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**Texas A&M University Professor Jim Norwine Lends Expert
Advice as Member of IALC Board**

June 5, 2003 - Kingsville, TX – Dr. Jim Norwine, noted author and lecturer on environmental geography, provides valuable assistance as a member on the Board of Directors for the International Arid Lands Consortium, according to Kenneth E. Foster, president.

“It’s quite a pleasure to be a member of the IALC board,” said Dr. Norwine, from his Kingsville home. “Not only does it allow me to work in an area of interest, but at the same time I am able to aid in the environmental preservation of arid lands.”

Dr. Norwine holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography from Southeast Missouri State University, a Master of Science in Physical Geography from Indiana State University, and a Ph.D. in Physical Geography and Climatology. His mainstay is teaching Geography at Texas A&M University, where he received the highest academic recognition, the Regents Professorship. In addition to teaching, Dr. Norwine also has experience with the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Prior to this, he worked for Texas Instruments Ecological Services. He also spent time with NASA at the Johnson Space Center.

“Dr. Norwine’s knowledge and experience with the geography of climate change and its impacts on the arid land region presents a great contribution in helping the IALC develop and restore semiarid lands throughout the world,” said Dr. Foster.

Dr. Norwine received the National College Teaching Prize from the National Council for Geographic Education and is a three time Fulbright Scholar. He also devotes time for a scholarship program he started - “Hearts for Minds” - which helps deserving South Texas high school seniors attend college. Dr. Norwine has published a number of works on environmental geography and climate, the most recent being *Water for Texas: Beyond 2000*.

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The International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to exploring the problems and solutions unique to arid and semiarid regions. IALC promotes cooperative research and practical application of new knowledge to develop sustainable ecological practices. The member institutions share a mission to enable people of arid lands to improve the quality of life for future generations. IALC members include the University of Arizona, Desert Research Institute – Nevada, Higher Council for Science & Technology – Jordan, The University of Illinois, Jewish National Fund, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation – Egypt, New Mexico State University, South Dakota State University, and Texas A&M University-Kingsville.