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Dear colleague,

For a number of years now, numerous research activities have focused on the farm as a place of learning. These studies provide different perspectives and contribute to issues related to teaching methodology, particular specialisation and cross-curricular learning. These include for instance aspects of out-of-school and regional learning, the education for sustainable development, social farming and animal-assisted educational activities as well as school garden educational programs.

The Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Lernort Bauernhof [Federal Association "The farm as a Place of Learning"] now has started a science initiative which is aimed at initiating and establishing a national and international exchange of information among scientists who work in the field of learning on the farm. This includes creating an online presentation which is designed to provide targeted information on scientific studies regarding the farm as a place of learning. In addition, it is intended to organize conferences to provide an opportunity for people in this field to meet and exchange information. Please find enclosed the Call for Papers for the first conference to be held on June 11–12, 2010 in Altenkirchen.

We would like to ask you to support our Science Initiative on the farm as a place of learning. Please provide us with data for the online presentation and its categories "Literature", "Research" and "Dates". For this purpose, please fill in the attached form.

We would be grateful if you would submit a paper to this first conference and inform colleagues that might be interested in the event. Please forward the attached documents accordingly – thank you very much!

The mutual exchange will be of real benefit for all participants if we manage provide abundant and high quality input. We will make all efforts to meet this requirement and thank you in advance for all information and ideas you contribute.

Yours sincerely,

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