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## What if Einstein were from Darfur, a son of Sudan rather than Germany?

*Mangosteen – unique in its approach to promoting science, scientific research and education - forging healthy and constructive relationships between the scientists and students of the world's developed and developing regions.*

Groningen, The Netherlands (PRWEB) August 9th, 2004 – Whether in 1879 or 2004, if the baby boy who was to become Albert Einstein happened to have been born to parents in Darfur, or other similarly troubled or disadvantaged region in the developing world – as opposed to the German city of Ulm – it's certain that E would still equal  $mc^2$ , and everything in the physical world would still be relative, but it's also certain that it would not have been Einstein who would have told the world, with his immeasurable talents undoubtedly wasted.

### DEVELOPED, DEVELOPING – WHAT MATTERS TO THE TWO WORLDS OF SCIENCE?

Elsewhere, their busy careers mean that the vast majority of the world's leading scientific researchers, the planet's problem solvers and modern day magicians, responsible for extraordinary discoveries, and guardians to the knowledge base and hundreds of years of experimental insight, never step foot in any of the world's developing or least developed nations.

But does it matter that they don't?

Likewise, does it matter that the bulk of those in the developing world that have studied hard and made it to become scientific professionals and academics are so lacking in resources, so short of information, as well as equipment and finances, that it is practically impossible for them to carry out the essential scientific research required to find solutions for so many of their most desperate medical and public health concerns?

Of course it matters. It matters to the scientists who are powerless to help themselves and are unable to do much in the way of productive work, and it matters to their people who remain dependent on the efforts and charity of the developed world for new healthcare treatments and other important scientific and technological developments.

And if it doesn't already matter to many well-resourced, more fortunate scientists across the developed world, Mangosteen, a new socially-minded worldwide initiative based in The Netherlands, believes that it could matter, that for the most part the fact that it doesn't is primarily due to a lack of awareness, and that first-hand exposure is the key to understanding.

With this in mind, Mangosteen exists to provide the perfect opportunity for these hard-working, highly talented professionals to gain that all-important personal exposure - offering them the chance to pick up a life experience that just might not avail itself, or which would otherwise simply prove impracticable.

### DISCUSSING 1st CLASS 1st WORLD SCIENCE IN 1st CLASS 3rd WORLD NATIONS

Intrinsic by its design, Mangosteen's approach ensures that it addresses several important issues – all by arranging for scientists from the developed world to take a cheap, enjoyable and enlightening break away from the daily routine of work:

Mangosteen sets up and runs tailor-made cutting-edge conferences, meetings and all types of scientific gatherings, across a wide range of disciplines, in a number of fascinating, friendly, politically stable and all too often forgotten destinations throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America.

In so doing, the initiative aims to play an important role in the advancement of science in both the established worldwide community and the emerging scientific communities of some of the world's developing and least developed nations.

Founder Anthony F. England, Ph.D. an experienced research chemist explains, "uniquely styled, non-formulaic and structured according to the participants' demands, cost-effective and convenient, small-scale and fun, Mangosteen's meetings escape the traditional conference room environment by being spread across two or more distinctly different sites and venues, so taking the time to include a little of the country itself – definitely more than just the airport, the capital, a large hotel and the concrete of the conference centre. Not only are participants presented with a relaxed atmosphere and the time to discuss science in a stimulating new environment, but they are also provided with rare opportunities to fully interact with freely invited participating scientists and students from institutes in the host nation and neighbouring countries – so, meeting them on home ground, where prohibitively expensive air travel and visa restrictions don't apply.

In the long term, we're sure that the increase in both the quality and quantity of scientific exchanges between these two disparate communities will prove invaluable to both. In the immediate term, the committed scientists and ambitious students working in our host nations welcome the obvious benefits brought forth by greater recognition from the wider world community – not to mention the periodic influx of international expertise, teaching experience, and possibilities for new relationships leading to future collaborative efforts. At the same time, we aim to ensure that the visitors are entertained, that they enjoy their surroundings, and that they feel nothing less than truly enriched by the overall experience – both from a personal and professional perspective.”

As for making a serious business trip feel a little less like work, England adds, “we don't need to do anything to demonstrate the warmth and generosity of the locals, no matter what their situation; they'll do that for themselves. There may not be a lot of luxury in the developing world - there's frequently not much in the way of a well maintained infrastructure as nationals of wealthy countries know it - but there's no shortage of riches. Riches both in the form of the people, the potential of individuals that deserve more of an opportunity than fortune has allowed them thus far, and, be it the Andes, the Amazon, the Sahel or Serengeti, riches in the form of the kind of natural environment that simply doesn't exist in the developed world – of course it would be remiss of us not to factor such outstanding regional attractions into our programmes.”

#### MANGOSTEEN – WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Established to be a fruitful socially-minded enterprise, our name has been chosen to reflect something that is small and natural, that has origins in the developing world, and which is truly amongst the finest of its kind on Earth - but yet, in our experience, is not well known to those in the developed world. The mangosteen is a small succulent fruit which hails from south-east Asia, is frequently referred to as the 'Queen of Fruits', and simply couldn't taste better.

#### OUR WEBSITE – mangosee.com

Take away the T and the N from mangosteen - what's left is 'man go see'. When placed one after another, of course these three small English words don't mean anything. However, although not grammatically correct, this rather primitive syntax perfectly illustrates the simplicity of our approach and objectives, and what Mangosteen is all about, begging the question:

How might a man (or woman) be affected by the developing world if he takes the time to go and see it for himself?

#### *MANGOSTEEN –*

*Moving Scientific Information To The Developing World:*

*Helping Further Science And The Developing World A Little,*

*Helping Scientists Go That Little Bit Farther.*

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