



## PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

### Official Press Release



Newly Appointed CISRI-ISP's Facilitator (India) Prof. Manoj Pant

**Intergovernmental Institutional Spirulina Programme (CISRI-ISP), Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations designates *Prof. Manoj Pant* as its Key Facilitator (India) to join in the fight against severe malnutrition and in support of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.**

[New Delhi, India. 21 June 2006.] Special Advisor (South Asia) Mr. Manish Uprety on behalf of the CISRI-ISP *Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro algae Foods Spirulina against Malnutrition* announced the appointment of eminent economist and expert on trade related issues Prof. Manoj Pant as CISRI-ISP's key facilitator for India.

Prof. Pant is with the Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India for last 20 years. He has authored two books and his works are published widely in internationally referred journals. An eminent speaker on WTO related issues on various international platforms like UN, WTO, UNCTAD, OXFAM and other eminent NGOs on issues of Investment and Competition Policy, he was an Expert Member of the Ministry of Commerce group on Environmental issues in the WTO and of the Consultative Group on Trade issues of the Planning Commission. He is currently the member of the Technical Committee of the Ministry of Human Resource Development for WTO and Trade in Educational Services and Chairman of the Project Review Committee, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India. He is a regular columnist for "The Economic Times" publication.

Prof. Pant was designated by H.E. Mr. R Maradona, Head-Ambassador of CISRI-ISP-Observer Mission to the UN/ECOSOC, who stated ***"The impact of Trade is significant and multifaceted in an ever globalizing world both at macro and micro levels. It has enormous potential to be an important tool for prosperity and will be playing a significant role in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) worldwide. I am confident that the expertise Prof. Pant brings to the organization will be of immense help for CISRI-ISP to explore ideal Public-Private Partnerships to combat severe malnutrition that are especially effective in the context of developing economies"***

**CISRI-ISP in brief:** Our Intergovernmental Institutional Spirulina Programme (CISRI-ISP) works to promote the use of Spirulina against acute malnutrition. It has been established through two Multi-lateral international agreements which are recognized in the UN Treaty Series 1. CISRI-ISP is accredited as a Permanent Observer Mission with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), in keeping with resolution E/2003/212, dated 5 March 2003. Italy is the recognized depository of the Treaties as well as our headquarters. Member States of CISRI-ISP include: Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guinea, Madagascar, Sao Tome and Principe, and Somalia, in accordance with article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. Additional members are welcome.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide relief to emergency victims of calamities, through the use of food micro-alga as alternative low cost protein source to rehabilitate severely malnourished victims.

**Benefits of Spirulina:** Each day, 40,000 children die of malnutrition and related diseases. Spirulina offers remarkable health benefits to an undernourished person and it is a suitable, risk-free food for children according to the UN World Health Organization (WHO). A micro-algae rich in beta carotene to overcome eye problems caused by Vitamin A deficiency and the most digestible protein food with B-vitamin complex, a major nutritional improvement in infants' diets. Only food source, except mother's milk, containing substantial amounts of an essential fatty acid, GLA, which helps regulate the entire hormone system. spirulina is especially important for malnourished people whose intestines can no longer absorb nutrients effectively. Clinical studies have shown it helps rebuild healthy intestinal flora. One tablespoon a day can eliminate iron anemia, the most common mineral deficiency. Children find the taste of this "green medicine" acceptable. One tablespoon a day mixed with water brings remarkable results: within a week children begin to show signs of health improvement and gain weight. OVERALL, it is an excellent food for the rapid recovery of children from malnutrition related diseases in Togo, Rwanda, Zaire, and other developing countries. **(From UN-WHO, Geneva, Switzerland. Correspondance. June 8, 1993)**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The three wealthiest persons in the world have a fortune above the combined GDP of the 48 poorest developing countries. It would take less than 4% of the combined fortune of the 225 wealthiest persons to give the entire world's population access to basic, needs and social services, health, food and education. Source-

***UNDP Human Development Report***

Consider it intolerable that there about **852 million undernourished people in the world**, that **every five seconds a child under the age of five dies from hunger or hunger-related diseases** somewhere in the world, when according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the planet could produce enough food to provide 2,100 kilocalories per person per day to 12 billion people, twice the world's present population.

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