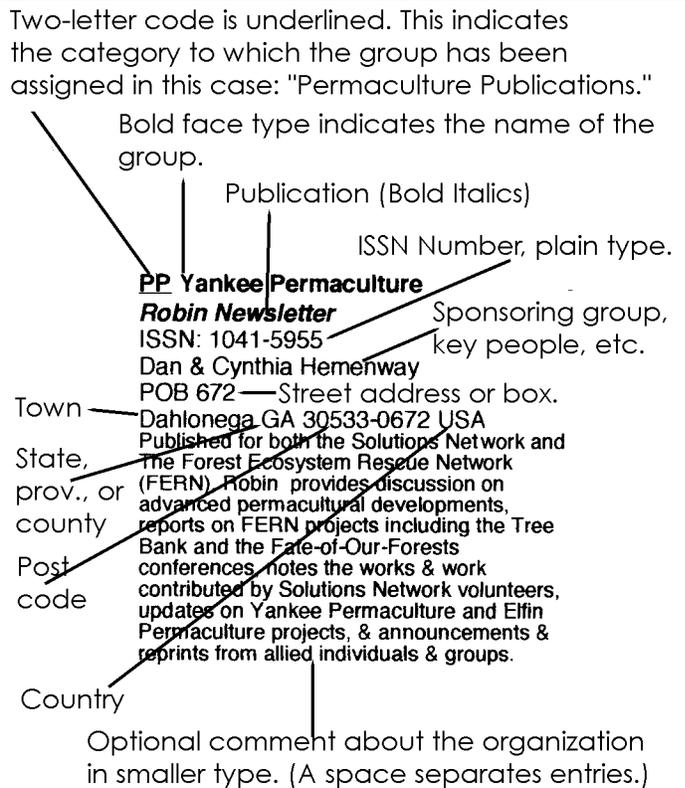
How TRIP Is Organized

This volume of TRIP consists of three parts. In the first section, which begins on page 1, we list the complete address of each entry. These lists are organized by region (Africa, Pacific, etc.), and within each region by country. Regions and countries are both alphabetized. Within each country, listings are organized by post (zip) code, state (province, county, etc.) and town. In most cases, this gives a geographical organization within countries to some extent. While post codes are very useful in this regard, not every country uses post codes, and in some countries that have them, most people do not include them in the address. In those cases, organization may be more haphazard. The only country for which we have a post code for every entry is the USA.

Understanding a Country Listing ("Main Listing")

The country listing is the only place in TRIP where the complete address for each group is given. Therefore to use TRIP, it is important to learn how to find and read the country listings.

Each country listing (or "main listing") has several parts. This is what a typical entry looks like:



Of course there are groups for which no publication is listed, publications without groups, listings without comments, and so forth. Generally, if the title of a group or publication is sufficiently descriptive, we do not comment. Forms of addresses differ from country to country. For simplicity, we use only two formats in this edition.

In review, generally the parts of a country listing are distinguished by typography and arrangement. The code consists of two capital letters in bold face, underlined. The group is printed in bold type. The publication is printed in bold, Italic type. And the rest of the listing is printed in ordinary type, except that the country is in capital letters. Anything following the country and region line is commentary. Each listing is separated from the others by a space.

TRIP also features two indices. An alphabetical index lists first groups and then publications in alphabetical order. Then a category index lists all entries according to one of the 17 categories listed on the front page. More details on using the indices are given below.

How to Use TRIP

Groups by Region

The country listings may be used to find out what groups are located in a particular country or region within a country, where post codes are used. Just find the country that interests you by looking in the appropriate global region. The category code and the names of groups, plus any comments, give information about what groups do. Thus you may find groups working on Food System (SF) issues in Norway by finding Norway under Europe and looking for all the SF designations.

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If You Know the Name of a Group

To help find information about a group whose name, but not address, is known, each group and each publication is indexed in alphabetical order. Besides the title of the publication or group we list the state (province, county, etc.), post code (zip code), and country, so that the full address may be found easily in the country listing.

If you want an alphabetical listing with complete addresses, we can provide one on a special order basis at double the current price for the print version of **TRIP**.

Send SASE or international return mail coupons with inquiries, please. If you have a computer, let us know the operating system and disk formats that you use.

Using Category Listings

Each group or publication listed in **TRIP** is assigned one of 17 categories listed on the front page. In this section of the directory, we alphabetically list the title of each group or publication under the category to which it has been assigned. So, under "Permaculture Centers", we list the name of each of the permaculture centers. So to find an address of a group or publication listed under a category, it is necessary to look up the name under the alphabetic listings and then the full address under the country listings. As above, we can provide a custom print-out of full addresses for any category on a special order basis.

Updates

Subscriptions to **TRIP** come with an update service. To keep you up to date with changes that take place between volumes, we will send you notices of information that has changed including new listings, deletions, and modifications to listings. We plan on at least 3 updates.

TRIP on Disk

TRIP is available as a PDF file (Adobe Acrobat) and as a FileMaker Pro file. The disk version of **TRIP** contains electronic information, including phone and fax numbers, e-mail and URLs, and a keywords' field. **TRIP on disk** is designed to make searches easier and more complete. At present, electronic editions of **TRIP** are available only as email attachments. We expect to be able to provide **TRIP on Disk** via CD-ROM in the near future. The Adobe

Acrobat version will be **TRIP VIII.2** or later. Adobe Acrobat Reader may be downloaded free from the Adobe web page.

Each order for **TRIP on disk** on FileMaker is copied from our master database on the day we process your order. Therefore you get the latest information that we have at that time. The FileMaker version may be updated at any time for 1/2 the price of the database at the time we receive your update order. The FileMaker version costs US \$50. There is no p&h for databases delivered as email attachments.

We can also supply **TRIP on disk** in tab or comma separated text for Macintosh and common IBM-compatible formats, either on floppy diskette or via email attachment. The cost is US\$50 (+ p&h for diskettes.) We may also be able to supply **TRIP on disk** on specific databases and some earlier versions of FileMaker. For each custom operation, add \$10 to the price. Order Yankee Permaculture Paper #27 (special order catalog) for the latest details.

Special Searches

You may rent mail **TRIP** labels for 10¢/label, US\$10.00 minimum, plus shipping (10% in the US, 20% elsewhere, minimum \$5.) We will "find" by the first criterion free and \$10.00 per sort thereafter. We will rebate all postal corrections at 10¢/address + your postage cost to send the corrections to us. Please send at least the portion of the returned envelope with the address panel and the message stamped on the envelope by the Post Office. Agreement to provide corrections is required to rent the mail list.

Except for mail label orders, each data base search and print out will be charged at \$35.00 + \$5.00 per hundred for each 100 entries or fraction thereof over 100. Add \$10.00 per criterion for selecting and/or sorting by more than one criterion. Specific fonts or type face sizes can be ordered for a \$25.00 set up charge plus 10¢/page surcharge. We will generate special page layouts at \$150 per layout. (Letters can be generated for less cost if you provide the text of the letter on computer disk.)

Delivery of custom searches by email is free. For hard copy, p&h charges plus 25¢ per page printing fee apply.

Please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope or international return mail coupons and an address label when writing to the groups in this directory. None of us can afford extra postage expenses. If you possibly can, also include a contribution to support the effort and expense involved.

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