

2004 Tyler Prize

Barefoot College
Tilonia, Rajasthan, India

Red Latinoamericana
de Botánica
Latin America



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The Tyler Prize Executive Committee announces the awarding of the 2004 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement on its thirty-first anniversary to the Barefoot College and Red Latinoamericana de Botánica. These two regional grass roots organizations are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the training and empowerment of local villagers and young scientists to become environmental stewards within their respective regions of the world.

The Barefoot College in Rajasthan, founded in 1972, is recognized for its pioneering efforts in developing practical means to improve the environment and the quality of life for India's rural poor. The Barefoot College accomplished this by developing and disseminating environmentally-friendly water treatment and energy production techniques, by developing new approaches to resource management and public health and by providing training centers. Barefoot, serving more than 500,000 people, has harnessed the powers of the sun and the rain for lighting and powering facilities in rural villages and by installing hand pumps, piped water supply schemes and roof top tanks to give people easy access to safe drinking water. Web: <http://www.barefootcollege.org>

Red Latinoamericana de Botánica (RLB), also known as the Latin American Plant Sciences Network, a consortium of six graduate training centers in Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Brazil, Chile and Argentina, is recognized for its contributions to advancing botanical and ecological sciences in botanically-rich Latin America through courses, student exchanges and research support. RLB is especially known for promoting regional pride, self-sufficiency and stronger, healthier international relations among the countries of Latin America. Since its founding in 1988, RLB has trained more than 170 graduate-level researchers from 17 Latin American countries, offered 47 graduate courses, more than 80 scientific events and supported 156 small grants for research in Latin America. Web: <http://www.uchile.cl/rlb/index1.html>

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