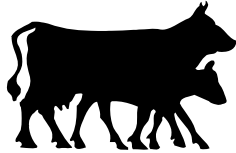




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Revised Membership Fee Proposal

In response to the ideas and suggestions discussed in Council on Monday, the Executive has revamped the proposal to respond to the Council concerns. The significant changes include:

- the proposed scaling by income level has been increased,
- the information is presented more simply and clearly than before, and
- some costs directly attributable to the conference are included in conference fees.

The Proposal

1. Membership fees are proposed as:

Income of: < \$ 25,000 or retirees	\$ 195
< \$ 25,000 - \$ 50,000	\$ 225
> \$ 50,000	\$ 255
Students	\$130
2. Anyone who does not wish to subscribe to the journal will be offered a \$30 discount from the above prices, which represents the marginal costs of printing and mailing.
3. The IAAE will add \$ 50 per participant to the conference fees needed to operate the Conference, to pay for the estimated direct costs of the IAAE preparing for the Conference. Based on past experiences, this would have increased current conference fees from \$275 to \$ 325.

Report of the Monday IAAE Council Meeting

On Monday evening, the IAAE Council met to consider the business of the Association. After receiving brief reports from the Executive officers, a change to the Constitution of the IAAE was proposed and subsequently passed unanimously to provide for three instead of two members-at-large on the Executive Committee. The members will be elected to fill this function at the Thursday meeting of the Council. This should provide the opportunity for additional geographic representation.

The principal issue considered at the meeting was the proposal to substantially change the membership fee structure. The reasons for seeking change include:

- to remove the burden from future host countries of raising \$90,000 to \$100,000 for the IAAE in addition to organizing the Conference,
- to remove the implicit cross subsidy between the Conference and other services provided by the Association,
- to allow fund raising energy of the host country to be directed to supporting participants from developing and soft currency countries,
- to strengthen our Journal by lowering the cost (through increased subscription) and increasing its distribution widely among members,
- to provide the financial capacity in the IAAE to fully develop all four vehicles for member interaction and communications, i.e., Conference, Proceedings, Journal, and an expanded web site, and

- to pay the increasing costs of providing IAAE services which institutions are increasingly reluctant to fund.

The Council discussion led to general acceptance of the view that significant change is required. The real issue is how best to accomplish this in a way most favourable to our members and the health of the Association. A series of concerns and ideas were raised in the meeting:

- the proposed scaling by income category in the member fees was considered to be too modest to fully reflect the ability to pay
- since many institutions cover conference costs for members, but not membership fees, there was interest in presenting the information on member costs more favourable to recovery of some of the costs from home institutions
- there was some interest in spreading the costs of membership more equitably to those not attending the Conference.

The Executive indicated that all members of the Executive are prepared to meet with groups of members to further discuss the proposal. The Council will meet again on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. to conclude the IAAE Council meeting.

IAAE Nominating Committee Report Presented at the Monday Council Meetings

The names of the following persons were placed in nomination for the respective officers by the Nominating Committee:

President elect:

Prabhu Pingali

Vice President Program:

David Colman
Daniel Sumner

Members At Large:

Arie Kuyvenhoven
Zhu Ling
Roley Piggot
Raffael Posada
Eugenia Serova
Johan van Zyl

Secretary Treasurer:

Walter Armbruster

Nominations from the floor of the Council meeting will be accepted before the election for each of the positions. Any candidate so nominated should be present, or the nominator should provide documentation that the candidate is willing to serve in the post.

The Executive Committee for the 2000-2003 period will include:

Past President:	Douglas Hedley
President:	Joachim von Braun, to be confirmed by the council
President Elect:	to be elected
Vice President Program:	to be elected
Three Members at Large:	to be elected
Secretary Treasurer:	Walter Armbruster
Proceedings Editor:	George Peters
Journal Editor:	Stephan von Cramon-Traubadel

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

Best Contributed Papers

Special Plenary Session, Thursday, August 17, 11:00-12:30

The top three contending contributed papers for the best paper award will be presented in a Special Plenary Session, 11 - 12.30 a.m., Thursday, August 17, 2000.

Contributed Paper Report

Referees were sought who were willing to review up to 10 papers, although some referees actually reviewed many more than that. An effort was made to recruit referees from all regions. Each paper was reviewed blind by two referees, which involved the distribution of 838 papers.

The Contributed Paper Office not only had to organize the selection of the best papers for the conference, but of those papers, a further election had to be made by another reviewing committee to select the best 3 papers for plenary presentation and one for the best paper prize. It was, decided therefore, to hold a conference in Manchester in middle February. It was attended by the Vice President-Program and the editorial group to help them make the final selection of contributed papers, and to help the Chairman of the plenary papers panel select the top 40 papers.

Over 300 papers were looked at during the weekend and a final selection was made.

There were so many good papers that it was decided to increase the number from the 100 we had initially

- 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

The award for the best paper will be presented at the close of the Plenary Session. While the jury is out (!), George Peters (Editor of Proceedings) will speak about IAAE, editing and anecdotes.

planned to select, to 130, and to request an increase in the number of parallel sessions from five to seven. It should be emphasized that among the criteria for selection were such things as "has the paper already been presented at an international conference" and "is this likely to be a stimulating paper" When coupled with the rationing criterion that only one paper would be accepted by a principal author, and the fact that in one or two areas there were a lot of methodologically similar papers, this meant that a number of worthy papers were not accepted.

The 43 papers which had been selected as possible entries for the best contributed paper were sent to Jock Anderson by e-mail attachment to forward to his review panel. It seemed unreasonable to deny authors the opportunity to present a poster paper just because they had unsuccessfully submitted a contributed paper some months before. Therefore authors were asked, when submitting a contributed paper, to indicate whether in the event of rejection they would like their paper forwarded to the poster competition. Some 190 papers were forwarded to the poster paper competition.

Tours

There are still places available on the Friday guided museum and Saturday Berlin Sightseeing. For Friday, we are offering a tour visiting Checkpoint-Charlie-Museum, the Info-Box including a fascinating view from the roof deck., the New National Gallery and Märkisches Museum. Please contact the "Accompanying Persons Tour Counter" for registration and further information. Also check on possible cancellations for

the Berlin Tour on Thursday. All tours will meet in the lobby of the conference center.

Post Conference-

All persons who have booked Post Conference Tours should stop at the information Desk for final details.

Best Poster/Computer Demonstrations

Special Plenary Session, Thursday, August 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Hall 1

Alan Matthews has been invited to chair a panel to assess the "best three contributions" from a selection of 20 papers that have been shortlisted from the 271 submissions for the poster and computer demonstration sessions. These papers had received the highest grading by two anonymous reviewers.

The panel included:

Csaba Forgacs (Hungary),
Alan Matthews (Ireland) (Chair),
Gopal Naik (India).

The main criteria used in this assessment were:

- Contents
- Originality
- and Design

The papers selected by the panel are:

Bernhard Stockmeyer

New Approaches for the Integration of Consumer Needs in the Product Innovation Process

Consuela Varela-Ortega, Maria Blanco and José M. Sumpsi

Integrating Irrigation Modernisation Programs and Water Pricing Policies: Empirical Evidence and Water Policy Implications

Thomas Randolph and Leah Ndung'u

Gender and Transaction Costs: A Conjoint Analysis of Choice of Livestock Health Service among Smallholder Dairy Farmers in Kenya

They will be presented in a Special Plenary Session on Thursday, August 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity that you cannot afford to miss!

Monika Hartmann and Guenter Peter

Mini-Symposium Honoring Professor Carl K. Eicher

Professor Carl K. Eicher, University Distinguished Professor, recently retired from Michigan State University after 39 years of service. Professor Eicher earned a Ph.D. from Harvard, and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University. During his career, he has specialized in African development, devoting himself to African students and to strengthening African universities and research institutions. To honor Professor Eicher and his work, a mini-symposium was held on Saturday, August 12. The topic of the symposium was „Strengthening Human and Institutional Capital to Support Rural Development in Africa: What Have We Learned and What are the Challenges?“ and featured papers and discussion by a number of Professor Eicher's former students and colleagues.

The symposium focused on what we have learned as a profession about the approaches needed to strengthen human and institutional capital to foster agriculture-led economic growth in Africa over the next 40 years. During that period, African agriculture will face the daunting

challenge of generating employment, income, and food for a rapidly growing population, while doing so in an environmentally friendly way that will preclude simple reliance on the expansion of cultivated area, as in the past. Professor Eicher has devoted most of his career to these issues.

Specific themes addressed during the symposium were:

- The role of the African university in supporting agricultural transformation and economic development (Eric Tollens, Catholic University of Louvain)
- Strengthening agricultural research, extension, and policy analysis (Isaac Minde, Coordinator, ECAPAPA, Uganda, and Akin Adesina, Rockefeller Foundation; Discussant: Doyle Baker, FAO)
- What's the role of cooperation from the North? (Derek Byerlee, World Bank, and Lane Holdcroft, retired from USAID; Discussant: Edouard Tapsoba, FAO)

The registered attendance at the Conference by country is:

USA	190	INDONESIA	3
GERMANY	179	IRELAND	3
JAPAN	49	KOREA	3
UNITED KINGDOM	46	TAIWAN	3
ITALY	36	TANZANIA,	3
NETHERLANDS	28	AUSTRIA	2
CANADA	25	BULGARIA	2
BELGIUM	23	COSTA RICA	2
SPAIN	20	COTE D'IVOIRE	2
FRANCE	19	IRAN	2
CHINA	16	LUXEMBOURG	2
SOUTH AFRICA	16	MONGOLIA	2
SWITZERLAND	15	MOROCCO	2
INDIA	14	MOZAMBIQUE	2
POLAND	14	PAKISTAN	2
BRAZIL	13	PERU	2
NIGERIA	12	SLOVENIA	2
KENYA	11	THAILAND	2
PHILIPPINES	11	UKRAINE	2
ROMANIA	10	URUGUAY	2
RUSSIA FEDERATION	10	ARMENIA	1
AUSTRALIA	9	BENIN	1
FINLAND	9	BURKINA FASO	1
MEXICO	9	CAMEROON	1
SWEDEN	9	DENMARK	1
HUNGARY	8	ISRAEL	1
ETHIOPIA	7	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	1
GHANA	7	LAOS	1
YUGOSLAVIA	7	MALI	1
TURKEY	7	NEPAL	1
ZIMBABWE	7	NICARAGUA	1
NORWAY	6	NIGER	1
BANGLADESH	5	N-IRELAND	1
CHILE	5	OMAN	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	5	R.D.CONGO	1
GREECE	5	SENEGAL	1
PORTUGAL	5	SLOVAK REPUBLIK	1
ARGENTINA	4	SULTANATE OF OMAN	1
COLOMBIA	4	SYRIA	1
EGYPT	4	UGANDA	1
NEW ZEALAND	4	83 COUNTRIES	951
ALBANIA	3		

IAAE and FAO

Since 1974, the year of the World Food Conference, IAAE has had Special Consultative Status with FAO. It is recognized as an international non-governmental organization (INGO) with interests and objectives which fall within FAO's field of action. FAO therefore invites IAAE to send a representative as an observer, though not necessarily with the right to speak, to the principal meetings, that is: on a regular basis, to the biennial Conference and to the Council, which decide FAO policy and programs; to the Regional Conferences; to the Committees on Agriculture, Food Security, Commodity Policy, Forestry, Fisheries; and to periodic summit meetings such as, for example, the International Conference on Nutrition (1992) and the World Food Summit (1996). Recently, it has become customary arrange a two-day Forum on NGO's prior to FAO Regional Conferences and in the same location; an IAAE Representative to the Forum may be nominated and members living nearby may like to participate. The Regional Conferences take place every two years, each time in a different country.

IAAE shares these rights with other INGOs which have varied interests - youth groups, trade unions, religious organizations, women's associations and farmers' unions. Several of these INGOs have representatives stationed in Rome who together have formed an Ad Hoc group with the aim of coordinating their efforts.

The INGOs represented at FAO try to bridge the gap which can emerge between official government efforts for rural development and the needs and opinions of the otherwise-named "informal sector". They do this, essentially, by promoting an exchange of information about activities of mutual interest between FAO and the organizations they represent.

One important opportunity for this exchange of information is the one-day informal meeting of INGOs which is held during every session of the biennial FAO Conference,

and for which the Rome Ad Hoc Group acts as coordinator, facilitating the participation of those recognized INGOs without permanent representatives in Rome.

Although the INGOs represented together with IAAE at FAO have such different purposes, they are united in emphasizing the importance of actively involving the local populations in programs and projects for rural development. This principle was recognized as long ago as 1979 at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development organized by FAO; it was reiterated in the Plan of Action on Peoples' Participation, which was adopted at the 1991 FAO Conference, the procedural item having been initiated in 1987 on the action of the Rome Ad Hoc Group under the chairmanship of the IAAE Representative.

During the International Conference on Nutrition and the World Food Summit, the Rome Group collaborated with representatives of INGOs active at the World Health Organization, the World Bank and at other UN agencies with written contributions to be taken into account in the drafting of the Plan of Action for Nutrition and the Rome declaration on World Food Security and the World Food Summit Plan of Action.

Although the policy of FAO continues to be decided ultimately by member governments, the Secretariat is receptive to constructive INGO opinion. An appropriate unit has been created within the new Technical Development Department with the objective of facilitating communications between the Organization and the heterogeneous reality of the INGO sector.

For further information, contact Margaret Loseby, IAAE Representative to FAO. She is located at DEAR, Facolta' di Agraria, Universita' della Tuscia, via S. Camillo de Lellis, 01100 Viterbo, Italy; Fax:++39-761-357295; E-mail: loseby@UNITUS.IT

Special Thanks from the Editor

As our very intense and successful Conference approaches its end, I want to thank all persons who contributed to producing the CowBell. The list is long and I will not attempt to identify the many persons who should be thanked, but there is one very important exception. The Conference owes a special thanks to Heike Höffler, a graduate student at Humboldt University, who was absolutely indispensable in word

processing all issues. She worked with great speed and efficiency, was very attentive to details and, most of all, was calm and had a good sense of humor while making innumerable last minute changes. She was everything we could have wanted for this important task. She is normally working in room 02 if you would like to stop by and give her your personal thanks. Richard L. Meyer, Editor, CowBell

2003 International Conference of Agricultural Economics

The Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa confirms its enthusiastic willingness and ability to host the 2003 conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economists in Durban, South Africa. We hereby extend an invitation to all IAAE members to attend this event.

The year 2003 marks the 25th meeting of the IAAE. The South African members of the Association are proud to host this landmark conference to be held in the city of Durban on the East Coast of South Africa. This exciting port city is mecca for surfers from around the world and the warm Indian Ocean waters allow year round swimming. Durban also boasts world class conference facilities and accommodations to suit every taste and budget. It is the perfect venue where agricultural economists from throughout Africa can welcome their counterparts from the other parts of the developing world, and from the developed countries, to debate contemporary issues.

The conference site is the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Durban "where Africa and the world meet". This world-class facility has hosted many successful international conferences and meetings since January 1998. These include the World Non-Aligned Movement, heads of state of the Commonwealth, 14 professional association meetings and the most recent important World Aids Conference. Furthermore the venue has already been booked for another 22 international events until 2003. The ICC is located near Durban's central business district, minutes from hotels and beaches and just 15 minutes from the Durban International Airport

with direct flights to and from most parts of Europe and the East.

Home to more than a million inhabitants of mixed origin, Durban is a city of great cultural diversity where you can watch a Zulu war dance, an Indian fire walking ceremony, and a world premier ballet and all on the same day!

Durban is also an ideal base from which to explore the province of Kwazulu-Natal or the rest of Southern Africa. In less than 2 hours you can be on Safari at a game reserve or hiking and trout fishing in the Drakensberg Mountains. Some of the major agricultural producing areas, home to smallholder agriculture and commercial farming, are also within a very short distance from Durban.

Hosting the conference in South Africa will give agricultural economists the opportunity to experience post-apartheid South Africa for the first time. South Africa, and for that matter most of southern Africa, is still battling with important issues related to smallholder agriculture, land reform, rural poverty and intra regional agricultural trade. It is our hope that this conference will again bring attention to the specific problems and issues of Sub-Saharan Africa.

We hope to see you in Durban in 2003.

South African members of IAAE:

Tommy Fenyes, Country Representative,

Gerald Ortmann, President, Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa

ANNOUNCING the Xth CONGRESS of the EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS (EAAE) 25 – 28 AUGUST 2002 In ZARAGOZA SPAIN

THEME : EXPLORING DIVERSITY IN THE EUROPEAN AGRI FOOD SYSTEM

The congress will provide an opportunity for researchers to present papers dealing with any part of the agri-food system, from agricultural production through food consumption. The Congress will be open to many different topics, such as natural resource analysis, agribusiness strategies, agri food marketing, trade, new information technologies and consumer concerns, just to mention some of them. It tries to select the best papers from the wide interests of our agricultural economics professions in an open context.

It will try to emphasize the European experiences but is also open to analyses related to other territories. Other related international and national European agricultural economics associations will be present and explain the latest views and insights of their activities.

For more information, go to the web page of the European Association of Agricultural Economists

www.eaa.org

and check the Congress News under the activities of the Association.

Berlin-Bummel (Additional Berlin Attractions)

Prepared by Elizabeth Birmingham for Thursday, August 17

As the conference nears an end and the list of things one absolutely wants to see grows longer, please keep in mind that Berlin is a city which is changing at an incredible pace. Those persons fortunate enough to have visited the city before unification can attest to the impossibility of recognizing even quite familiar neighborhoods ten years later. This remains true today. A walk through the traditional Jewish quarter this spring is quite a different experience from a walk there even last spring. Buildings are being sanitized and restored and the neighborhood is being gentrified. Time does not stand still. For those of you interested in the signs and remnants of life in Berlin before the great post-unification clean-up, now is the time to walk - camera and notebook in hand - and see firsthand the handpainted shoemaker's sign over a door that would require most of us to stoop. It is a time to see the remnants of the battles of WWII on the facades of the buildings and get a feel for the changes that Berlin is effecting as you experience a newly renovated city block with an old, beautifully crumbling building clinging patiently to its side. My advice for the last day in Berlin is to get some more use out of that favorite pair of shoes and walk, especially in the former east. The neighborhoods of the Jewish quarter and Hakesches Hof are a wonderful starting place.

Make your way to the Dorotheenstadt Cemetery on Chausseestrasse where Bertold Brecht, Hegel, Fichte, Arnold Zweig and Heinrich Mann are buried. The cemetery itself is peaceful, green, cool and beautiful – a lovely place for a pause. Take a moment to walk down Grosse Hamburger Strasse around Sophia Church, the only surviving Baroque church in Berlin, originally built to serve the poor outside of the walls of Berlin. Grosse Hamburger Strasse was known locally as “Tolerance Street” for its peaceful co-habitation of a Protestant church, a Jewish community and a Catholic Hospital (St. Hedwigs) each providing services to all. Still partially unrenovated, the street still has the feel of the days when Moses Mendelsohn's boys

school welcomed non-Jewish students and taught non-secular subjects.

If you can't manage another step and have time for a museum, jump on the train to Potsdamer Platz. The Martin Gropius Bau has a beautiful exhibit at present. Called „Seven Hills – Images and signs of the 21st Century “it focuses on art and technology of the future using many of the objects of beauty of the past. One can, for instance, take a visual stroll through the library in the temple district of the Pergamon. The amazing computerized dogs designed by students of Humboldt University and Sony in a joint project (“they made the body, we made the brain“) are also on display there – playing a never ending game of dog soccer. They bark, sit, roll over and play ball and never have to be let out. The building was designed by the father of the famous Bauhaus architect Walter Gropius. Another Bauhaus architect designed the building for the Neues Museum (on the other side of Potsdamer Platz), now showing a light and airy exhibition of work by Piano Renzo.

For those of you who love zoos, the Berlin zoo is always worth a visit. In 1844, naturalist Alexander von Humboldt suggested the formation of a small menagerie in the Tiergarten, which was then outside of town. Helped by animal donations from the officers of the Imperial Colonial Army, the zoo grew rapidly. In 1945 the zoo was almost completely destroyed by an air raid in the Battle of Berlin. When the smoke cleared, only 91 animals were still alive. The hippopotamus “Knautschke“ became a local hero by surviving the last few days of the war underwater. Weighing several tons, it was coaxed up out of its muddy bed as reconstruction of the zoo began. Today, completely restored, the zoo houses some 12,000 species and is one of the largest in the world.

Constitutional Change

On Monday, the Council unanimously agreed to change Article VIII of the Constitution to read three rather than two members. The Constitution as revised and the By Laws now read as follows on the next 4 pages.

Revised December 1997

**FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS, INCORPORATED**

BYLAWS

Article I - Name

The name of this incorporated organization shall be the "Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Incorporated."

Article II - Object

The object of the incorporation shall be to uphold and promote the objectives of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists which are more explicitly stated as follows:

- (1) To foster the development of the science of agricultural economics.
- (2) To encourage professional improvement of its members.
- (3) To further the application of the results of economic investigation in the improvement of economic and social conditions relating to agriculture and rural life.

Article III - Members

The members shall consist of the board of directors of the Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Incorporated.

Article IV - Board of Directors

The board of directors shall consist of at least five members of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The terms of directors will be for six years covering two conference periods. New board members will be chosen by the current Board of directors from among active members of the IAAE.

Article V - Officers and Their Duties

The board of directors shall organize and elect their own officers who shall be:

- (1) President. The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and call meetings of the board of directors.
- (2) Vice President. The vice president in the absence of the president shall exercise all the power and perform all the duties of the president.
- (3) Secretary-Treasurer. He shall keep minutes of meetings, prepare reports of activities of the board and all financial transactions. He shall be empowered to carry out the responsibilities of the corporation in accordance with actions approved by the board of directors.

Article VI - Meetings

The meetings of the board of directors shall be held annually at a time and place set by the president of the board at least three weeks in advance of the meeting. Additional called meetings may be held on call of the president or by agreement of a majority of the board of directors with notification given at least three weeks in advance of the meeting. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII - Functions of the Board and Officers

- (1) The board shall prepare and approve a budget for each conference period for use of funds under its control and prescribe the plan for receiving, holding, investing and distributing funds for purposes and programs approved by the board.

Article VIII - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the board upon a majority vote of the directors. Members absent from the board meetings may be given an opportunity to vote on the amendments by a mail ballot if a clear majority of the directors is not obtained at the board meeting.