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Elections to the Executive Committee, August 2003 – 2006

President Elect – David Coleman, UK
Vice President Program – Keijiro Otsuka, Japan
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Publications following the Conference

As in previous conferences, there will be a double issue of Agricultural Economics. The four papers selected for the best contributed paper will be in that issue of the journal, with around 16 others selected from contributed papers at the conference by Michele and Terry Veeman.

There will also be a Proceedings volume, containing the Presidential Address, Elmhirst Lecture and all plenary papers. Members of IAAE will receive a hard copy of the Proceedings, even if they have elected to have the journal in electronic form. Other papers can be submitted to Agricultural Economics in the normal way.

Program Change

Friday, 22 August 2003:

Contributed Paper Sessions 5-3 - The Chairperson is Dieter Kirschke

Due to the high overlap in participant interest, the “**Livestock Research Needs in Development Countries**” discussion group scheduled for Friday August 22, 11h00 – 12h30 in Meeting Room 11E will merge with the Mini-Symposium scheduled for the same period on “**Improving the Economics in Livestock Health Economics**”, in meeting Room 21 DEF.

The following people need to check with IAAE desk before they leave the conference:

Virgil Teyseyre
M. Mananyesto
Shaheen Akter
John McDobnald
Carlo Del Ninno

Some notable first Conference appearances:

1947	1952	1955	1958
Earl L Butz S Ciriacy-Wantrup Earl O Heady	Raleigh Barlowe KO Campbell TW Schultz Dale Hathaway AT Mosher D Paarlberg Kenneth Parsons TW Schultz	DK Britton Theodore Dams JK Galbraith HG Halcrow D Gale Johnson Glenn L Johnson	J Carroll Bottum John L Dillon Harold G Halcrow Yair Mundlak Kenneth Parsons

Also in 1958, the first equation in the Proceedings:

$$A + X + S = 100$$

$$0.04A + 1.63X - S = 0$$

in a paper by M. Cépède on 'Changes in demand for farm products.'

Honorary Life Members

The first Honorary Life Members were named in the Fifteenth Conference held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1973.

Sherman Johnson, USA	1973	Theodor Dams, Germany	1991
Joseph Ackerman, USA	1973	Ferenc Fekete, Hungary	1991
Edgar Thomas, UK	1976	Glenn L. Johnson, USA	1991
John R. Raeburn, UK	1976	Dusan Tomic, Yugoslavia	1991
Max Rolfes, USA	1976	Keizo Tsuchiya, Japan	1991
Harry Trelogan, USA	1976	R. J. (Jim) Hildreth, USA	1994
F. F. Hill, USA	1979	Erly Dias Brandao, Brazil	1994
Ryszard Manteuffel, Poland	1979	J. Owen Jones, UK	1994
Nils Westermarck, Finland	1979	Bernard (Bud) F. Stanton, USA	1994
Walton J. Anderson, Canada	1982	XiJi An, China	1994
Don Paarlberg, USA	1982	Yujiro Hayami, Japan	1997
Samar R. Sen, India	1982	Michel de Benedictis, Italy	1997
Denis Bergmann, France	1985	John Dillon, Australia	1997
Keith O. Campbell, Australia	1985	Michel Petit, France	1997
M. L. Dantwala, India	1985	Vijay Vyas, India	1997
Kazushi Ohkawa, Japan	1985	Alberto Valdes, Chile	2000
Dennis K. Britton, UK	1988	Wilhelm L. Nieuwoudt, South Africa	2000
C. C. Chang, China	1988	D. Gale Johnson, USA	2000
Ulf Renborg, Sweden	1988	John W. Longworth, Australia	2000
T. W. Schultz, USA	1988		

Honorary Life Members 2003

The Nominating Committee recommended:

Kirit Parkikh, India	Ian Behrman, South Africa
Jock Anderson, Australia	Carl Eicher, USA
Laurent Martens, Belgium	Csaba Csaki, Hungary
Ruvimba Chimedy, Zimbabwe	

These nomination were accepted by Council by acclamation

Deceased since Berlin Conference

Council notes with regret that the following Honorary Life Members have passed away since the Berlin Conference in 2000.

Nils Westermarck, Finland
 RJ (Jim) Hildreth, USA
 John Dillon, Australia
 D. Gale Johnson, USA

27th IAAE Conference in 2009

Council expressed interest in the nomination of Beijing, China. The final decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

Carl E. Ladd - A Key Player in the Founding of IAAE.

(Extracted from Raeburn and Jones 1990).

While Leonard Elmhirst and George Warren provided the high level financial and institutional support that was critical to the founding of IAAE, Carl Ladd was crucial to kick starting IAAE. Ladd was on a six-month sabbatical from Cornell University on Elmhirst's Dartington estate in Devon UK from March 1929. He had been invited to study the estate's management and marketing problems, to set up a cost accounting system for them, and to tour Britain to assess research and extension services. "In the invitation sent out in December 1928 (invitation to convene a conference), Elmhirst wrote that it was Ladd, after his tour, who proposed an international conference" (Raeburn and Jones, 1990, p.23).

In 1928 Ladd was 40 years old and had been for 4 years Director of Extension for the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell, where he first graduated in 1912. He was greatly influenced by Warren's teaching of farm management and became an instructor in his Department 1912-1915. He further developed work on costings and graduated PhD in 1915. But, like Warren, he also had a deep concern with education as a whole, so from 1915 to 1920 he secured experience in two schools and in the State Education Department in Albany before returning to Cornell as Extension Professor of Farm Management 1920-24.

Ladd's own "creed" was written out to help extension workers and others, and explains much of his quiet but forceful character and why he helped so much to develop leadership:

"Get all the facts before forming judgement; base decisions on facts rather than emotions; "... think through objectives clearly and impress them on others even though attainment of the object may seem impossible; sometime, opportunity will come to make progress. It is always more important to know one's objectives than to have immediate means of reaching them;"

"One who generalises too much should always force himself to be specific by using actual examples. Yet one should have vision enough to search the future, and be practical enough to select a daily task that works in the right direction."

Raeburn, J.R. and J.O. Jones (1990) *The History of the International Association of Agricultural Economists: Towards rural welfare worldwide*. Dartmouth, Aldershot, Brookfield USA, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney.

Founding of AAAE

The African Agricultural Economics Fraternity met and agreed to establish the African Association of Agricultural Economists. The key objectives of the association are:

- to improve liaison between agricultural economists with an interest in African issues at the regional and international levels,
- to promote training, research and interest in agricultural economics on the continent of Africa,
- to contribute to broad based rural development, poverty reduction, food security and sustainable use of natural resources in the continent.

The meeting approved the name of the Association, objectives and proposed activities. An interim committee was formed to further develop the constitution and arrange for the official launching of the association. The members of the committee are:

Southern Africa Ms. Bongiwe Njobe Dr. Renneth Mano (Alternate)	East Africa Prof. Willis Oluoch-Kosura Dr. Isaac Minde (Alternate)
North Africa Dr. Mohammed Rachid Doukkali Dr. Hassan Sabine (Alternate)	West Africa Dr. Aliou Diogne Dr. Akinwumi Adesina (Alternate)

In order to ensure continuity the group endorsed that Dr. Ponniah Anandajayasekeram, a member of the ad hoc committee formed in Berlin, will continue to work with the current interim committee to take the process forward. The committee was tasked to further develop and circulate the constitution as soon as possible. In addition the committee was specifically asked to look at the issue of membership of the Association.

Farm Foundation and IAAE

Since 1958, Farm Foundation has provided the Secretary-Treasurer for IAAE. Joseph Ackerman served from 1958 – 1976, Jim Hildreth from 1976-1991, and Walt Armbruster since 1991. This position is responsible for maintaining membership records – a daunting task with a mobile international membership - keeping financial records, and recording official minutes of Executive Committee and Council meetings. There are numerous ancillary functions, not least of which is providing continuity within the Executive Committee. This all requires substantial financial and personnel support. In addition to Walt Armbruster's role, Farm Foundation Vice-President Steve Halbbrook and Administrative Assistant Toni Purves devote substantial time to the smooth functioning of the Association.

Farm Foundation's role as a non-profit organization is working to improve the economic and social well-being of U.S. agriculture, the food system and rural people by helping private and public sector decision makers to identify and understand forces that will shape the future. Through conferences and workshops, it encourages application of research results to increase human capital, promote informed dialogue on public issues and policies, and build knowledge-based networks for US agriculture and rural people. With agricultural environmental, consumer and rural issues increasingly shaped by global markets, the fit between Farm Foundation and IAAE's roles are complementary.

FAO and IAAE

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 to 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 much 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.

Agricultural Economics – Call for Papers

Special Issue on “Sustainable Agricultural Intensification”

Theme:

Most of the world's poor are engaged in agriculture, while food products dominate the expenditures of many of the poor not engaged in agriculture. Thus, agricultural growth is central to poverty reduction. Yet future agricultural growth will depend to a large extent on increased output per unit of land and water, as few additional natural resources are available for expansion at the extensive margin. Widely different approaches exist, however, regarding how best to stimulate agricultural productivity to reduce poverty and satisfy growing food demands without further stressing the natural environment. One paradigm, the Green Revolution approach, is based on the use of high levels of external inputs (irrigation, fertilizers, agro-chemicals) and improved management. A second approach depends on genetically engineered varieties to address plant disease, pest or environmental problems and/or to increase yields. A third, “agroecological” approach relies heavily on improved management and the intensive use organic inputs through intercropping, crop-livestock integration, improved fallows, IPM and other strategies. All of these approaches, and others, play out under a host of widely disparate agroecological, market and policy conditions that influence their acceptance by farmers and their success in addressing production, poverty and environment goals.

The objective of this special issue is to assemble recent findings on strategies for sustainable agricultural intensification. Recent research has focused on a variety of relevant themes, including: the development of integrated household livelihood strategies that employ diverse technologies and systems to simultaneously address multiple goals (food production, poverty reduction, reduce environmental degradation); bioeconomic and systems modeling methodologies that integrate biophysical and socio-economic dimensions at different scales; and differing strategic and policy approaches to achieving conservation and environmental goals in concert with food security objectives. Research along these and related lines raises many questions: What are the tradeoffs involved in jointly achieving these multiple goals? How replicable are micro-based systems and technologies, and what are the market and policy implications if they are successfully scaled up? What are the characteristics of successful agricultural intensification strategies that make them

truly “sustainable”? And how can we best promote these sustainable strategies through research, policy, and social learning strategies?

Submission Guidelines

Submission of an article is understood to imply that the article is original and is not considered for publication elsewhere. Submission also implies that all authors have approved the paper for release and are in agreement with its content. Upon acceptance of the article by the journal, the author(s) will be asked to transfer the copyright to the publisher. Authors are asked to submit articles (three copies) to the chief editor of the Agricultural Economics special issue by November 1, 2003. Submissions should be sent to:

Prof. David R. Lee
 Guest Editor, Special Issue of Agricultural Economics
 Dept. of Applied Economics and Management
 248 Warren Hall
 Cornell University
 Ithaca, NY 14850

Please format the submission following the Guide for Authors, which is available in Agricultural Economics 28(2003), pp. 79-83, or online at www.elsevier.com/locate/agecon
 Please note in the cover letter that the submission is intended for the special issue on “Sustainable Agricultural Intensification”.

Members Noticeboard

Can IAAE Contact You?

Will IAAE be able to contact you after the conference? IAAE members are encouraged to check their membership records on the IAAE web page (www.iaae-agecon.org). Changes made on the web page will be updated within 24 hours. You may also make changes at the IAAE membership desk in the Convention Centre lobby. Simply make the corrections in the membership book. Changes noted in the book will be made in about 10 days.

ASAE Conference Notice

The 5th Asian Society of Agricultural Economists Conference will be held in Iran in 2005. This will provide an opportunity to network with researchers from across Asia and hear about the latest research from across the continent.

More details will be available at:

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www.iraniaaes.com

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Annual Conference of Agricultural Economics Association of Argentina

The next Conference of the Agricultural Economics association of Argentina (AAEA) will be held on October 2004 in Mar del Plata, Argentina. This meeting is organized together with the Agricultural Economics association of Uruguay. Further details on paper submission and or attendance will be available by March 2004 and also from Elsa M. Rodriguez (President of AAEA) attending the Durban Conference. E-mail: emrodri@mdp.edu.ar

LEVSA/AEASA Conference

The 41st Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa will take place from the 2-3 October 2003 at the CSIR/WNNR in Pretoria. The Theme is: “Agribusiness, Profits & Ethics”, for more information visit the webpage (www.aeasa.org.za) or contact Tobias Doyer at tdoyer@icon.co.za.

The 42nd Annual Conference in September 2004 will be held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West. Details will be on the webpage in due course.

Annual Conference of the UK Agricultural Economics Society

The next Annual Conference of the UK Agricultural Economics Society will be held on Friday (evening) to Sunday 2–4 April 2004 at Imperial College in central London. Traditionally, this is a mercifully short, relatively cheap and comfortably informal conference, and all IAAE members will be most welcome. It should be a good way to meet a wide range of UK (and some European) professional staff and post-graduates, and also personnel from London-based agencies and embassies. Further details, on paper submission in autumn 2003 and/or attendance, are available on an A4 sheet on the ICC EuroChoices desk in Hall 3A, or from any UK IAAE member, or from the conference organizer, Dr Deborah Roberts, Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Research, University of Aberdeen, St. Mary's, Aberdeen, Scotland, tel +44(0)1224 273901; fax +44(0)1224 273902; email deb.roberts@abdn.ac.uk.

80th EAAE seminar on “New institutions and policies for EU agriculture”

At the occasion of the retirement of Prof. Laurent Martens, the Department of Agricultural Economics of Ghent University and the Belgium Association of Agricultural Economists have organised the 80th EAAE seminar on “New institutions and policies for EU agriculture” from September 24th to 26th, 2003 in Ghent (Belgium). Flyers and registration forms can be found on the info table at the entrance of the main hall or at the website <http://fltbwww.urgent.be/80thEAAEGhent>. More information can also be obtained from the members of the organising committee, Guido Van Huylenbroeck and Ludwig Lauwers.

Fahamu – Learning for Change

Fahamu (Learning for change) is an international development research centre supporting social change in Africa. Fahamu's core work is capacity building in civil society organizations to protect human rights and promote development. To support this mission Fahamu produces:

- Distance learning materials (available on CD Rom @ R200 each)
- Free web based materials for off-line use
- An electronic newsletter, Pambazuku News (www.pambazuka.org), that disseminates information for Africa NGO,s.

Training materials available on CD Rom cover writing for change, leadership for change, health policy, human rights finance. More information about Fahamu is available on the CEEPA Table or contact Camilla Downes (Tel: 207 8403) at the African Regional Office Durban, who will be happy to meet any development practioners interested in learning more about Fahamu's training materials.

AgEcon Search after the meeting

Check AgEcon Search, <http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>, for the full text of the 2003 IAAE Contributed papers. To arrange for weekly e-mail updates or to have working papers from your institution added to AgEcon Search, Contact us via the web site, or e-mail Luise Letres at lletres@umn.edu

Ad Hoc group of INGO Representatives

As an International Non-Governmental Organisation with consultative status at FAO, IAAE takes part in the activities of the Ad Hoc group of INGO Representatives residing in Rome – a group which includes Organisations active in many aspects of rural development. The Group is preparing documentation of activities of the individual INGOs for World Food Day celebrations, 16th October, and the International Alliance against Hunger. The academic and networking activities of the IAAE as a whole will be documented by me; if individual members of IAAE would like to give me news of their own participation in specific programmes for the fight against hunger and the right to food, I shall be glad to submit this too. The first deadline is 26th August. Contact me at the Conference or at loseby@unitus.it. Margaret Loseby, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy.

Conference Questionnaire

It is important for the organisers of the next IAAE that the 2003 organising committee hand over as much information as possible. We cannot do that without your assistance. Please complete the questionnaire and return to the Registration Desk – a lucky draw will take place at the end of the conference for all those who submit their questionnaires.

Airport Transfers

Please be reminded that return Airport Transfers will only be available until Saturday 23 August 2003. Should you wish to make alternative arrangements, please see Michelle at the Travel/Tours desk.

Quotable Quotes

In 1970 Gunnar Myrdal read a paper at the Fourteenth Conference in the USSR where he addressed, among other topics, the relationship between land reform and agricultural development:

“At the same time complementary institutional reforms in the field of education and training, credits, agricultural extension services ...although usually motivated as means to aid the poor, have almost everywhere worked to favour those better off. In the absence of land reform these complementary reforms can be characterized as a by-passing of the equity issue.”

John Dillon was lead discussant of a paper on ‘Planning in Soviet agriculture’ at the Fourteenth Conference in 1970. His thoughts on the paper included the following gem:

“To my mind, the paper is rather like an English sausage – it contains very little meat and a lot of filling.”

One of the Russian discussants, K. P. Obolensky, came to the defence of his fellow-countryman:

“I cannot understand where Professor Dillon got his ideas ...”

Jokes of the day

Q: What do you get when you cross the Godfather with an economist?

A: An offer you can't understand.

Q: How many economists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Hell, you need a whole department of them just to prepare the research grant.

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