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## New SPP Family members

The SPP is advancing steadily. With pleasure we have received notification of 4 new organizations that have received their certification and therefore have been integrated to the SPP family. These organisations are : **APROCANORSI** from Peru, **CIRSA** from Mexico, **FECAFEM** from Ecuador and **FONDO PAEZ** wich is the first Columbian organisation. All of them are coffee producers. *Congratulations and welcome!*

In what concern the companies, **CAFÉ MICHEL** from France has



also joined the family getting its register as a final buyer. *Congratulations!*



We have also received 3 new applications from three different organizations from Peru, Nicaragua (coffee producers) and the first organization of Paraguay (sugar cane and organic sugar).

The Certification Body of Brazil, “**IBD**”, who participated in the *Fair Trade Global Week in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*, expressed interest in the SPP and is currently reviewing the requirements to start the process of Authorization to operate the certification and registration program in their country.



With pleasure we received interest from Proguia organization with the coffee brand, café MOCINO de Düsseldorf, Germany to participate in the SPP, from their partners Manos Campesinas, which had already participated in the SPP.



### Speaking about the SPP...

Marco Coscione, Italian reporter, wrote about the SPP in "El País" on June 2013 "*The symbol, organized small producers' label is more than a fair trade label. It is an independent and economic certification system for sustainable production, democratic organization, fair trade and self-management. It is the only certification label made from the producers. It is therefore a proposal for direct producer-consumer relationship that comes from the South, and not a proposal imposed from the North*"



Marco Coscione

### Changes in the SPP Work Team



We are pleased to announce that CLAC's producer networks has strengthening lately. CLAC's operating team recently expanded introducing new "Strengthening Coordinators". Among the members of this new team is the Mexican Lorenzo Nigo, faithful collaborator on Quality and Development issues, ex member of the SPP. We wish him a lot of success in his new role, supporting the work of the Fair Trade Mexican Coordination. Congratulations CLAC, for the sake of the small producers organizations.

### News from the regions

The National Fair Trade Coordinator of Peru announced that October 2013 will mark the second meeting of Andean Trade Fair, at the headquarters of the historic COCLA organization, where the SPP will be present. This is the second edition of the successful first andean meeting organized last year in La Paz, Bolivia. *Stay tuned for the next news!*



### News from SPP's Cooperatives

The Union of Indigenous Communities of Istmo, UCIRI, from Oaxaca, Mexico announced that in October they will celebrate their 30th anniversary during its renowned Farmer Festival (Festival Campesino). A historic moment for the movement of small organized producers, organic production



and Fair Trade , given the pioneering role played by this exemplary organization. *Congratulations UCIRI!*

**CEPICAFÉ-NORANDINO** recently won the first place in White Cocoa and fifth place in Chulucanas Cocoa during the VII National Contest Cocoa Quality in Peru. Further evidence that organized smallholders produce high quality products...[read more](#)



### Novelties of the Certification System

A final revision of the SPP's New General Standard is being made, especially in terms of the definition of Small Producers' Organizations. There has been an interesting exchange of opinions of this definition from the Second Meeting of the SPP in Ecuador, at the end of last year. The challenge is to find a good balance between the interests of the smaller producers and realities of each region and product. We will publish it in a maximum period of one month. *Stay tuned!*

Remember that in May we published some new documents, among which are:

- o Cost Regulation
- o Graphic Regulation
- o Guidelines for Registration, Control, Payment and Use of SPP
- o Guidelines for registration sharing (for small producers)
- o Certification and Registration Procedures

You can find them in our website [www.spp.coop](http://www.spp.coop) and if you have any questions, please contact our department of Quality and Certification to [cert@spp.coop](mailto:cert@spp.coop) or Skype: [certificacion1.fundeppo](#)

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