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Welcome to Australia

Dear IAAE Members,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you personally and on behalf of the Executive of the IAAE to the Twenty-Sixth International Conference of Agricultural Economists. The program developed by Keijiro Otsuka, our Vice-President Program, is new and innovative, with many improvements and challenges for us throughout our stay at the Gold Coast. The theme: “Contributions of Agricultural Economics to critical policy issues,” offers us a wide range of issues for debate through the week. We have a larger numbers of papers and posters, panels and workshops than ever before. As has been the practice since the IAAE 2000 Conference in Berlin, we will be giving awards for the best papers and posters. All in all, an interesting and challenging week for all of us. I hope you will also get some time to have fun in this absolutely spectacular setting.



*Prabhu Pingali,
President, IAAE*

During our meeting, the IAAE Council, the governing body of the IAAE, will be meeting on Monday and Thursday at 5:15 PM. During these sessions we will be reviewing the work of the Executive, electing new officers for the Executive, electing new Life Members, and making decisions about the future organization and operation of the Association. It is important that you

organize your country representative to attend the Council meeting.

I want to thank at the outset all of the people who have worked so long and hard to bring our Twenty Sixth Conference together in the Gold Coast. The work began even before our last triennial Conference in Durban. The Local Organizing Committee under the leadership of Julian Alston, Philip Pardey and Malcolm Wegener has done a wonderful job of providing a home for us this week. I also want to thank the Government of Australia, and all of the organizations and companies that have provided support to making this a successful conference. Please take the time to thank representatives of the Local Organizing Committee, the donors and organizations that have contributed so generously to our Conference as you encounter them during your stay at the Gold Coast.

Let me wish all of you a very warm “welcome” to our XVI Conference at the Gold Coast, Australia. I look forward to renewing acquaintances with old friends and meeting new friends from around the world involved in our profession of agricultural economics.

Sincerely,

Prabhu Pingali

President, IAAE





John Mullen
President, AARES

On behalf of your Australian hosts, it is my pleasure to welcome you to IAAE 2006 on the Gold Coast. We appreciate the fact that many of you have traveled long distances and we will be disappointed if your visit to Australia is not a memorable one. The Gold Coast is one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations and a great place to be in August. The locals won't be swimming, but those of us from places like Orange, where it could be snowing at this time, will certainly be spending time on the beach.

Of course the main topic of conversation for Australians will be football, with all codes at critical stages in their competitions. Kiwis and South Africans will be crestfallen because Australia will have recovered all the rugby silverware. Australians will be newly knowledgeable about the World Game and the peccadilloes of its referees towards any form of body contact.

The *Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society* (AARES) is proud to assist in hosting the IAAE Conference. The last time this Conference was held in Australia was in 1967 at Sydney. According to the late Keith Campbell's recollections of the early history of AARES:

"If there was an external impetus to form a professional society in Australia, it was in the person of J.R. (Jock) Currie, foundation secretary of the International Conference (now Association) of Agricultural Economists. Currie visited Sydney in gathering not only with his canny Scots personality, but also with his enthusiasm for the idea of agricultural economists meeting together professionally to their mutual benefit."

This year has been a special one for AARES. Not only do we host the IAAE Conference but our annual

conference in February this year at Manly marked our 50th. Almost 250 attended the Conference with a growing international contingent. We were pleased to have at the Conference dinner, seven of those who attended the first meeting at which AARES was formed. AARES now has 550 members with branches in Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria, Canberra, New England (UNE), New South Wales, New Zealand and North America. Go to our website at www.come.to/aares for more information about AARES.

AARES publishes the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, focusing on scholarly research in agricultural and resource economics and *Connections*, an 'extension' outlet for papers about topical policy and resource management activities. Information about both journals can be found at the website.

The New Zealand branch of AARES is hosting the 2007 AARES annual conference at Queenstown New Zealand during 13-15 February 2007. Allan Rae, Massey University, who will then be President of AARES, is organising a conference program around the theme "Australasia's Resource-based Industries in a Future World". The AARES Conference will be in Canberra in 2008 and in Rockhampton in Queensland in 2009. We'd love to see you back here for one of our Conferences.

I can't sign off without once again welcoming you and without expressing thanks and congratulations on behalf of AARES to Julian Alston, Phil Pardey and Mal Wegener for their efforts over several years in organising what will be a most successful and enjoyable conference.

John Mullen

President, AARES



Origins of the IAAE

The International Association of Agricultural Economists grew out of a conference hosted by Leonard Elmhirst at his home in Dartington Hall, Devon, England in late August and early September 1929. Fifty agricultural economists from 11 countries attended. There were representatives from Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Trinidad, the United Kingdom and the United States. Those present felt they had gained so much in improved understanding of both the differences and commonalities in the problems they faced in research and teaching that they resolved to find ways to increase their contacts and promote greater understandings among themselves and their colleagues.

With generous financial support from the Carnegie Endowment and the Elmhirst family a second Conference was held at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., in August 1930 with 309 representatives from 20 countries attending: 234 were from the US and Canada coming from 30 states and 5 provinces. A Constitution for IAAE was developed and adopted under the leadership of Arthur Ashby (Aberystwyth, UK). The Conference extended over 10 days with presentations from 84 speakers. It was agreed that the proceedings should be published for the first two conferences under the leadership of F.F. Hill, one of the subsequent leaders in the founding of IRRI, CIMMYT and the international agricultural research centers. Many of the traditions of our Conferences stem from these beginnings.

Organization

The IAAE is governed by a Council of officers and member delegates. National and area branches, made up of members in specific countries or a group of countries, promote the objectives of IAAE within their country or area. Each branch designates a member as its representative to provide liaison between its members and the IAAE Executive Committee. The elected officers of the IAAE are President, President Elect, Past President, Vice President Program, Secretary-Treasurer, and two at-large members who constitute the Executive Committee. This committee acts for the Council between Council meetings. The officers appoint a proceedings editor and an editor-in-chief of its

international journal *Agricultural Economics*. Both of these appointees serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Objectives of the IAAE

- Foster the application of agricultural economics to improve rural economic and social conditions;
- Advance knowledge of agriculture's economic organization;
- Facilitate communication and information exchange among those concerned with rural welfare.

Membership Benefits

Membership in the IAAE is for a three-year period, currently from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007. Members receive the biannual IAAE Newsletter, which contains information about IAAE activities and publications and other international events and opportunities. Members further received the Proceedings of the triennial conference, a Special Issue of the journal containing conference papers, and access to the IAAE web page "Members Only" section.

Agricultural Economics

The Journal of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, is the flagship publication of the IAAE. It is provided to all members in electronic form. Those who wish may obtain a hard copy at a cost of \$105 additional to their dues.

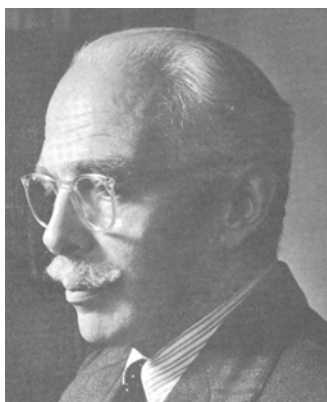
Membership Fees

The membership fees for the **three-year period** depend on the income level of the member:

- US\$75 for members who earn less than US\$20,000 per year.
- US\$130 for members who earn between US\$20,000 and US\$50,000 per year.
- US\$160 for members who earn more than US\$50,000 per year.

Leonard Elmhirst

Leonard Elmhirst (1893-1974) came from a land-owning family in Yorkshire. His experience on a trip to India led him to take a course in agriculture at Cornell University. Whilst at Cornell, Leonard met (and later married) Dorothy Whitney Straight, widow of U.S. diplomat, Willard Straight, and daughter of William C. Whitney, the fabulously wealthy American businessman and statesman. Dorothy Elmhirst's money enabled the couple to buy Dartington Hall (in Devonshire, in the UK) in 1925, found the well-known school there based on unorthodox teaching methods, and also found the world-famous music centre. They also, later, endowed a building at Oxford University (named Dartington House) which housed the Agricultural Economics Institute attended by many overseas and UK agricultural development economists.



Cornell University had extensive interests and influence in India and China, and there was a natural empathy about international development and affairs between senior academics there, notably George Warren and Carl Ladd, and the Elmhirsts. Their relationship led to the proposal for an international conference in 1928, when Carl Ladd was on sabbatical at Dartington. In early 1929 Leonard Elmhirst issued invitations to the first IAAE conference which was held at Dartington Hall later that year.

The conference was attended by only 50 people, 11 from the USA, 24 from the UK, with the remaining 15 coming from nine other countries. Elmhirst himself became the first President of the IAAE, and lent it unstinting support throughout his life. The first conference lasted eight days, which set the pattern for all subsequent conferences – it is now reduced to six days. But there were only 18 formal sessions during that time – a far cry from Australia's crowded schedule.

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The Tradition of the Cowbell

It is a tradition that each triennial Conference of the IAAE is opened and closed by the ringing of a “cow bell.” Presumably this was an appropriate way to call an agricultural meeting to order in England in the 1920s. It now symbolizes the need to remember our roots in agriculture during conference discussions.

Leonard Elmhirst wrote the following statement about the actual origin of the first bell in this conference bulletin, *The CowBell*, August 25, 1955 in Finland. “The first cow bell was not I suspect a cow bell but a sheep bell. It came from an old shop in Amesbury, the nearest village to Stonehenge, the Bronze Age druidic temple on Salisbury Plain, England. Here the Celts grazed their flocks on the chalky pastures high above the swamps and heavy forest where the Saxons later found the richest farmland.

In World War II it was found possible to fertilize and plough these downs which had not been cultivated for 3000 years and then only in tiny welchets, or small strips. This bell had a quaint shape and harness of its own with leather neck harness and oak pegs. It is represented on the back of every volume of our official proceedings. It was presented to our first Vice-President, G. F. Warren of Cornell and is now one of his family heirlooms. Our present bell, acquired before the 1949 conference in Stresa, is a real cow bell from Chamoniz in Switzerland.”

The preceding quote is taken from John Raeburn’s *History of the IAAE*, p.172. Raeburn goes on to say that in an issue of *The CowBell* at the Lyon Conference in 1964 it was reported that, “The large bell presented on Monday to the Association by Denis Bergmann on behalf of the French Committee is about a hundred years old. Despite its size it is a genuine Alpine cow bell...” The present whereabouts of this Alpine cowbell is something of a mystery.

The Other Cowbell

This daily newsletter is the other Cowbell you will encounter during the Conference. It contains information about our Association, pointers on what to see and do while here at the Gold Coast, important information on IAAE Council meetings, notices on program changes, etc.

The editor of the Cowbell is Wally Tyner, IAAE Executive Committee member. However, he has had tremendous help from Henrich Brunke, who handled most of the assembling of the historical information, letters, and many other aspects. If you want to submit material for any upcoming issue, bring it, preferably in electronic form, to the IAAE office or email to Wally at wtynr@purdue.edu. In particular if you want to have a reunion for your university or group, please get us that information in plenty of time to publicize the event.

Past IAAE Presidents

The Constitution of the International Association of Agricultural Economists was first approved with the first slate of officers elected in 1934. Prior to this, Leonard K. Elmhirst at the first conference and George F. Warren of Cornell University at the second provided the leadership and chairmanship of the Conferences.

IAAE Presidents

Founding President

Leonard K. Elmhirst, U.K.	1934-1958
Sherman E. Johnson, USA	1958-1961
Nils Westermarck, Finland	1961-1964
Nils Westermarck, Finland	1964-1967
Nils Westermarck, Finland	1967-1970
Samar R. Sen, India	1970-1973
Samar R. Sen, India	1973-1976
Dennis K. Britton, U.K.	1976-1979
Theodor J. Dams, Germany	1979-1982
Glenn L. Johnson, USA	1982-1985
Michel Petit, France	1985-1988
John W. Longworth, Australia	1988-1991
Csaba Csaki, Hungary	1991-1994
Robert L. Thompson, USA	1994-1997
Douglas D. Hedley, Canada	1997-2000
Joachim von Braun, Germany	2000-2003
Prabhu Pingali, India	2003-2006
David Colman, U.K.	2006-2009

Honorary Life Members

Sherman Johnson, USA	1973	Yujiro Hayami, Japan	1997
Joseph Ackerman, USA	1973	Michel de Benedictis, Italy	1997
		John Dillon, Australia	1997
		Michel Petit, France	1997
Edgar Thomas, UK	1976	Vijay Vyas, India	1997
John R. Raeburn, UK	1976		
Max Rolfes, USA	1976		
Harry Trelogan, USA	1976	Alberto Valdes, Chile	2000
		Wilhelm L. Nieuwoudt, South Africa	2000
		D. Gale Johnson, USA	2000
F. F. Hill, USA	1979	John W. Longworth, Australia	2000
Ryszard Manteuffel, Poland	1979		
Nils Westermarck, Finland	1979		
		Kirit Parikh, India	2003
		Jock Anderson, Australia	2003
Walton J. Anderson, Canada	1982	Laurent Martins, Belgium	2003
Don Paarlberg, USA	1982	Ruvimbo Chimedza, Zimbabwe	2003
Samar R. Sen, India	1982	Ian Behrman, South Africa	2003
		Carl Eicher, USA	2003
		Csaba Csaki, Hungary	2003
Denis Bergmann, France	1985		
Keith O. Campbell, Australia	1985		
M. L. Dantwala, India	1985		
Kazushi Ohkawa, Japan	1985		
Dennis K. Britton, UK	1988		
C. C. Chang, China	1988		
Ulf Renborg, Sweden	1988		
T. W. Schultz, USA	1988		
Theodor Dams, Germany	1991		
Ferenc Fekete, Hungary	1991		
Glenn L. Johnson, USA	1991		
Dusan Tomic, Yugoslavia	1991		
Keizo Tsuchiya, Japan	1991		
R. J. (Jim) Hildreth, USA	1994		
Erly Dias Brandao, Brazil	1994		
J. Owen Jones, UK	1994		
Bernard (Bud) F. Stanton, USA	1994		
XiJi An, China	1994		

Connecting at the Conference

Delegates can have access to the internet free of charge using computers provided at the internet pod located in the foyer opposite Meeting Rooms 5-9. There will also be a few additional cables available for you to connect your own laptop.

Alternatively, if you wish to use your own laptop, wireless service is available throughout the Convention Center, but not for free. Payment options will be available via the provider upon logging in. To obtain this service you must have a wireless facility on your laptop.

On the Lighter Side

The questions below about Australia, are from potential visitors. They were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a sense of humor.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: So it's true what they say about Swedes.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not... oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering German-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Do you have perfume in Australia? (France)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy) .

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: I was in Australia in 1969 on R+R, and I want to contact the girl I dated while I was staying in Kings Cross. Can you help? (USA)

A: Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.

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Greetings from the Vice-President

Dear IAAE Members:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 26th Conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The world is changing rapidly and so are the critical policy issues that agricultural economists face. Thus, we selected as the theme of the Gold Coast Conference, “Contributions of Agricultural Economists to Critical Policy Issues,” at the Executive Committee meeting in the summer of 2004. Subsequently, after consultation with the Executive Committee and the Australian Organizing Committee, I have chosen the themes of the four plenary sessions which squarely address the key policy issues, i.e., (1) Economics of Natural Disasters, (2) Trade and Marketing of Agricultural Commodities in a Globalizing World, (3) Risk, Food Safety, and Health, and (4) Transformation of Unfavorable Areas: Technologies, Institutions and Market Access.



*Keijiro Otsuka,
Vice President Program*

As the Vice President-Program, nothing is more encouraging than the large number of submissions of contributed papers, poster papers, and proposals of invited panels and symposia. As you may know, we received as many as 865 papers for the contributed

paper competition, 77 papers for the poster paper competition, and 23 and 62 proposals for the invited panels and symposia, respectively. Thus, we tried to select through careful review the best contributed and poster papers, invited panels and symposia that can be accommodated by the conference facility, while adding the space of a nearby hotel.

Another major challenge was fund raising and allocation. I believe that IAAE has received an unusually large amount of financial support from a large number of organizations. I would wholeheartedly like to thank them. Yet, the total amount of fund requests from researchers in developing countries far exceeded the available funds. I tried to maximize the total number of participants from developing countries by providing partial support. The selection was based on the assessment of papers by anonymous reviewers. Taking this opportunity, I would like to apologise to those who were not able to receive any support and to those who struggled to find additional funds and to use their own funds to come to the Gold Coast.

Keijiro Otsuka
Vice President-Program



Featured Speakers

Presidential Address

Prabhu Pingali

"Agricultural Growth and Economic Development: A View Through the Globalization Lens"

Prabhu Pingali is the Director of the Agricultural and Development Economics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) for the period 2003-06. He co-chairs the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Panel's working group on Future Scenarios. Pingali has twenty five years of experience in assessing the extent and impact of technical change in developing country agriculture in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He was Director of the Economics Program at CIMMYT, Mexico from 1996-2002, and prior to that worked at the International Rice Research Institute at Los Baños, Philippines from 1987 to 1996 as an Agricultural Economist. Prabhu Pingali has authored six books and dozens of referred journal articles and book chapters and is co-editor (with Robert Evenson and Paul Schultz) of the Handbook of Agricultural Economics, Vol III.



Elmhirst Lecture

Hans Binswanger

"Empowering Rural People for their Own Development"

Hans Binswanger is a fellow at the Tswane University for Technology in Tswane, South Africa. He has done research on induced innovation, agricultural mechanization, agricultural investment and supply response, impact of technical change, risk in agriculture, production relations in agriculture, land markets and land reform, and the determinants of agricultural and agrarian policies. In his 25 years at the World Bank, he has been a manager, policy analyst, designer of large scale development programs, implementer, advocate, and AIDS activist. He has been a manager in the World Bank's central Rural Development Department, as well as in Latin America and Africa Region. He has assisted a number of countries in the development of agricultural and rural development strategies and in the design of Community-Driven Development Programs and HIV/AIDS programs.



Elmhirst Lectures, 1976-2006

Lecturer	Institution	Year
T. W. Schultz	University Chicago	1976
Sir W. A. Lewis	Princeton University	1979
Keith O. Campbell	University Sydney	1982
Amartya Sen	Oxford University	1985
Yujiro Hayami	Aoyama Gunkin University	1988
V. S. Vyas	Inst. Development Studies	1991
D. Gale Johnson	University Chicago	1994
Yair Mundlak	Hebrew University	1997
James T. Bonnen	Michigan State University	2000
Bruce Gardener	University of Maryland	2003
Hans Binswanger	Tswane Univ. for Technology	2006

Australian Organising Committee

The conference is jointly convened by the IAAE and AARES. The Australian Organizing Committee (AOC) for the Conference was formed in February 2005 and includes the following members:

Executive

Julian Alston (co-chair)

Philip Pardey (co-chair)

Malcolm Wegener (deputy chair)

Walt Armbruster (IAAE liaison)

Deborah Peterson (AARES President)

Lili Pechey (AARES Manager, Promotion and Development)

John Mullen (AARES President-Elect)

Ray Trewin (*TBA*)

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Barry White

Branch Representatives

Gordon MacAulay (New South Wales)

Michael Potter (Australian Capital Territory)

Frank Scrimgeour (New Zealand)

Dave Pannell (Western Australia)

Tom Wahl (North America)

Garry Griffith (New England)

Paul Morris (At Large)

Doug Young (South Australia)

The main role of the AOC has been to organize the logistics, working with the conference organizer, Hoteliers International. The AOC has also worked in conjunction with the Vice President of the IAAE, Keijiro Otsuka and the IAAE Executive to plan the overall program and conduct the conference.

An important and demanding role of the AOC was to develop relationships with sponsors who provided very substantial financial support, without which this Conference would not have been possible. In turn, sponsors were engaged with us in developing aspects of

the program. In particular, the pre-conference workshops at the Gold Coast on August 12 were designed to meet objectives of sponsors and attract participation from a broader audience. In addition, to provide additional value for sponsors the AOC developed pre- and post-conference events in Canberra on both August 11 and August 21, including a number of prominent members of the IAAE as program participants.

Today's Cowbell marks the beginning of the main conference with its rich and diverse range of opportunities for intellectual, cultural, and social exchange. As well as the plenary sessions, beginning with the Presidential Address and Elmhirst Lecture, we have invited panels and symposia, along with a much-larger-than-ever-before program of contributed papers and posters.

The AOC has been involved especially with the development of the program for Wednesday, August 16, which is devoted to *Showcasing Australian and New Zealand Agriculture and Natural Resources*. We are especially grateful for the significant contribution of ABARE under the direction of Brian Fisher who organized the program for Wednesday morning, and produced the publication on Australian agriculture and natural resources provided as part of the Conference materials. The afternoon session and evening promise a range of opportunities to learn and experience more about Australian food and agriculture. We hope you will have a very enjoyable and rewarding time at these events as well as more generally during the IAAE 2006 Conference.

*Julian Alston, Phil Pardey
and Mal Wegener*



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 decides 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. At the moment, of particular interest for the *ad hoc* group is the SARD initiative.

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 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 DECOS, Facolta' di Agraria, Universita' della Tuscia,

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Did you know that the full text of the papers from the IAAE 2006 and IAAE 2003 meetings are available on the Web, free of charge, as part of AgEcon Search (<http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>)? Visit the AgEcon Search booth for more information.

Posters Made Easy, Google Scholar Tips – Attend a 20-Minute Clinic, Sponsored by AgEcon Search.

AgEcon Search is also sponsoring several short clinics at IAAE 2006 on information-related topics such as searching Google Scholar, finding the number of times a paper has been cited, creating posters in PowerPoint, selecting the best index for your topic, and the highlights of using citation managers. Check the program for times and locations.

Wageningen University Graduates

The IAAE 2006 conference here at the Cold Coast is an excellent opportunity to meet each other.

Therefore, I invite you for a drink on Monday evening from 7pm to 8:30pm at the groundfloor, foyer A/B.

Jan C. Bloom

Director General of the Social Sciences, Department of Wageningen University.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Alumni and Staff Reunion

Monday evening 7:00 – 8:30, all Purdue University alumni, staff, former staff, and short course participants are cordially invited to a reunion to be held in the Convention Center open area on the second floor (up the escalator) just beyond the Down Under Café.

Wally Tyner

Professor John Raeburn (1912-2006)

After a UK education, John's academic career started as Professor of Agriculture at Nanjing and Wuhan Universities in 1936. During the Second World War, he played a crucial professional role in planning Britain's food supply-demand balance, as well as post-war policy. Afterwards he held posts at Oxford, Cornell and London universities, and advised in many parts of the world, including Africa, Yugoslavia and Malaya. During 1959-78, he was Professor of Agriculture at Aberdeen University, Vice-President of the IAAE 1964-1970, and President of the UK AES 1966-1967. He was made an honorary life member of both bodies, and awarded the UK's CBE honour in 1972. Even when retired, and despite increasing deafness, he remained active, publishing *Agriculture, Foundations, Principles and Development* in 1984, and *A History of the IAAE* in 1990. He was an inveterate letter writer, expressing his views on contemporary issues to colleagues everywhere.

Sceptical but feisty, and deeply concerned for his students and profession, John was delighted that the next IAAE Conference will be held in China, a country for which he retained an enduring interest and affection.

Program Updates

President's Address

Please note that the time for the President's address has been changed from the handbook program.

The Sunday morning program is now:

- 9:00 Opening Ceremony, President's Address - Prabhu Pingali
- 10:15 Morning Tea
- 10:45 Plenary 1: Elmhirst Lecture - Hans Binswanger

Contributed Paper Session Program Changes

Session K on Tuesday 8.00 to be chaired by Johan Kirsten
Session M on Tuesday 5.15 will be chaired by T. Satyanarayana

Session G on Thursday 8.00 to be chaired by Gerrit Meester
Session H on Thursday 8.00 to be chaired by Roland Herrmann

Session B on Friday 8.00 to be chaired by Michel Benoit-Cattin

Paper by Bergmann on Tuesday Session B 9.20 is rescheduled for presentation on Friday Session B 8.00

Paper by Fanfani on Friday Session H 10.35 is rescheduled for presentation on Friday Session G, 11.15

Poster Session Program Changes

The poster 50 (Basu: "Cointegration and Market Integration: an Application to the Potato Markets in Rural West Bengal, India.") has been switched from Poster Session 3 on Friday to Poster Session 1 on Monday (noon - 1pm).

Double Listing of Mini-Symposium

Please note that the mini symposium on "Climate Change Impacts on African Agriculture" is only taking place on Thursday, August 17, from 3:15 to 5pm in Meeting Room 5 and not in Meeting Room 7. This listing was accidentally printed twice in the program book.

Indian Minister Chairs Symposium on 13 August 2006

It is our pleasure to announce that His Excellency, Minister for Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, India, Hon. N. Raghuvveera Reddy will chair a symposium on "Poverty Reduction and Economic Reforms in South Asia" to be held between 3:15 to 5:00 PM on Monday, 13 August 2006. The symposium will take place in meeting room #9 and will address issues related to economic reforms of the past two decades in South Asian agriculture and set priorities for future economic and policy research. For details, please contact Dr. Aldas Janaiah and Dr. Suresh Babu. Dr. Babu can be reached by telephone at 5555 7700 in room # 9209.

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Past IAAE Conferences

Number	Year	Date	Location
I.	1929	26 August to 6 September	Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, England
II.	1930	18 to 29 August	Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA
III.	1934	26 August to 2 September	Bad Eilsen, Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany
IV.	1936	30 August to 6 September	Fife, Scotland
V.	1938	21 to 28 August	Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, Québec, Canada
VI.	1947	28 August to 6 September	Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, England
VII.	1949	21 to 27 August	Stressa, Italy
VIII.	1952	15 to 22 August	East Lansing, Michigan, USA
IX.	1955	19 to 26 August	Teekkarikyla, Otaniemi, near Helsinki, Finland
X.	1958	24 August to 3 September	Mysore City, Mysore, India
XI.	1961	19 to 30 August	Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico
XII.	1964	24 August to 3 September	Lyon, France
XIII.	1967	21 to 30 August	Sydney, Australia
XIV.	1970	23 August to 2 September	Minsk, USSR
XV.	1973	19 to 30 August	Sao Paulo, Brazil
XVI.	1976	26 July to 4 August	Nairobi, Kenya
XVII.	1979	3 to 12 September	Banff, Canada
XVIII.	1982	24 August to 2 September	Jakarta, Indonesia
XIX.	1985	26 August to 4 September	Malaga, Spain
XX.	1988	24 to 31 August	Buenos Aires, Argentina
XXI.	1991	22 to 29 August	Tokyo, Japan
XXII.	1994	22 to 29 August	Harare, Zimbabwe
XXIII.	1997	10 to 16 August	Sacramento, California, USA
XXIV.	2000	13 to 18 August	Berlin, Germany
XXV.	2003	16 to 23 August	Durban, South Africa
XXVI.	2006	12 to 18 August	Brisbane, Australia

The IAAE Journal: Agricultural Economics



Stephan von
Cramon-Taubadel,
Editor

As agricultural economists from around the world meet in Australia for the XXVI Triennial IAAE Meetings, Volume 35 of *Agricultural Economics*, the official journal of the IAAE, is appearing. Volume 1, Issue 1 was published roughly 20 years ago in December 1986, and since then our journal has appeared at a rate of one four-issue volume per year up Volume 10 in 1993, and two three-issue volumes per year since. Every three years a special double issue is published that contains a selection of roughly 20 of the best contributed papers from the most recent Triennial Conference, and next of these conference double issues (Volume 37, Issues 2/3) containing papers from the current Gold Coast conference will appear in late 2007.

Douglas Hedley was the *spiritus rector* of *Agricultural Economics*, and its first Editor-in-Chief, overseeing the publication of Volumes 1-7. He was succeeded by Bruce Greenshields, who edited Volumes 8-11. Bruce's successor, and my predecessor, was Stanley Johnson, who coordinated Volumes 12-23. At the end of 2006 following the completion of Volume 35, I will pass the Editorship into the very capable hands of co-Editors Gerald Shively and William Masters, who will begin to process all manuscripts submitted on or after September 1 of this year. All Editors-in-Chief have enjoyed the essential and generous support of Associate Editors, Editorial Boards, referees and authors, and on behalf of all editors past and present I would like to thank those hundreds of colleagues from around the world who have helped us establish *Agricultural Economics* as one of the leading journals in our field.

Scientific publication is evolving rapidly, and our journal has undergone some important changes as well in recent years. Our first publisher from 1986 to 2004 was Elsevier, but since the beginning of 2005 we are being published by Blackwell. This change reduced the cost to the IAAE of producing the journal, and improved the service that we provide to IAAE members by giving all members free on-line access to the journal. We have also increased the size of each issue slightly, creating more space to match the upward trend in high-quality submissions. In

recent years we have shifted almost completely to electronic submission and review, speeding up review processes (and saving several thousands of Euros in postage costs as well). My successors are planning to take further steps in this direction by implementing a web-based editorial management system. Blackwell is compiling a searchable electronic archive of all back issues of *Agricultural Economics* from Volume 1, Issue 1 onwards, and this should prove to be a very valuable research tool when it becomes available.

As a 'lame duck' editor, I wish to avoid saying anything that might constrain my successors in their efforts to further develop our journal, especially with regard to thematic issues. Editors can only work with what is submitted, but submissions to *Agricultural Economics* are strong and provide plenty of scope for choice and emphasis within our broad and dynamic field. Furthermore, special issues present an opportunity to highlighting specific topics. *Agricultural Economic* certainly benefited a great deal from the special issues that were published during my spell as Editor: I am grateful for the ideas and work contributed by the responsible Guest Editors, and I would certainly encourage anyone with an idea for a future special issue to consider submitting a proposal for consideration by my successors.

More generally, it is clear that scientific publishing will continue to change, and that *Agricultural Economics* will have to respond to a variety of challenges as a result. A number of on-line journals have emerged in our field in recent years, and perhaps the 50th Anniversary Volume of *Agricultural Economics* in 2014 will be published in a 'nostalgic hard-copy version', so that readers can re-live the heft and smell of paper and ink.

As impact factors become increasingly important for journals (and for the careers of those who publish in them) editors will be faced with some tough choices. The 2-3 year citation window upon which the calculation of impact factors is based is perhaps appropriate in certain fast-moving natural sciences, but it is less so in fields such as ours, in which a seminal article by Theodor Schultz or D. Gale Johnson remains highly relevant and widely cited decades after it first appeared. Careful consideration of the scope for, and the costs and benefits of maximising the impact factor of a journal such as ours will be required.

Finally, the future of the double-blind review process in the age of the Internet increasingly concerns me. I recently

gave 10 students ‘blinded’ copies of 10 manuscript submissions that the editorial office had received, and asked each to try to determine the identity of his or her manuscript’s author. In 8 of 10 cases, a simple Internet search quickly revealed the author’s name, usually on a preliminary working paper or conference submission version of the manuscript in question. I conclude that in the great majority of cases, a referee who wishes to can determine an author’s identity with relative and increasing ease. Indeed, I suspect that many review processes are already only single blind.

To the extent that some of the issues that I have raised represent hurdles, I am sure that they will be taken. Our field remains exciting and relevant, and with the continued support of IAAE members from around the world, *Agricultural Economics* will continue to play an important role as a forum for exchange of ideas and research results.

A Message from the Incoming Editors of *Agricultural Economics*

We are honored to succeed Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel as editors of *Agricultural Economics*. The journal has flourished under Stephan’s care. It is now the principal worldwide forum for scientific communication on the economics of agriculture, food markets and land use. Our discipline is unusually dispersed geographically, uniting scholars and policy-makers across every country of the world. Publishing the best work in this discipline is a huge task. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Stephan for his remarkable achievements.

To continue development of this extraordinary journal, we promise rapid service and professional leadership, creating what we hope will be an ever more vibrant marketplace of ideas. We invite you to join in. You can contribute through readership and citation of the articles we publish, by refereeing others’ papers, and above all in submitting your own best work.

As of September 1st, 2006, manuscripts can be sent to us through <agriecon@purdue.edu>. We will also be introducing a new web-based option, through which authors and referees can submit and check their work independently and securely if they wish. After the meetings we will announce details of the new editorial team, including Associate Editors and Advisory Board.

In the meantime, we welcome your comments, suggestions, and above all your submission of new articles.

Will Masters and Jerry Shively
(wmasters@purdue.edu; shivelyg@purdue.edu)

Trivia: Do you Know Australia?

(Solution will be in Wednesday’s Cowbell)

1. Australia also known as the Land Down Under is
 - a. a country and an island
 - b. an island and an continent
 - c. a country, island and a continent
 - d. a country and continent
2. The capital of Australia is
 - a. Sydney
 - b. Melbourne
 - c. Canberra
 - d. Perth
3. Australia’s highest point is Mount Kosciuszko. As one of the “seven summits” it is much lower than its more famous companions Mount Everest at 8,850 meters (29,035 feet) and Denali (Mount McKinley) at 6,194 meters (20,320 feet). How high is Australia’s high point?
 - a. 2,228 meters (7,310 feet)
 - b. 4,419 meters (14,497 feet)
 - c. 321 meters (1,053 feet)
 - d. 4,884 meters (16,023 feet)
4. The Emu is Australia’s national bird, but which is the national animal?
 - a. Red Kangaroo
 - b. Koala
 - c. Jumbuck
 - d. Platypus
5. In terms of its land mass, Australia has approximately the same size as the United States. However, while the United States is closing in on a population of 300 million, how many people live in Australia?
 - a. 80 million
 - b. 36 million
 - c. 8 million
 - d. 20 million

On the Lighter Side:

*“Strine”TM Made Simple (A-J)

Most Australians do, in fact, speak a different sort of English. To the casual listener it sounds similar to Cockney pronunciation, but it differs in many ways. Australian speech also tends to be more contracted (Strine=Australian), with some sounds and even entire syllables omitted. Australian pronunciation has slight regional variations, and city speech tends to be faster than country speech. Some oversimplified rules of Australian speech are to speak slightly nasally, to contract any word of more than 2 syllables and to convert terms into diminutives wherever possible.

Arvo — Afternoon
Ava go ya mug — traditional rallying call
Back o’ Bourke — middle of nowhere
Banana Bender — resident of Queensland.
Bag of fruit — suit
Barrack — to cheer (for a sports team)
Battler — a persistent trier, one who struggles for a livelihood
Beaut — exclamation of approval
Big note — to exaggerate one’s wealth
Bite — to borrow money
Bathers — swimming costume
Bikie — biker
Bikkie — biscuit
Billabong — Oxbow lake
Billy Tea — Tea boiled over an open fire in an old tin bucket
Black Stump — where the middle of nowhere begins
Bloke — a man
Bodgie — faulty, false; a hoodlum
Boot — trunk of a car
Blowies — blow flies
Bludger — lazy person, one who won’t work
Brolly — umbrella
Blue — fight
Bonza — great, wonderful
Brekkie — breakfast
Buckleys — (“you’ve got buckleys”) no chance.
Bunyip — mythical Australian animal.
BYO — (“bring your own”), to take your own alcohol to a restaurant/party.

Chewy — chewing gum.
China — mate, but not as familiar (rhyming slang derived from “china plate”).
Chiko roll — junk food that can only be compared to a large spring roll.
Chockablock — full to the brim.
Chook — chicken.
Chrissie — Christmas.
Cleanskin — a novice.
Cobber — old term for mate.
Corroboree — Aboriginal ceremonial dance or celebratory meeting.
Crow eater — resident of South Australia.
Damper — unleavened bread traditionally cooked on a camp fire.
Dead set — correct, affirmative.
Decko — a look; a glance.
Dial — face.
Digger — an honest man, a hard worker, a patriot. (Originally a miner).
Dinkum/fair dinkum — honest, genuine.
Dinky-di — the real thing.
Dob in, to — to inform, to “grass”.
Dog and bone — telephone.
Don’t come the raw prawn — don’t try to fool me. To impose on or deceive.
Downunder — The area on the Globe where Australia and New Zealand is.
Drover — Mounted herdsman. Sheep or cattle.
Dunny — toilet.
Earbash — talk non-stop.
Entree — the appetizer not the main course.
Fair crack of the whip — give us a break.
Flat chat / full bore / full tilt — full speed.
Footpath — sidewalk.
Galah — silly person, also a noisy parrot.
Garbo — someone who collects garbage.
G’day — Hello, welcome.
G’bye — Farewell
Goose — a silly confused person.
Grazier — large scale sheep or cattle farmer.
Grouse — very good.
Good oil, the — something genuine; the truth.
Hammer and tongs — full speed; full force.
Hit the toe — get going
Jackaroo — young male ranch hand (Jillaroo is the female)



Special Election Issue

Introduction to the Issue

This issue of the Cowbell provides important information about the Constitution of the IAAE, the roles of the office bearers, and the procedures for electing them. The first Council meeting for the 26th Conference will be held later today.

Nomination and Election Procedures for Executive Committee Members of the IAAE

The Nominations Committee is chaired by the President Elect. The Nominations Committee is appointed by the President, in consultation with the President Elect. Committee members are chosen to assure wide representation from all areas of the IAAE membership.

The Chairman of the Nominations Committee will report in the first meeting of the IAAE Council during the Conference on its consultations and propose a slate of candidates for each of the posts of Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, Vice President Program and three Members-at-Large. Information on each of

these nominees will appear in the Cow Bell before the IAAE Council meeting at which elections are held.

The elections will be held at the second meeting of the IAAE Council during the Conference. Election Tellers will be appointed by the President during the Council meeting with the approval of the Council.

The President will call for further nominations from the floor before the election of each of the positions.

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 three Members-at-Large. Elections will be by written ballot. For each position, the winner will be declared based on receiving 50 percent or more of the votes cast. If no candidate receives 50 percent or more on the first ballot, a subsequent vote will be taken, removing the candidate from the list with the fewest votes. This procedure continues until a winner is declared.

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 year.



TASKS AND ROLES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

- Overall management and leadership of the Association
 - Financial and business planning
 - Building/leading the Association
 - Maintains liaison with the Chairman of the Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists
- Chairs the Executive Committee and meetings of the IAAE Council
- Represents or designates representatives of the Association at regional/national meetings of Associations/Societies of agricultural economists
- Maintains liaison with FAO, UNCTAD, and other international agencies
- Appoints the Nominations Committee
- For the Triennial Conference:
 - Prepares and delivers the Presidential Address at the Conference
 - Proposes the Elmhirst Lecturer to the Executive, at the first meeting of the Executive following the Conference
 - Chairs the closing session of the Conference.

PAST PRESIDENT

- Chairs the opening session of the Conference, introducing the Presidential Address and the Elmhirst Lecturer
- Presents the Elmhirst Medal
- At the request of the President, represents the Association at regional/national meetings of Associations/Societies of agricultural economists
- Other duties as assigned by President

PRESIDENT ELECT

- Nominations Committee
 - Serves as chair
 - Reports to Executive on progress on Nominations Committee
 - Establishes with the Secretary-Treasurer the voting arrangements at Council, including handling nominations from the floor
 - Reports to Council on the proposed slate of nominations and voting arrangements
- Inter-Conference Symposia
 - Identifies and negotiates the inter-conference and proposes these symposia to the Executive
 - Finalizes arrangements and manages the Association interests for the inter-conference symposia for the triennium of the term of office
- Triennial Conferences
 - Arranges for proposals from countries for hosting future triennial conferences
 - Delivers the synoptic overview at the close of the Conference
- At the request of the President, represents the Association at regional/national meetings of Associations/Societies of agricultural economists

- Other duties as assigned by President

VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAM

- Overall responsibility for managing the content of the Conference, in association with the host country

- Develops program draft for consideration by Executive at first meeting following the conference
- Develops the financial arrangements with the Host Country Committee for review by the Executive
- Manages the chairs for submitted papers, posters and discussion groups and co-ordinates their activities with plenary sessions; identifies and co-ordinates program planning in conjunction with plenary session chairs
- Maintains close liaison with the Proceedings Editor and Journal Editor, prior to conferences, in order to resolve issues relating to publications
- Works with Chairman of the Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists in preparing material on the Conference for donors and in identifying recipients of the funds

SECRETARY -TREASURER

- With guidance from Executive Committee, manages the general business affairs of IAAE,
- Maintains membership, journal subscription and similar lists; is responsible for collecting and disbursing IAAE funds; files tax reports and corporate reports as required; edits and publishes semi-annual newsletter; maintains minutes of official meetings of the Executive Committee and Council; arranges for the Executive Meetings; prepares and publishes membership directory at end of year in which triennial conference is held, and
- Develops the triennial budget for adoption by the Executive during its first meeting following the Triennial conference.

AT LARGE (Three Individuals)

- Maintains liaison with country representatives; and with other associations
- Works with Secretary-Treasurer in utilizing gift memberships to build/strengthen the Association in all regions
- Actively identifies promising young colleagues for inclusion into the association in co-operation with existing members and country representatives
- Helps raise funds for triennial conference
- Other duties as assigned by the President

PROCEEDINGS EDITOR

- Edits and arranges for publication of conference proceedings, occasional publications; and other documents identified by the Executive, the Journal Editor and Council
- Maintains close liaison with the Vice President Program and Journal Editor prior to conferences, in order to resolve issues relating to publications

JOURNAL EDITOR

- Takes responsibility for editing journal in conjunction with assistant/associate and book review editors; has lead in business arrangements with publishers; arranges special editions in association with Executive Committee
- Maintains close liaison with the Vice President Program and Proceedings Editor prior to conferences, in order to resolve issues relating to publications.

IAAE Country Representatives - 2006

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Yugoslavia, Rep of	Zoran Njegovan
Zambia	Gelson Tembo
Zimbabwe	Godfrey Mudimu

Program Updates

Change in Chair

The Contributed Paper Session on “International Markets for Grains and Other Crops,” scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 15 August in room Coolangatta 2, will have a new chair. Dr. T. Satyanarayana from the Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing will lead this session.

Poster Session Program Changes

The poster 50 (Basu: “Cointegration and Market Integration: an Application to the Potato Markets in Rural West Bengal, India”) has been switched from Poster Session 3 on Friday to Poster Session 1 on Monday, and the new number is 172.

Poster 79a (Forgacs: “Leadership May Have an Influence on Successful Transition of Production Cooperatives”) has been switched from Poster Session 2 on Thursday to Poster Session 1 on Monday, and the new number is 191a.

Reminder for Symposia Chairs and Speakers

Symposia chairs and speakers are reminded that the presentations are expected to be very short (10 minutes or less) in order to provide maximum opportunity for group discussion.

Research Program Manager: Agribusiness Program

Executive Level 2 (RPM 2 or 3),
\$104,649-131,124 plus superannuation.
See <http://www.aciar.gov.au/web.nsf/doc/ACIA-6S47FG> or visit the booth at IAAE conference



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Opportunity for Researchers from Developing Countries with the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium

The International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) has received a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to sponsor participation of a select group of developing country researchers in our activities. The purpose of the program is to assist researchers in increasing their analytical capacity and broadening their research networks and opportunities. In this three year program, sponsored researchers will remain in their home institutions and will receive funding to participate in the twice-annual meetings of the IATRC. Each sponsored researcher will be mentored by a member of the IATRC and will engage in a collaborative research program.

The IATRC is a network of over 180 agricultural trade researchers from universities, government, international agencies and private industry, whose mission is to increase the quality and relevance of research in issues concerning agricultural trade and policy. To be eligible for this mentoring program, applicants must have an advanced degree in agricultural economics or a closely related field, be working in a research capacity in government or a university, and have support from their institutions to participate in this program. Details about the program and the application process will be posted on the IATRC website www.iatrcweb.org September 1, 2006, and this website also contains detailed information on our activities, members, and the topics and location of our meetings. Contact Linda M. Young at lmyoung@montana.edu with questions.



Council Meeting for U.S. members of IAAE

The U.S. Council of the IAAE will meet Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 5. Please bring your lunch and join us for discussion of several key issues and decisions pertaining to IAAE.

David Lee

Conferences and Journals for AgEcon Search

AgEcon Search, <http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>, the free web site that includes the papers from the 2006 and 2003 IAAE meetings, is seeking to include additional conferences and journals in agricultural, resource, consumer, energy, environmental, and any aspects of applied economics. Stop at the AgEcon Search booth to explore the possibilities.

Verify IAAE Membership Information

Please stop at the IAAE *Ag Econ Search* booth in the Trade Area to check and update your membership information.

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Cornell University Reunion

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Canada Reunion

IAAE members from Canada and friends are meeting for dinner on Tuesday 15 August at 7:30 pm. Place: George's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, Shop 1/27b Victoria Avenue (this is across the street from the conference centre, half way down the block; see bulletin board for map; ph. 07 5570 1222). Bring family members. Reservation is in Lars Brink's name.

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Wageningen University Graduates

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Jan C. Bloom
Director General, Department of the Social Sciences, Wageningen University.

Constitution of the IAAE

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be International Association of Agricultural Economists, hereinafter referred to as IAAE.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the IAAE are: To foster the application of the science of agricultural economics in the improvement of the economic and social conditions of rural people and their associated communities; to advance knowledge of agricultural processes and the economic organization of agriculture; and to facilitate communication and exchange of information among those concerned with rural welfare throughout the world.

ARTICLE III: DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

Section 1.

No part of the income of the IAAE may inure to the benefit of individual members thereof, and the association shall be operated as a non-profit organization.

Section 2.

In the event of dissolution of the IAAE, whether voluntary or involuntary, its assets shall be disposed of in a manner deemed by the Executive Committee to be consistent with the scientific and educational purposes for which the IAAE was formed.

ARTICLE IV: ACTIVITIES

Section 1.

The IAAE may engage in any activity which falls within the sphere of its objectives and which may be authorized by the IAAE Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, such as international and regional meetings and seminars, and the publication of reports dealing with the activities of the association or with other matters of interest to its members.

Section 2.

A major conference of the IAAE shall in general be held every three years. The Council may indicate its preference for the country where the conference is to be held, but the final decision shall be made by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

The IAAE may retain, employ, and remunerate skilled professional or technical personnel in furtherance of its objectives.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any person who is interested in agricultural economics shall be eligible for membership in the IAAE and may become a member thereof by paying the prescribed dues to the country (area) representative or to the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAAE.

Section 2.

Corporations, libraries and similar institutions may become members by paying the prescribed dues for this category of membership.

Section 3.

The membership fees shall be determined by the Council and shall cover a three-year period, beginning on the first day of January 1975, and the first day of every third year thereafter.

Section 4.

The IAAE, on the recommendation of the Council, may elect honorary life members.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The executive officers shall be a President, a President Elect, a Vice President for Program Development, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Council at a formally constituted meeting held during the conference, and shall hold office for a period beginning with the close of the conference and ending with the close of the next succeeding conference.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the IAAE and shall be subject to the authority of the Executive Committee. He/she shall be responsible for managing the administrative and business affairs of the association and for conducting international and regional conferences. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the IAAE, the Council, and the Executive Committee. He/she shall preside at the plenary and other sessions of conferences or designate an alternate. He/she shall make appointments to special committees created by action of the Executive Committee or the Council.

Section 2.

The President Elect shall, in the absence of

the President, perform duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of the President and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. In the event of the incapacity of the President to complete his/her term, the President Elect shall assume the office of President. He/she shall at all times be kept informed of the affairs of the association and shall be involved in them. He/she shall perform such other duties and have such other authority as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

1. Keep minutes of the meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee.
 - i. Keep country representatives informed of the principal actions.
 - ii. Have custody of IAAE records.
 - iii. Maintain, with the help of the country (area) representatives, the full address of each member.
 - iv. Certify resolutions.
 - v. Receive all funds and securities of the IAAE and deposit all such assets in the name of the IAAE in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee.
 - vi. Disburse funds in accordance with regulations established by the Executive Committee.

- vii. Keep an account of depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee.
- vi. Disburse funds in accordance with regulations established by the Executive Committee.
- vii. Keep an account of all receipts and expenditures and other financial transactions of the IAAE by fiscal periods beginning the first day of January and ending the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Perform such other duties and have such other authority as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Executive Committee.

Section 4.

The Vice President for Program Development shall be responsible for preparing the program for the major conferences of the IAAE and shall perform such other duties and have such other authority as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall act for the Council between meetings of the Council.

Section 3.

The President of the IAAE shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAAE shall serve as its Secretary.

ARTICLE IX: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Special committees may be created in accordance with the needs of the IAAE upon action by the Executive Committee or the Council.

Section 2.

Members of special committees shall be appointed by the President of the IAAE.

ARTICLE X: NATIONAL OR AREA BRANCHES

Section 1.

The members of the IAAE in each country (or group of countries) shall form a National (Area) Branch to promote the objectives of the IAAE within the country or area. In addition, National (Area) Branches may join together to pursue IAAE objectives.

Section 2.

Each National (Area) Branch shall designate an individual member as country (area) representative to provide liaison between officers of the IAAE and the membership within the country or area. The country representative must be a current member of IAAE. It is the responsibility of the designated country (area) representative to inform the Secretary-Treasurer the name of the individual who has been chosen country representative as a replacement. If a designed country

representative has not maintained membership in IAAE for the current period and has not responded to the President or Secretary-Treasurer concerning membership, the President shall select a current IAAE member from the National (Area) Branch to canvass the membership and select a new country representative.

Section 3.

Each National (Area) Branch shall elect members to the IAAE Council in accordance with the number of members in the country or area: 0 and not exceeding 4 members, 0 Council member; 5 and not exceeding 10 members, 1 Council member; 11 and not exceeding 25 members, 2 Council members; 26 and not exceeding 60 members, 3 Council members; 61 or more members, 4 Council members.

Section 4.

Each National (Area) Branch shall elect or appoint members to the Council within one year after the election of officers of the IAAE. The method of selecting members of the Council shall be left to the discretion of each National (Area) Branch, but the procedure shall be reported to the Executive Committee for approval.

ARTICLE XI: IAAE COUNCIL

Section 1.

The IAAE Council shall consist of the Executive Committee together with the members elected by the National (Area) Branches as provided for in Article X.

Section 2.

The Council shall be the major policy formulating body of the IAAE and shall meet during the conferences of the IAAE and at such other times and places as may be

designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

In the event a Council member from a National (Area) Branch is not present at a conference, Branch members in attendance may designate one of their group as an alternate Council member.

Section 4.

The President of the IAAE shall serve as Chairman of the Council, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAAE shall serve as its Secretary.

ARTICLE XII: TEMPORARY NATIONAL OR AREA BRANCHES

Where no National (Area) Branch has been constituted, the President may appoint a temporary representative to canvass for members and to establish a branch under the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended at any formally constituted meeting of the Council either by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the Council members present, provided that at least six months prior to the voting the amendment has been submitted in writing to the country (area) representatives for consideration by the National (Area) Branch members; or by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council members present without advance submittal in writing.

As adopted August 1973, and amended August 1991 and August 2000.



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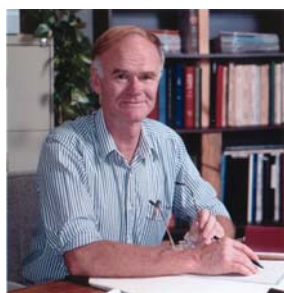
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John Longworth

Australia long before the founding of this *national* professional body. Furthermore, the *International Association of Agricultural Economists* (IAAE) is almost 30 years older than the Australian association.

Therefore, one might ask if there were any connections between the early Australian profession and the IAAE and did these interactions have any significant impact on the subsequent development of agricultural economics as a profession in Australia?

In this context, it should be noted that the initiatives by Leonard Elmhirst that led to the formation of the organisation now known as the IAAE were probably stimulated/facilitated by the pre-existence of kindred *national* professional groupings in the United States of America and in the United Kingdom.

Although the American Farm Economics Association had a longer history, it was probably the establishment of The Agricultural Economics Society in the UK in 1926 that got Elmhirst thinking. He presumably felt that there was a need for an *international* forum in which there could be an exchange of views and ideas between

professionals and others who were interested in ways to improve the livelihoods of farm families in all countries.

At the personal invitation (and expense) of Elmhirst and his wife, some 50 economists from 11 countries met for the first *International Conference of Agricultural Economists* (ICAE now IAAE) at Dartington Hall in August/September 1929.

The Australian profession was not represented at the inaugural meeting at Dartington Hall. However, the official ICAE membership records shows that for the 1930-34 conference period Australia/NZ had 2 members, which increased to 3 in 1934-36 and to 5 in the 1936-38 the conference periods. Nevertheless, the involvement of Australians in the ICAE in the pre-WW II era must have been minimal.

Although there had been some efforts to develop the profession in Australia before the Second World War, very few people in Australia would have identified themselves as agricultural economists.

Even after WW II the Australian profession was relatively slow to get organised under its own flag (the Australian Agricultural Economics Society was not established until 1957). Apart from the obvious lack of numbers, another possible reason for the slow emergence of an independent professional body was that the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and the Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) were both



relatively strong professional organisations at that time. Both these organisations provided ample scope for the relatively few agricultural economists so inclined to “strut their stuff” in public forums or in print.

In 1954, John (“Jock”) Currie, the then Secretary/Treasurer of the ICAE (now IAAE) visited Australia and New Zealand. It would appear that this was the first formal contact between the ICAE Executive and members of the Australian profession. The only comment that Raeburn and Jones make in their definitive book on the early history of the IAAE about the outcome of this visit is as follows:

One result, after Elmhirst explained (*presumably by Currie putting Elmhirst’s views since Elmhirst did not come to Australia with Currie*) his own thinking about Australia’s needs and world responsibilities to R. Casey (Foreign Minister of Australia), J. Crawford and D.B. Williams, was a substantial relaxation of the Australian restrictions on finance for travel to ICAE conferences.

[Raeburn, J.R. and J.O. Jones (1990), *The History of the International Association of Agricultural Economists: Towards Rural Welfare World Wide*, Aldershot: Dartmouth Publishing Co. Ltd. Pp. 104.]

In this day and age, it is difficult to comprehend that foreign exchange controls were seen to be such a serious impediment to international travel and that the role of the IAAE Executive in resolving this issue on behalf of the Australian profession was considered the major achievement of Currie’s 1954 visit.

Following Currie’s visit to Australia, the next IAAE Conference was held near Helsinki, Finland in 1955. It is unlikely – despite improved access to the necessary hard currency – that any agricultural economists travelled from Australia to attend.

However, perhaps stimulated in part by Currie’s visit, the fledgling Australian profession had begun to debate how best to get itself organised. There were two competing proposals. Some prominent members of the profession suggested the creation of an Australian Group under the IAAE flag whilst the majority favoured a stand alone Australian Society. The later carried the day and, as mentioned above, the Australian

Agricultural Economics Society was established and held its first meetings in 1957.

Keith Campbell, the first President of the Australian Society attended the 1958 IAAE Conference in Mysore, India. This was the first such meeting outside North America and Europe. Campbell also attended the next two IAAE Conferences in Mexico (1961) and France (1964). At these three meetings, Campbell lobbied hard for an Australian Conference. During this period, as the IAAE Country Representative, Campbell also steadily built up the membership of IAAE within Australia.

And so it was that the IAAE came to meet in Sydney in 1967. The Sydney conference attracted 219 Australian and New Zealand participants and 501 attendees from over 30 countries in total. Just over 100 participants came from North America and there were 86 Europeans in attendance. A great many of the most senior and well-known agricultural economists from around the world attended the Sydney Conference.

The Sydney IAAE Conference “put the Australian profession on the international map.” A significant number of young and not so young Australians established professional friendships with colleagues from overseas at this conference. These contacts often subsequently had a profoundly beneficial impact on the careers of the Australians and, in turn, on the status and recognition internationally of the Australian profession.

Despite relatively large Australian contingents attending all the IAAE Conferences since the Sydney meetings in 1967, these meetings have had little direct impact on the Australian profession as a whole. Undoubtedly, the Sydney Conference in 1967 remains the most significant aspect of the Australian-IAAE connection to date.

John W. Longworth

IAAE President 1988-1991
Honorary Life Member, 2000

Upcoming Conferences



September 6-8, 2007. Budapest, Hungary

Agricultural Economics and Transition: What was expected, what we observed, the lessons learned

Joint IAAE- EAAE Seminar

The major objective of the seminar is to discuss and draw conclusions on the role of agricultural policy in the transition process in the light of actual progress and current situation of in Central and East European countries and in former Soviet States. In addition the contribution of agricultural economics -both from the West and from the East- as discipline and profession to the transition process in agriculture will be discussed. A specific objective is to identify priorities and means to strengthen the agricultural economics profession in Central and Eastern Europe and determine research and educational priorities for the future.

Abstract submission: January 31, 2007

Notification of acceptance: March 15, 2007

Full paper submission: June 30, 2007

Conference Organiser

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Queenstown, New Zealand, 13-16 February 2007

Australasia's Resource-Based Industries in a Future World

2007 AARES Conference

The 51st AARES annual conference will be held at Queenstown, New Zealand, 14-16 February 2007 with the pre-conference workshop planned for 13 February.

Members of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society extend a warm invitation to you to attend the Annual National Conference in 2007. The committee and contributors are developing a dynamic and diverse program incorporating a range of industry professionals and specialist speakers and presenters. The conference venue is the Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown, New Zealand. The conference presents a great opportunity for all those involved in research, extension, teaching, policy making and managing agriculture and natural resources to catch up with and contribute to the latest research into those issues and to hear broader perspectives about where the issues fit in the Australian, New Zealand and world economies from some of the world's leading agriculture and resource economists.

President-elect Allan Rae and the conference organising committee are working hard to develop the program and some of the keynote speakers and sessions include Kym Anderson and Will Martin and other leading international trade economists; Rögnavaldur Hannesson, Professor of Fisheries Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Bergen, Norway, and Philip McCann from New Zealand.

Call for Papers

Interested parties are invited to submit a title for a contributed paper. For more information please go to the **Contributed Papers and Presenter Information** page. <http://www.aomevents.com/conferences/AARES07/papers.php>

Conference Organiser

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Session on Food Industry Competitiveness

Wageningen University and its Agricultural Economics Research Institute LEI are currently benchmarking the performance of 8 EU food processing sectors with those in the USA, Brazil, Australia, Canada and other relevant countries. The study is commissioned by the European Commission to develop an innovation policy for the sector. The team is looking for feedback from and cooperation with the benchmark countries. Draft results will be presented and discussed on Tuesday, 15 August at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1 (after the AgEcon Search session). Contact person: Krijn Poppe (krijn.poppe@wur.nl)

Wednesday tours

All four mid-conference tours will leave promptly at noon on Wednesday from the bus stop outside the main entrance to the convention center.

Working with ABARE

ABARE frequently requires experienced research economists to undertake specific projects. A temporary employment register is maintained by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) that ABARE draws on. Anyone wishing to lodge an interest in temporary employment opportunities should register on-line on the DAFF website at www.daff.gov.au

All permanent vacancies are advertised on the DAFF website and at www.abareconomics.com including vacancies in our graduate and vacation employment programs.

Visit the ABARE stand at the conference or contact Peter Cahill, HR Adviser, at 026272 2022, email peter.cahill@daff.gov.au. NOTE: Australian citizenship is an essential requirement of employment with ABARE.

Argentina Regional Conference

The Argentinean Association of Agricultural Economics (AAEA) would like to thank the sponsors of the International Association of Agricultural Economists for the Regional Congress of Agricultural Economists held in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, November 2005. This Congress was organized by the AAEA together with Uruguayan and Chilean associations. Approximately 120 participants discussed important topics including trade, production management and production systems, insertion of small size producers into new marketing modalities and new rural economic development approaches. The IAAE support sponsored the participation of Dr. Ramon Lopez (Chile, University of Maryland). AAEA would like to highlight the efforts made by Dr. Ruben Echeverria, Executive Committee member of IAAE.

Council Meeting for U.S. members of IAAE

U.S. members of IAAE - Please bring your lunch and join us for discussion of several key issues and decisions pertaining to IAAE. The meeting will take place at from noon to 1pm today in Meeting Room 5.

David Lee

Meeting Announcements

African Association of Agricultural Economists – Executive Committee

Wednesday 9.45am

Meeting Room – Secretariat Boardroom – via registration desk

African Association of Agricultural Economists – Members and Potential Members

Thursday 12.00 Noon

Meeting Room 8

AgEcon Search Seeks Working Papers

Does your department or agency have a working paper series? Why not include the full text of the papers in AgEcon search, (<http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>)? The papers will get added exposure. Stop by the AgEcon Search booth to get started.

Belgium welcomes the 12th EAAE Congress in 2008

The next congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists will be held in Ghent, Belgium, in 2008. More details on calls for papers, congress venue and logistics will soon become available at www.EAAE2008.be. You can also contact Professor Guido van Huylenbroeck or Ludwig Lauwers, members of the local organizing committee.

Verify IAAE Membership Information

Please stop at the IAAE *Ag Econ Search* booth in the Trade Area to check and update your membership information.

Do you want to publish an item in the Cowbell?

If you want to submit material for any upcoming issue of the Cowbell, please bring it, preferably in electronic form, to the IAAE registration desk or email it to the Cowbell's Editor Wally Tyner at wtyner@purdue.edu. In particular if you want to have a reunion for your university or group, please get us that information in plenty of time to publicize the event.

Food Research Institute Reunion

Alumni, former faculty, family and friends - please join us for dinner Tuesday, August 15 at 7:15pm. Place: Carat Thai restaurant, shop 3/90 Surf Parade (this is at the base of the Phoenician hotel, which you can see directly across the Gold Coast highway from the convention centre; see bulletin board for a more detailed map). Bring family members and friends. Reservation is in John Gibson's name.

John Gibson

Wisconsin Reunion

Meet at the message board in the convention center on Tuesday at 8pm.

Cornell University Reunion

Alumni, faculty, students and friends - please join us for dinner tonight at 7:00pm at Mario's Restaurant. Mario's is located at the end of Broadbeach Mall, 2 blocks from the Convention Centre (just past the Sofitel Hotel and Oasis Mall). Sign up (by noon on Tuesday) on the list at the bulletin board near the Registration desk, or email David Lee at DRL5@cornell.edu

Canada Reunion

IAAE members from Canada and friends are meeting for dinner on Tuesday, 15 August at 7:30 pm. Place: George's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, Shop 1/27b Victoria Avenue (this is across the street from the conference centre, half way down the block; see bulletin board for map; ph. 07 5570 1222). Bring family members. Reservation is in Lars Brink's name.

Inter-Conference Symposia: Policy Statements

- (1) The IAAE encourages inter-conference symposia jointly hosted by the IAAE and national and regional associations interested in agricultural economics, as well as with regional, national and international institutions interested in the analysis, subject matter and problem solving approaches used in agricultural economics. The IAAE is interested in inter-conference symposia jointly hosted with related professional organizations devoted to agricultural and food issues including business and commerce, environment, farm management, general economics and finance. These joint arrangements may include a bilateral arrangement between IAAE and another professional organization, or arrangements between IAAE and a group of professional organizations.
- (2) All proposals for inter-conference symposia should be forwarded to the President Elect of the IAAE:
- (3) In certain circumstances, the IAAE will provide direct support for the publication of all or selected papers from an inter-conference symposium.

Support will vary from zero to \$15,000 for publication of the proceedings.

In providing this support, the IAAE will aim to encourage published, high quality, scholarly papers on topics in agricultural economics, build relationships between IAAE and regional or national associations, and strengthen the IAAE membership.

Overall financial responsibility for the Symposium must be carried by the local organizing committee.
- (4) The President-Elect of the IAAE may assist during the development of the proposal for a symposium in determining an appropriate publication strategy for the papers of the symposium. A publication plan for symposium papers should be included with the proposal to the IAAE.
- (5) Following the symposium, the Editor of the Journal of the IAAE, Agricultural Economics, may consider publishing selected papers from the symposium. Agricultural Economics will not publish papers that are included in the proceedings of the symposium.
- (6) All arrangements for an inter-conference symposium will be the responsibility of the local or regional host. The attached checklist may be of assistance in developing a proposal.
- (7) The IAAE name and logo will appear equally with the name and logo of the regional or national partner for the inter-conference symposium in any written or electronic information promoting the symposium, documents about the symposium, and the proceedings of the symposium.
- (8) The IAAE will support up to six inter-conference symposia in each inter-conference period.
- (9) The IAAE Executive will respond promptly to any formal request for joint hosting of an inter-conference symposium. As well, the IAAE itself may seek partners in hosting such symposia.

Past Inter-Conference Symposia

1987 China

This inter-conference symposium was the first held by the IAAE. It was organized by Theodor Dams, Glenn Johnson and John Longworth, as a means to bring the IAAE to scholars of China who had been active many years before. It marked a significant turning point in IAAE presence in China as well as starting several other inter-conference symposia to strengthen regional associations and the IAAE. The publication from the conference is:

J.W. Longworth, (ed.). 1989. **China's Rural Development Miracle: With International Comparisons**. St. Lucia: University of Queensland Press, Australia. pp. 457.

1990 Namibia

This inter-conference symposium was held at Swakopmund, Namibia on 2-7 July. It was hosted by the Association of Agricultural Economists of Namibia (AGRECONA) and the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The publication resulting from the conference is:

Csaba Csaki, Theodor Dams, Diethelm Metzger, and Johan van Zyl, (eds.). 1992. **Agricultural Restructuring in Southern Africa**. Windhoek Printers and Publishers (Pty) Ltd., Windhoek, Namibia.

1992 Israel

This inter-conference symposium was held at Kibbutz Maale Hachamisha, near Jerusalem, Israel, in April. It was hosted by the International Association of Agricultural Economists and Hebrew and Rehovot Universities. The publication resulting from the conference is:

Csaba Csaki and Yoav Kislev, (eds.). 1993. **Agricultural Cooperatives in Transition**. Westview Press, USA/UK, and Balaban Publishers, Israel.

1993 Ukraine

This inter-conference symposium was held at Kiev in September. Its purpose was to bring the IAAE into contact with Ukraine scholars following the changes to the USSR. It was attended primarily by Ukrainian

scholars but also included scholars/participants from other countries in the region, including Russia. The publications resulting from the conference are:

G.H. Peters, (ed.). 1995. "Agricultural Economics: An Educational and Research Agenda for Nations in Transition". *Agricultural Economics*. Vol. 12, No.3, September 1995. Kiev Symposium Issue. pp. 193-244.

P. Sabluk and C. Csaki, (eds.). 1994. **Agrarian Reforms in the Commonwealth of Independent States, Central and Eastern European Nations in Transition to Market Relations: Research and Educational Agenda**. Kiev, Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Sciences. pp. 656.

1996 Morocco

This inter-conference symposium was organized by the Moroccan Association of Agricultural Economics and the IAAE to bring together scholars and practitioners in the North African, Middle East and Mediterranean area. The papers for the symposium were printed for the Symposium, unedited, in the language (English or French) of the original paper. No subsequent publication came from the Symposium. The reference for the papers is:

Association Marocaine de L'agro-economie et Association Internationale des Economistes Agricoles, 1996. **La Mise en Oeuvre du GATT et L'Ajustement Structurel dans les Pays de la Méditerranée**. Symposium International, Rabat, Maroc. 24-26 Juin 1996.

1996 Netherlands

This inter-conference symposium was held at Wageningen University in the Netherlands on 4-8 April 1996. It was hosted by the European Association of Agricultural Economics and the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The publication resulting from the conference is:

G.A.A. Wossink, G.C. van Kooten, and G.H. Peters, (eds.). 1998. **Economics of Agro-Chemicals: An International Overview of Use Patterns, Technical and Institutional Determinants, Policies and Perspectives**. Ashgate, UK.

1998 South Africa

This inter-conference symposium was held at Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. It was hosted by the Association of South African Agricultural Economists and the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The publication resulting from the conference is:

Johan Kirsten, Johan van Zyl and R. Hassan, (eds.). 1999. **Challenges Facing Agriculture in Southern Africa. AGREKON** (Special Issue) Vol. 38, May 1999.

1999 Latin America

This inter-conference symposium was held at the Rafain Palace Hotel, Foz de Iguazu, Brazil on 2 August 1999. It was hosted by the Sociedad Brasileira de Economia Agricola y Sociologia Rural (SOBER) and the International Association of Agricultural Economists. The publication resulting from the conference is:

IAAE and SOBER, 2000. **Desafios para los Agronegocios y el Comercio en Sudamerica Durante las Proximas Decadas** (Challenges Faced by the Agricultural Sector of South America in the Coming Decades). Macromedia, Inc.

The papers presented are available in the language in which they were received at the conference on CD-ROM, which may be obtained directly from Eugenia Muchnik, member of the IAAE Executive (1998-200) via e-mail addressed to emuchnik@fundch.cl. The proceedings will also be available directly from the web page of IAAE.

2002 Thailand

An International Symposium entitled "Sustaining Food Security and Managing Natural Resources in Southeast Asia: Challenges for the 21st Century," was held 8-11 January 8-11 2002, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Selected papers from the symposium will be published in the Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture, Volume 2 (2003).

2002 Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association and the IAAE held a regional conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2-4 October.

2004 Latin America

This inter-conference symposium was held at the Hermitage Hotel, Mar del Plata, Argentina on 3-5 November 2004. It was hosted by the Argentinean Association of Agricultural Economics, in coordination with the Uruguayan Association of Agricultural Economists (SUEA), the Chilean Association of Agricultural Economists (AEA), the International Association of Agricultural Economists and the Inter-American Development Bank. The meeting of the Latin American Regional Congress of Agricultural Economists was the Second Riverplate Congress of Agricultural Economists, incorporating the 35th annual meeting of the Argentinean Association of Agricultural Economics and the 9th meeting of the Chilean Association. The theme of the conference was New Roles of Public and Private Sectors in Agricultural Development: Regional Integration and Viability of Small, Middle and Traditional Agriculture. The publication from the conference was:

AAEA, SUEA, AEA, 2004. **Resumenes de Trabajos y Comunicaciones del Primer Congreso Regional de Economistas Agrarios**. 3-5 November 2004. Mar del Plata, Argentina.

2005 South Asia

The South Asia Regional Conference of IAAE was organized in Hyderabad, India, 23-25 March 2005 in conjunction with the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (Hyderabad), IFPRI, the Indian Agricultural Economists Society and the Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing. The theme of the conference was: "Globalization in South Asia: Has it Made a Difference to Global Livelihoods?".

2004-2005 75th Anniversary

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the IAAE, two conferences were organized, paralleling the original two conferences of the IAAE in 1929 and 1930.

The first was held 29-30 October 2004 at Dartington Hall, Totnes, England, focusing on the future development of the IAAE and its services to members.

The second was held 7-9 October 2005 at Cornell University centering on the theme: "Emerging Issues in Agriculture and the Role of the International Association of Agricultural Economists".

On the Lighter Side

*“Strine”TM Made Simple, Part 2 (J-Z)

In an earlier edition of the *Cowbell* we introduced “Strine”, a different sort of English spoken by most Australians. Today we finish the Strine lesson with words J through Z.

Jaffle — toasted sandwich
Jumbuck — sheep
Jumper — sweater
Lino — linoleum
Lollies — candies
Mail, the — news
Mate — a friend
Merino — breed of sheep
Milk bar — corner store.
Mozzies — mosquitoes.
Mug — a fool; to imitate
Muster — roundup sheep or cattle
Nipper — child
No worries — no problem, not a problem
Nuddie — in the nude. Outback - remote part of the bush
Ocker — yobbo
On the knocker- on the mark or target
Oz — Oztralia, Australia.
Pastoralist — Large scale grazier
Pom — if you are English you will get to know the word quickly as it is almost an affectionate term for English people (supposedly originates from the term Prisoner of Mother country)
Pommie — an Englishman
Postie — mailman
Queue — a line for a bus or anything else
Ridgy-didge — original, genuine
Ripper/Little ripper — good (said to someone who has done something good)
Ropable — angry
Sandgroper — someone from Western Australia
Sandshoes — sneakers
Serviette — table napkin
Sheila — a woman
She'll be right — not a problem, don't worry
Shout — treat someone, usually to a drink "It's your shout, mate"
Sickie — to take a day off work (supposedly from being sick)

Smoko — tea-break, break for a cigarette
Snags — sausages, bangers
Sport — mate , "G'day sport"
Station — large ranch
Stubbie — small bottle of beer
Swag — item used for sleeping outdoors
Sweet as a nut — perfect
Sweets — dessert
Ta — thank you
Ta-Ta — goodbye
Taxi Rank — taxi stand
Tassie — Tasmania
Taswegian — resident of Tasmania
Thongs — flip flops or sandals
Tinnie — can of beer
True Blue — genuine Australian item/person
Tube — can of beer (also tinnie)
Tucker — food (Aboriginal word)
Two-up — an extremely popular though illegal gambling game involving the tossing of a coin
Ute — (utility) - pick-up truck
Walkabout — to go walkaround, disappear for awhile
Wet (the wet) — rainy season in Northern Australia
Whingeing Pom — ("bloody whingeing pom"), the worst type of Pom, one who complains alot
Witchetty grub — little white worms, traditionally eaten by Aboriginals as a delicacy
Woop-woop — a remote place
Yahoo — yobbo
Youse (pronounced as "use") — refers to others when there is more than one ie. plural to you
Yabbie — small freshwater crayfish





William James Farrer: The father of “sustainable farm management” in Australia

The Agricultural and Resource Economics profession in Australia, as in most other countries, had its origins in farm management. The early pioneers were agriculturalists who recognised the increasing importance of what would now be referred to as “economic sustainability” of farming, as the rural sector modernised and the livelihoods of farmers and their families became increasingly dependent on input and output markets.

William Farrer, better known for his wheat breeding efforts, also deserves to be remembered as perhaps the first serious exponent of sustainable farming in Australia.

Whilst Farrer was a “farm boy” whose parents were modest tenant farmers in England, he must have enjoyed wealthy connections who were prepared to support his university studies and who later provided funds for him to take to New South Wales.

Farrer, after a brilliant Arts undergraduate career at Cambridge where he majored in mathematics, began the study of medicine at Cambridge. However, during his medical studies, Farrer discovered he had the first signs of tuberculosis. So, in 1870, he abandoned his university studies, gathered up his stake, and took ship to Sydney in search of a better climate.

His initial intention was to obtain farming/pastoral experience and then invest in a farm of his own. Unfortunately, he lost his stake by investing in some

unsuccessful mining ventures. Consequently, building on his mathematics skills, he became a registered surveyor in mid-1876 and worked extensively in this capacity around the Dubbo, Forbes and Cooma districts of NSW until 1886.



W. J. Farrer

From 1882 when he finally acquired his own small wheat farm, Farrer began advocating breeding rust resistant wheat varieties, a strategy that many ridiculed at the time. He would never have used the term, but he was convinced that rust resistant varieties offered a sustainable solution to the “rust problem” that was devastating the wheat-growing industry in NSW and the other Australian colonies at that time.

Farrer was also well aware that soil fertility and soil structure was deteriorating in wheat-growing areas. Again, he was ahead of his time by advocating what would now be considered a “sustainable solution” for soil degradation. He suggested that leguminous plant species (clovers and medics) which grew naturally in similar climatic zones in North Africa should be imported and grown in rotation with wheat and other cereal crops.

Farrer exhibited qualities that have been the hallmarks of many successful agricultural economists. He grew



up in a farming family – he was a “farm boy”. He studied a narrow academic discipline (mathematics) in depth as an undergraduate thus acquiring the attention to detail and the confidence that comes with mastering a particular academic field. At the same time, he acquired a lifelong thirst for knowledge and ideas which he applied to new situations. He was an avid reader and a prolific correspondent writing hundreds of letters to agriculturalists (especially but not only plant breeders) in the USA, Canada, UK, North Africa etc. He was vitally interested in the technical and scientific side of agricultural production but, as a practical farm manager himself, he never lost sight of the need for farms to be viable economic units.

Once he acquired his own small farm in 1882, he became intimately acquainted with the financial and technical trials and tribulations of farming. Furthermore, all of his experimental work on wheat breeding and with pasture legume rotations was conducted on his own farm and at his own expense until he was appointed Wheat Experimentalist with the NSW Department of Agriculture in 1898.

Farrer, especially after 1898, took a leading role in advocating the application of science to finding longer term (sustainable) solutions to the management of agricultural problems. For example, he strongly supported the establishment and development of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College (now a campus of the University of Western Sydney) as a place where new ideas could be trialled on a semi-commercial scale and where young men could be trained to manage farms according to what would now be termed “sustainable principles”.

Farrer deserves to be remembered for a lot more than wheat breeding.

John W. Longworth

IAAE President 1988-1991
Honorary Life Member, 2000

Reference: Longworth, John W. (1992), “The Farrer Memorial Oration: Sustainability and Agricultural Education”. *Review of Marketing and Agricultural Economics*, Vol.60, No.1 (April), pp.79-88.

An Old Farmer’s Advice

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin’.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- A bumblebee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God



IAAE: Retrospect and Prospects



Walt Armbruster

When I first became active in IAAE in 1979, at the time of the Banff Conference, traditional agricultural production and marketing were prominent concerns in the conference program and the large number of discussion groups that functioned during that and a few of the following conferences. Those discussion groups were not organized symposia as they have largely evolved to be today. The idea was to engage all participants in open dialogue stimulated by one or two senior members of the profession. To participate in those discussion sessions with participants from various countries grappling with similar issues was a true highlight of the early meetings I attended.

By the time I became secretary-treasurer in 1991, newer areas were receiving much more attention in conference programs. Such areas as food safety and consumer issues particularly come to mind and resource-related issues were much more prominent in the agenda. This evolution has continued as new topics of current interest are embraced in our program planning, as well they should in a dynamic, relevant organization interested in stimulating development and application of knowledge about emerging economic and policy issues related to agriculture, the food system, rural communities, trade, development and environmental concerns.

A notable change in the way members participate in the meetings has also occurred during my tenure as an IAAE participant. In 1979, the meetings lasted for 10 days and most participants were there for the duration. Recent meetings have been six days in length for the main meeting, with a day of two set aside for pre-conference workshops. Participants frequently attend for only part of the meetings. This may reflect time pressures from fewer faculty in academic departments and government agencies with less time

available for attending meetings, as well as more selectivity in participation.

Pressures and incentives to publish journal articles increasingly drive decisions of what conferences to participate in and even what organizations to join on an annual basis. Thus, while a core membership of IAAE carries over from conference period to conference period, a number of members only join in periods in which they participate on the program.

Another noticeable change is that of the funders who have long been counted on to help IAAE, through its Fund for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, and to support participation in the triennial programs. In 1979, the only funding raised was from the major U.S.-based foundations working in agriculture and rural issues: Ford, Kellogg and Rockefeller. Current sources of funding reflect the need to target proposals to specific topics and interests of agencies working in countries or regions from which we wish to sponsor participants in the conference. Rockefeller is the only major foundation willing to provide funding and that only through programs operated by their African program. A variety of other public agencies or institutions provide smaller amounts of funding, but the good news is that in total IAAE has raised over \$US225,000 to sponsor developing country participants at this year's conference.

I believe the future bodes well for IAAE, as long as it continues to focus on emerging issues, engages as many countries as possible in program participation, and provides opportunities for agricultural economists from around the world to participate in dialogue on cutting-edge and emerging issues in agricultural economics that can help to inform decision makers in the public and private arenas. I look forward to continuing to work with IAAE members.

Walt Armbruster
IAAE Secretary-Treasurer

From the Editor's Desk: Why the IAAE meetings are my favorite professional meetings



Wally Tyner

I have always felt that the IAAE conferences are the very best professional meetings I attend. So why is that the case? I suppose there are many reasons why the meetings appeal to me. Let me point out the ones that stand out. First, there is the rich diversity of people in attendance at the meetings. It is not often you can attend meetings and get to

interact with people from all over the world, people with different cultural backgrounds and different professional perspectives. This diversity really enriches the discussion and debate. It is always fascinating to learn about other approaches and perspectives on the major issues facing us.

Second, I really like the amount of discussion possible at the meetings. The mini-symposia and discussion groups provide a tremendous opportunity for everyone to become involved in discussions of interesting and important topics. In these formats, we have an opportunity to have much more exchange of opinion and ideas. We can really delve into issues and gain a much richer understanding of ideas put on the table by our colleagues. And the discussions are always to me both professionally enriching and respectful.

The opportunity for informal discussion and interaction is also a real plus. The schedule permits lots of time for social interaction. The mid-conference tour is always a highlight and something that fosters lots of personal interaction. Life long friendships are formed and renewed at these meetings.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention the quality of the program and papers presented. It seems that I leave these meetings with more take-home ideas than any other.

Yes, without a doubt, the IAAE meetings are absolutely my favorite professional meetings. I hope you also enjoy and benefit from the meetings as much as I have over the years.

Wally Tyner,

Editor, Cowbell

Notice to all Members:

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.

Grant recipients and people who purchase a membership at the Gold Coast are encouraged to check the membership list, including the supplemental list in the back of the membership book, to make sure your address and e-mail is correct. The IAAE office processed many of these transactions without accurate contact information (address, phone, e-mail) to expedite your participation in the conference. Take some time during your stay at the conference to check your records so we can communicate with you after the conference.

Proposed IAAE Doha Resolution

In response to a number of suggestions that the IAAE should be saying something about the recent suspension of the WTO Doha negotiations, and in recognition of the fact that organisations such as the IAAE find it difficult to reach the consensus necessary to make such statements, the following proposal for a formal IAAE Council Resolution is based on the established objectives of the IAAE. The IAAE Council meeting, to be held at 5.15pm on Thursday (Meeting Room 7), is asked to endorse this resolution, on the grounds that saying nothing betrays the ambitions and aspirations of our Association and its founders, and that saying something positive may make some contribution to progress.

“This Council notes the suspension of the WTO Doha negotiations in the context of the theme of our Conference: “Contributions of agricultural economics to critical policy issues”. We urge our professions to use the adjournment period to increase understanding and better inform the participants in the negotiations and their constituencies of the opportunities and possibilities for the further improvement of the economic and social conditions of rural people and their associated communities, and to facilitate communication and exchange of information among those concerned with rural welfare throughout the world.”

David Harvey,
UK IAAE Representative

Conference Attendance

As of Tuesday, we have a total of 980 conference registrants consisting of 800 full delegates, 70 accompanying persons, 73 day registrations, and 37 complementary registrations.

Program Updates

Chairperson changes:

Thursday's Session A at 8am will be chaired by Paul Wilson.

Wednesday Tours

All five tours on Wednesday will leave promptly at noon from the bus stop outside the main entrance to the convention center.

Meetings and Reunions

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Dieter Kirschke

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WDR 2008 Meeting

Discussion of the World Development Report 2008 Meeting (invitees only) has been moved to Meeting Room 2 and will take place from 12.00 noon to 1:00 pm on Thursday.

African Association of Agricultural Economists – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday at 9:45 am in the Secretariat Boardroom (via the registration desk).

African Association of Agricultural Economists

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New IAAE Discussion Paper Series

Purpose

IAAE has recently launched its new Discussion Paper Series, for which association members are invited to submit manuscripts. The series constitutes an additional publishing outlet for high-quality economics research on topics related to international agriculture, food, and the environment. Moreover, it provides a mechanism for young scholars to gain experience with the process of academic publishing. Papers, which are interesting in terms of problem focus, but which would not normally be accepted in academic journals due to lack of novelty in the analytical approach, are also considered. A wide visibility of accepted Discussion Papers in the agricultural economics community is ensured through publication on the IAAE website (<http://www.iaae-agecon.org>) and inclusion in AgEcon Search (<http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>). Published Discussion Papers are also announced in the IAAE Newsletter. IAAE does not claim copyrights for Discussion Papers, so that publication in this series does not prevent authors from additionally submitting their manuscript to a journal.

Bernhard Brümmer
University of Göttingen, Germany

David Colman
University of Manchester, United Kingdom

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International Food Policy Research Institute,
Washington, DC, USA

Bhavani Shankar
University of Reading, United Kingdom

Submission and Review

All sorts of research papers, which are of interest to an international readership of agricultural economists, can be submitted. The corresponding author has to be member of the IAAE and should state his/her membership number in the submission. Preference will be given to papers submitted by young scholars. Paper length, style, and format should be according to the author guidelines for the association's journal, *Agricultural Economics*. Initial submissions should be sent by Email (as attached files in MS Word or PDF format) to the editor of the Discussion Paper Series. The peer-review process is coordinated by the editorial board. Further details can be downloaded from the IAAE website.

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Solution to the Quiz in *Cowbell 2*

1. Australia, also known as the Land Down Under, is **a country, island and a continent.**
2. The capital of Australia is **Canberra.**
3. Australia highest mountain, Mount Kosciuszko, is **2,228 meters (7,310 feet) high.**
4. The Emu is Australia's national bird, but which is the national animal? **The Red Kangaroo.**
5. Australia's population in 2006 is roughly **20 million.**

Clancy of the Overflow

by Andrew Barton 'Banjo' Paterson*

I had written him a letter which I had, for want of better
Knowledge, sent to where I met him down the Lachlan, years ago,
He was shearing when I knew him, so I sent the letter to him,
Just on spec, addressed as follows, "Clancy, of The Overflow".
And an answer came directed in a writing unexpected,
(And I think the same was written with a thumb-nail dipped in tar)
'Twas his shearing mate who wrote it, and verbatim I will quote it:
"Clancy's gone to Queensland droving, and we don't know where he are."
In my wild erratic fancy visions come to me of Clancy
Gone a-droving "down the Cooper" where the Western drovers go;
As the stock are slowly stringing, Clancy rides behind them singing,
For the drover's life has pleasures that the townsfolk never know.
And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him
In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars,
And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended,
And at night the wond'rous glory of the everlasting stars.
I am sitting in my dingy little office, where a stingy
Ray of sunlight struggles feebly down between the houses tall,
And the foetid air and gritty of the dusty, dirty city
Through the open window floating, spreads its foulness over all.
And in place of lowing cattle, I can hear the fiendish rattle
Of the tramways and the buses making hurry down the street,
And the language uninviting of the gutter children fighting,
Comes fitfully and faintly through the ceaseless tramp of feet.
And the hurrying people daunt me, and their pallid faces haunt me
As they shoulder one another in their rush and nervous haste,
With their eager eyes and greedy, and their stunted forms and weedy,
For townsfolk have no time to grow, they have no time to waste.
And I somehow rather fancy that I'd like to change with Clancy,
Like to take a turn at droving where the seasons come and go,
While he faced the round eternal of the cash-book and the journal—
But I doubt he'd suit the office, Clancy, of The Overflow.

*Andrew Barton "Banjo" Paterson (February 17, 1864 - April 5, 1941) was a famous Australian bush poet, journalist and author. He wrote many ballads and poems about Australian life, focusing particularly on the rural and outback areas, including the district around Binalong, New South Wales where he spent much of his childhood. Paterson's more notable poems include "Waltzing Matilda", "The Man From Snowy River" and "Clancy of the Overflow".

Preparing for 2009

The IAAE is in robust health with your support. In contrast to many academic associations, where submissions of papers (often only abstracts) are declining, the current conference has attracted 50 percent more completed papers than the last conference in Durban, which itself received a record number.

One of the tasks of this conference is to build the platform for the next one to be held in China in 2009, which is a very exciting prospect. The elections to the Executive Committee will put in place a team to ensure it is a success. IAAE members will be aware that the Executive is composed of seven individuals plus the Journal editor, and that their input is entirely voluntary. To put on a successful conference needs, in addition, the support by many other members. The Vice-President Programme puts in place a team to manage paper and poster selection. The Local Organising Committee in the host country has a very large job to do. IAAE has volunteers who raise funds to provide travel and participation grants to those from low-income countries. For China, a specialist liaison group might possibly be created. This week provides an opportunity for anybody with a keen interest in any of these roles to make contact, or to express their suggestions for possible conference themes or changes in conference format.

It is important that the IAAE does not just flower briefly once every three years. There have been three inter-conference symposia since 2003. A very successful joint conference was held in March 2004 in Hyderabad, organised jointly with the Indian Societies of Agricultural Economics and of Agricultural Marketing, and IFPRI. Two special 75th Anniversary of IAAE meetings were held; a small one at Dartington Hall in Devon, the former home of Leonard Elmhirst in October 2004, and a larger one at Cornell University in October 2005. In 2007 IAAE will co-sponsor two conferences, one on Mediterranean issues in Barcelona in April, and a second one on transitional issues in Budapest in September. Details of both have been printed in the Cowbell, and I urge as many of you as possible to attend. I also urge much more use of the discussion forum on the website to stimulate debate, or to seek out research collaborators or data.

David Colman, President 2006-09

IAAE 2006 in the Media

Lateline on ABC Television: Interviews with a number of conference speakers will air on the Lateline program on ABC television (Channel 2) on Thursday, 17 August at 10:30 pm.

Meeting of Russian Speakers

All delegates originating from the former USSR are invited for a meeting on Thursday at the reception area at 18:45.

Eugenia Serova

Belgium welcomes the 12th EAAE Congress in 2008

The next congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists will be held in Ghent, Belgium, in 2008. More details on call for papers, congress venue and logistics will soon become available at www.EAAE2008.be. You can also contact Professor Guido van Huylenbroeck or Ludwig Lauwers, members of the local organizing committee.

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Honorary Life Members Named by the Executive Committee

1. Dr. Douglas Hedley - former V-P, President-Elect, President and Past-President of IAAE.

2. Prof. Roley Piggott – Executive Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Business and Law, University of New England. Executive member IAAE 2000-03.

3. Prof. Jimmie Hillman – Trade economist; long-time supporter of IAAE; Past Head of Ag. Econ. Dept at the University of Arizona.

4. Prof. Michele Veeman – Professor of Ag. and Resource Economics at the University of Alberta, Canada. Co-contributed paper organiser for IAAE's 2003 conference in Durban.

5. Prof. Robert Evenson - Professor of Economics at Yale University. Major contributions to research on the Green Revolution and to IAAE conferences over many years.

6. Wilfred Mwangi – IAAE Vice-President (Administration) 1985-88; Kenya's IAAE country representative 1982-85. Multiple senior roles in Kenyan civil service.

7. Prof. Arie Kuyvenhoven – Professor, Development Economics Group, Wageningen University, long-time IAAE participant on development and sustainability.

Country Conference Registration Information (15/08/06)

Argentina	5	Sierra Leone	1
Armenia	1	Slovenia	1
Australia	190	South Africa	32
Austria	3	South Korea	1
Bangladesh	4	Spain	16
Belgium	9	Sri Lanka	2
Benin	1	Sweden	2
Brazil	7	Switzerland	7
Cambodia	1	Syria	1
Cameroon	1	Taiwan	3
Canada	19	Tanzania	1
Chile	1	Thailand	9
China	29	The Netherlands	24
Costa Rica	2	Togo	2
Czech Republic	1	Uganda	8
Denmark	3	UK	32
Ecuador	1	USA	200
Egypt	1	Vietnam	2
Ethiopia	11	Wales	1
Fiji Islands	1	Zimbabwe	6
Finland	1		
France	13	All Countries	993
Germany	86		<i>(78 different countries)</i>
Ghana	1		
Greece	1		
Hungary	11		
India	22		
Indonesia	11		
Iran	3		
Ireland	2		
Israel	1		
Italy	34		
Japan	35		
Kenya	36		
Korea	3		
Kuwait	1		
Lao PDR	1		
Madagascar	1		
Malawi	3		
Malaysia	6		
Manila	1		
Mexico	6		
Mongolia	1		
Morocco	1		
Mozambique	3		
Nepal	3		
New Zealand	17		
Nigeria	9		
Norway	2		
Other	11		
Pakistan	1		
Panama	2		
Philippines	14		
Poland	2		
Portugal	2		
Russia	1		
Saudi Arabia	2		
Senegal	1		

UK 2007 Agricultural Economics Society Conference

Thanks to everyone for an excellent Conference. We would be pleased to see you again at the 2007 Agricultural Economics Society Conference, to be held at the University of Reading, April 2 - 4. Reading is just 45 minutes from Heathrow and 30 minutes from central London - an excellent location for international visitors. Details can be found on the AES web site: <http://www.aes.ac.uk>. All the very best to you all.

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UK IAAE Representative

Erasmus Mundus International Master in Rural Development

Through its Erasmus Mundus program, the EU is sponsoring the International Master in Rural Development (IMRD). This is a joint masters program organized by Ghent University (Belgium), Humbolt University Berlin (Germany), Agrocampus Rennes University (Italy) and Nitra University (Slovakia). The program offers about 30 scholarships for non-EU students having a Bachelor or Masters in agricultural economics, rural development, or related fields. Further information can be found at www.agri-econ.be/IMRD or from Prof. Guido Van Huylenbroeck (UGent).

Opportunity for Researchers from Developing Countries with the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium

The International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) has received a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to sponsor participation of a select group of developing country researchers in our activities. The purpose of the program is to assist researchers in increasing their analytical capacity and broadening their research networks and opportunities. In this three year program, sponsored researchers will remain in their home institutions and will receive funding to participate in the twice-annual meetings of the IATRC. Each sponsored researcher will be mentored by a member of the IATRC and will engage in a collaborative research program.

The IATRC is a network of over 180 agricultural trade researchers from universities, government, international agencies and private industry, whose mission is to increase the quality and relevance of research in issues concerning agricultural trade and policy. To be eligible for this mentoring program, applicants must have an advanced degree in agricultural economics or a closely related field, be working in a research capacity in government or a university, and have support from their institutions to participate in this program. Details about the program and the application process will be posted on the IATRC website www.iatrcweb.org September 1, 2006, and this website also contains detailed information on our activities, members, and the topics and location of our meetings. Contact Linda M. Young at lmyoung@montana.edu with questions.

Africa Association 2007 Conference

The second African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) conference will be in Accra, Ghana, 20-22 August 2007. You are all welcome to attend. The conference theme will be "Agricultural Growth, Poverty Reduction, and Millennium Development Goals in Africa." For more information, go to www.aaae-africa.org.

Willis Oluoch-Kosura,
President, AAAE

IAMO Forum 2007

Sustainable Rural Development: What is the Role of the Agri-food Sector?

June 27-29, 2007 Halle (Saale), Germany

The major objective of the conference is to organise a multidisciplinary discussion of sustainable rural development and the role of the agri-food sector in the enlarged Europe, but also in Turkey, the Commonwealth of Independent States and China. The conference will provide a forum for discussing achievements, options and future needs related to scientifically supporting agricultural and rural policies.

The Conference will particularly focus on

- The interaction of rural development, restructuring in the agri-food sector, and income diversification.
- The socio-economic and ecologic dimension of rural structural change; that is persistence of poverty and catching-up, subsistence, aging and mobility, income structures, effects of farming on ecosystems, multifunctionality, and sustainability.
- The sustainable livelihood framework and its capital assets; that is social, financial, human, natural, and physical assets.
- The policy measures needed to support sustainable rural development: their conceptual foundation, implementation and evaluation.

The Leibniz Institute for Rural Development in Central and Eastern Europe extends a warm invitation to you to attend the IAMO Forum 2007. A formal call for papers will be issued soon. For further information please contact:

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Its focus is on the **identification and promotion of potential system innovations**, on the **analysis and support of drivers for sustainable system dynamics** in the decision sphere of the system's actors (e.g. chain management), and on the consideration of relevant interdependencies.



The forum will feature paper presentations and intensive discussions in group and plenary settings in a mountain venue to foster animated exchange, creativity, and the development of new ideas for innovative and interdisciplinary research.

Participants meet in morning and evening sessions.

Afternoons are free for individual and group activities that allow for reflection, discussions, networking, and relaxation while skiing, walking, enjoying mountain restaurants or discovering the medieval roots of Innsbruck.



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