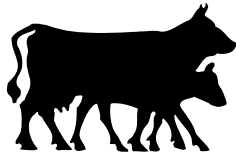




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CONFERENCE ISSUE

Welcome

Welcome to the 24th conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economics. It is really great to see the conference final take off after three years of intensive planning activities. I am deeply appreciative of the very generous help given to me by numerous people over the past three years in putting the program together; over fifty people were involved, this includes paper and poster reviewers. I particularly appreciate the enormous efforts made by David Colman (contributed papers), Monika Hartmann (posters), Herbert Stoevener (mini-symposia and discussion groups) and Jock Anderson (best paper selection competition). Because of their efforts, we have been able to put together a very exciting program for the week. Although the program is very tight we have been able to provide you a lot of variety and choice throughout the week. During the week 135 contributed papers and 195 posters will be presented; you will also have a choice of twenty-five mini-symposia and discussion groups to attend. By the end of the week over 400 individual presentations would have been made covering the range of issues of interest to the IAAE membership. You now have the opportunity to tailor the conference to your own particular needs and interests. I do wish you a great conference and a wonderful time in Berlin. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the next few days.

Prabhu Pingali

Vice President (Program)

Finance Summary

The IAAE acknowledges the support of 28 individuals and organizations that generously provided support making it possible for over 100 developing country participants to this Conference. The total amount of US\$ 95,000 included grants made directly to the IAAE as well as financial support given directly to participants. The table provides a rough summary of the number of participants who received some financial support. The demand for financial support has always exceeded our meager resources. We managed, however, to support as many people as we could even if only partially. Hard choices had to be made based on program participation, with particular emphasis on authors of papers and posters that were competitively selected.

Region	No. of Grantees
China and SE Asia	8
South Asia	18
Russia and Eastern Europe	23
Central Asia and WANA	11
Sub-Saharan Africa	16
Latin America	10

Douglas Hedley, President

Douglas Hedley has served IAAE as founding editor of its Journal, *Agricultural Economics*; as Vice President for Program, 1992-94, arranging the program for the triennial conference in Harare, Zimbabwe in August 1994; and as President Elect, 1995-97. He is the Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch, Agriculture and Agr-food Canada.

Douglas is a native of the Province of Ontario in Canada and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph in 1965. He holds a Master's (1968) and PhD (1970) from Michigan State University. His doctoral chairman was the former President of IAAE, Glenn Johnson.

Hedley started his career in international agricultural economics as a Rockefeller Foundation scholar in Colombia while working on his doctorate. He subsequently worked as agricultural economist at IITA in Nigeria and

as a visiting professor at Gadj Mada University in Indonesia. He also served for a period as Chief of Party and Senior Policy Analyst for a Winrock International Project in Jakarta, Indonesia advising the government on agricultural policy development.

He began work for Agriculture Canada in 1972 with a number of interruptions for overseas assignments. Virtually all of his professional work has centered on policy development and analysis for agriculture and the agri-food sector. He has served on a number of national task forces on agricultural policy. He is currently responsible for managing and negotiating all farm support programs and agri-food industries in Canada. Most recently he coordinated the Department-wide effort for the Minister's Excellence Conference in June 1996 to formulate the policy agenda for the sector for the next several years. Hedley is married and has three children.

IAAE Council Meeting

The IAAE Council will meet Monday, August 14 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in room 207 and Thursday, August 17 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Hall 2.

See Issue #1 of the CowBell for the full Announcement.

AGENDA FOR IAAE-COUNCIL MEETINGS, 13 AND 17 AUGUST 2000

MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2000, 17:30 HOURS

1. Approval of Minutes XXIII Council Meeting in Sacramento
2. Reports
 - a. President: Douglas Hedley
 - b. German Organizing Committee: Harald von Witzke
 - c. Vice President Program: Prabhu Pingali
 - d. Editor: George Peters
 - e. Editor-in-Chief, *Agricultural Economics*: Stan Johnson
 - f. President Elect: Joachim von Braun
 - g. Secretary-Treasurer: Walt Armbruster
3. Long-Term Business Plan: IAAE Executive
4. Proposed change in the IAAE-Constitution
5. Report of the Nominating Committee: Joachim von Braun
6. Preparations for the XXV Conference, 2003, Durbin, South Africa: Douglas Hedley
7. Preparations for the XXVI Conference, 2006: Joachim von Braun

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2000, 17:30 Hours

8. Election of Officers, 2001-2003
9. Confirmation of President, 2001-2003
10. Honorary Life Members
 - a. Report: Joachim von Braun
 - b. Ratification by Council
11. Date and Place of the XXVI 2006 Conference
12. Business arising from 13 August 2000
13. Other Business
14. Appreciation

Proposed Change in the IAAE-Constitution:

Article VIII. Executive Committee Section I.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, the executive officers as listed in Article VI, and two- (three) members elected for three years by the Council.

See the proposal of the Executive Committee on the last pages of this CowBell !

Election Procedure

IAAE Executive

The Nominations Committee, chaired by President Elect Joachim von Braun, will report in the first meeting of the IAAE Council on Monday, 14 August 2000, on its consultations and propose a slate of candidates for each of the posts of Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, Vice President Program and two Members-at-Large. Information on each of these nominees will appear in the CowBell on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the IAAE Council meeting on Thursday, 17 August 2000, President Hedley will call for further nominations from the floor before the election of each of the positions. Scrutineers will be appointed by the President during the Council meeting with the approval of the Council. Elections for each of the positions on the Executive of the IAAE will be taken in the following order: Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, Vice President Program,

and two Members-at-Large. Elections will be by written ballot, with the winner declared based on the most votes for the position.

Following these elections, the President will ask the Council to confirm by show of hands the current President-Elect as the President for the next three years.

Honorary Life Members

Another task of the Nominating Committee is to propose Honorary Life Members of the IAAE. Honorary Life Members are those who have made outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of agricultural economics and the IAAE, within their own country or around the world. The proposed new members will be put before the IAAE Council for ratification on Thursday evening, 17 August 2000, by the Nominating Committee, with the announcements made on Friday, 18 August 2000 in the CowBell.

Notice to all Members

Please check your IAAE membership records in the loose-leaf notebook at the membership information desk, located near the place where you registered, to insure that these records are correct. This needs to be done before **noon Wednesday, August 16**. You can do this at any time each day through the coffee break in the afternoon. It is especially important to check address, phone

and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. In the future, the office may communicate with members via e-mail. If you have questions about the accuracy of the record for yourself or about your country representative, please see the IAAE Membership Desk to make necessary corrections.

Agricultural Economics

Agricultural Economics, The Journal of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, is now established and recognized for its role in the scholarly development of our profession. A solid working relationship has been established with our publisher, Elsevier Science. Still, we must work to build the Journal and its contributions to our profession. Currently the Journal has a subscription of approximately only 200 IAAE members, down from about 300 in the early 1990s. We must increase member subscriptions. We are receiving an increased, but still low, number of Journal submissions. If we can increase manuscript submissions, there is a greater chance we can publish higher quality papers.

Aims and Scope of the Journal

The aims and scope of the Journal, which are printed on the inside cover of each issue, are repeated here:

Agricultural Economics publishes articles covering the range of work done on agricultural economics, divided into three categories.

1. Disciplinary work: improvement of theories, techniques and descriptive knowledge of economics and

its contributing disciplines such as statistics, mathematics, and philosophy.

2. Multidisciplinary subject matter areas: energy, technical change, institutional change, natural resources, farm management, rural communities, marketing, human development and the environment, areas which are important to fairly well-defined groups of public and private decision makers facing well-defined sets of problems.

3. Problem solving: the definition, solution and management of specific practical problems. Work in each of these three categories may deal with teaching, extension and outreach, consulting, advising, entrepreneurship and administration, as well as research. All of these may require knowledge of values, non-monetary as well as monetary. The Editor and Editorial Board, under the general direction of the IAAE's President, Executive Committee, and Council, are charged with implementing Journal policy to serve members of the IAAE around the world.

History of the Journal

The Journal owes a great debt to the two past Editors-in-Chief. Douglas D. Hedley served from 1985 to 1991 as the first Editor-in-Chief of Agricultural Economics. Bruce Greenshields served as Editor-in-Chief until 1994. The Editors-in-Chief have all been supported by an Editorial Council, dedicated members of the Association who have served by reviewing manuscripts and developing the editorial policy. The Associate Editors have contributed more directly to the preparation of the manuscripts for publication, and Book Review Editors have kept us abreast of new publications in the field.

Douglas D. Hedley provided a history of the Journal for the Cowbell printed for the meetings in Japan. For those with a special interest in the history, that issue of the CowBell is recommended reading. The first issue of the Journal was published in 1986, after a number of precursor decisions and actions. Among the names that stand out in the history of the Journal are Theodor Dams, Glenn Johnson, and Alan Maunder. I include Douglas D. Hedley in this list as well. He shepherded the development of the Journal and the negotiations with the publisher and also served as the first Editor-in-Chief. His role was instrumental in setting a tone for the Journal, positioning it in the field, and, of course, assuring that the material in the Journal was of sufficient scientific and general interest that a sustainable subscription rate was achieved at an early date.

Editorial Transition

Beginning in January 1995, (Volume 12, No. 1), I became Editor-in-Chief. We have benefited since January 1995 from the services of Christopher Delgado as Book Review Editor. As in the past, Associate Editors and Editorial Advisory Board appointments are made to represent regional interests, diversity in areas of disciplinary specialty, and different perspectives on the priorities for our profession.

Beginning in January 2001, (Volume 24) the Editor-in-Chief of Agricultural Economics will be Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany. With the change in Editor-in-Chief, there will be a change in the Editorial Team. I invite you to consult the January 2001 (Vol. 24, No. 1) inside jacket of the Journal or our new IAAE Web site <www.iaae-agecon.org> for information on this new team. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Editorial Team who have supported Agricultural Economics since 1994.

For those who now have manuscripts under review, or who plan to submit manuscripts, Stephan and I have agreed to the following transition plan: For those manuscripts now in review, or received prior to September 1, 2000, I will continue to manage the review and publishing process. Stephan will handle the processing of all manuscripts submitted after September 1. The address for submissions is:

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Those manuscripts submitted after September 1, 2000 to the Editorial Office at Iowa State University will be forwarded to Göttingen.

Stephan will be the chief editor of the special issue that is devoted to the contributed papers for the IAAE International Conference.

Special Issues

In 1997 we changed the way that the publication of the Contributed Papers was handled by IAAE. Approximately forty of the Contributed Papers will be published, twenty in the Blue Book and twenty in Agricultural Economics. Peter Hazell, who organized the contributed papers for the 23rd International Conference of the IAAE, was the guest editor of the associated Special Double Issue of Agricultural Economics (Vol. 19, Nos. 1-2).

The Special Issue of Agricultural Economics was received by all those registered for the 23rd International Conference. I believe that the receipt of the Special Issue helped our membership become more familiar with the Journal. And that this, in turn, added member subscriptions. Again, as an Association, we must work to add to the member subscriptions. This will be addressed by a “bundling of member-subscriptions” proposal to be presented in the meeting of the Council.

This year, as occurred at the 23rd International Conference, we have representatives from Elsevier Science, the publisher of Agricultural Economics, at our conference. They will have a booth at the conference. I invite you to stop and visit with the Elsevier representatives, Els Bosma, and to learn of the plans for electronic publication of Agricultural Economics directly from Elsevier. For those of you who do not know Agricultural Economics and wish to subscribe, the booth will have representative past issues and subscription forms.

Current Year Developments

This has been a year of firsts for Agricultural Economics. New developments include the IAAE Web site, which includes improvements for better communication with authors concerning their manuscripts; the two special issues that we will publish; and the improvements we have achieved in citation for the Journal.

Epilogue

It has been an honor to serve the IAAE as the Editor-in-Chief of the Agricultural Economics. We have increased submissions and initiated the special issue for the contributed papers from the conference, as well as two other special issues addressing high profile topics. We have also worked with the offices of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Executive Board to develop a Web site that I believe will serve our Association well.

Contributed Paper Presenters and Chairs

Please check in to the Speakers Stand in the Foyer (other Side of the Registration Desk). The Stand will not be “manned” at all times, so please don’t stop trying to make contact.

Berlin Transportation Tips

There are several hundred ways to get lost in The Berlin Underground and conference participants have undoubtedly discovered new variations. The city is made even more confusing at present due to construction which has resulted in the re-routing of several lines. Herewith are a few tips to cut down on confusion.

All trains in Berlin have the destination posted on the engine. That name is always the name of the station which is the final destination. So, for example, you may be on the platform of S-Bahn 1 and there are trains coming from both directions one with „Wannsee“ written on it, one with „Frohnau“ written on it. Which train should you take as you are going neither to Wannsee nor to Frohnau? To answer this all important question, please look at the S-Bahn map and follow your line in the direction you wish to go until the very end. There you will see the name of the train going in your direction.

Some of the newer stations have information boards flashing with train information. Most of the info concerns

how many minutes until the next train and the number of the train approaching. Simply keep a eye out for your number and direction and ignore the rest. What you cannot ignore is the train simply emptying out when you haven't reached your destination and something being blared over the loudspeaker. This can only mean that there is a re-routing. The only sensible thing to do is to ask fellow passengers what is happening. Berliners have a reputation for Schnauze (a grumpy disposition) but they are more than willing to help you out and practice their English in the bargain. Just keep your map in hand and be prepared to wait calmly while two or three persons argue about what your best course of action should be.

While on the subject of transportation: Berliners take their right of way very seriously. Please obey the traffic lights at the risk of losing your toes to someone making a point. Also, bicycles have their own path between the street and the sidewalk. Pedestrians are not allowed on the bicycle path! Furious ringing of the bicycle bell will ensue.

Berlin-Bummel (Some Tips on Museums)

Prepared by Elizabeth Birmingham
for Monday, August 14

For years Monday was the unwelcome day of rest for all museums in Berlin. After the fall of the wall and innumerable complaints to the tourist offices, some, but not all, Berlin Museums remain open on Monday. Before heading out to your desired destination, please check as to whether it is open today.

That said, this August is a particularly great time for exhibitions in Berlin. The museums on Museum Island in Mitte continue to astound with their treasures from Turkey and the Middle East (Pergamon Museum). An exhibition well worth seeing is housed in the former Egyptian Museum on Museum Island. The exhibition, „Architecture of the City,- Berlin 1900-2000“ is an architectural history of buildings in Berlin, some built and some not built. What makes the exhibit so interesting is the building which houses it. The Egyptian Museum suffered heavy bomb damage in WWII and had not been reopened since the war. The current Architecture exhibit has been built inside the structure before any renovation work has been initiated. One looks up from drawings to see crumbling bricks and walls ringed with images of blue dogs with green snakes, Egyptian graphics that run into gaping holes. The atmosphere is very provocative. While at the Museum Island, take a short walk west under the train tracks and check out the Chagall Restaurant. The restaurant itself is very basic but the food is delicious! Under the train tracks is also the antique market, a series of stores full of everything from dressers to jewelry to lamps to Jugendstil candle sticks. A great place to wander!

For persons interested in design, there is a fabulous exhibit at the Museum Nicolaihaus on Bruderstr. 13 (U-Bahn

Station Hausvogteiplatz, open Tues.-Sat. 10am-6pm). Called Berlinerzimmer 1920-Gegenwart (Berlin Rooms, 1920 to Present), thirty-six rooms have been decorated in various styles according to Berlin tastes of the times. The rooms are done with wonderful attention to detail, giving not only a precise view of various domestic cultures but a walk through time and the changing ideas of the good life. Take a moment to walk through the shell of the former Kloster Church just outside of the Klosterstr. U-Bahn Station. Too damaged and expensive to repair, the shell has been the sight of numerous art and dance exhibitions.

For those of you with children, we recommend Museumsdorf Düppel, actually less a museum than an adventure. Located in a field in the Bezirk of Zehlendorf, it is a reconstructed village from the middle ages. The children can spin wool, work on wood projects and simply wander through the fields and gardens inspecting the animals and watching life in the village. (S-Bahn Station Zehlendorf, then Buses 115, 211 or 629. Open Thursday 3-7pm and Sunday 10am-5pm)

On warm summer nights in Berlin, outdoor tables fill up fast. During your stay, you might want to check out Hakesche Höfe, a beautifully restored example of the typical Berlin arrangement of courtyards leading into back courtyards leading into back courtyards until one is in a warren of buildings. These were the former workers quarters, families living 6-8 in a room. The further back you lived, the less light, the more animals, the worse the air. Now sought after addresses, the courtyards of Hakesche Höfe are full of restaurants and theaters, a lovely place to spend a summer's night.(S-Bahn Station Hakesches Hof , Mitte)

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