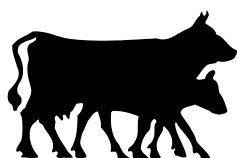




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Past Presidents of IAAE

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

Founder President: Leonard K. Elmhirst, U.K.	1958-1974
Presidents	
Leonard Knight Elmhirst, U.K.	1934-1958
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Samar R. Sen, India	1970-1976
Dennis K. Britton, U.K.	1976-1979
Theodor J. Dams, Germany	1979-1982
Glenn L. Johnson, USA	1982-1985
Michel Petit, France	1985-1988
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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, USA	2003-2006
David Coleman, UK	2006-2009
Keijiro Otsuka, Japan	2009-2012

Agricultural Economics

It has been a great pleasure for us to serve you and all members of the IAAE as editors of *Agricultural Economics*. Since the last conference we have handled almost a thousand submissions, of which we have so far been able to accept approximately 15 percent. We continue to attract a rising number of interesting and rigorous papers, and the shift to completely electronic submission, processing and reviewing has helped us ensure that each submission can be given careful and timely attention.

If you haven't looked through the journal lately, we hope you will do so soon either on paper or online at the link below. One change we hope you will notice is the large number of articles that are now accompanied by data archives, posted online and freely downloadable next to the article. We hope the availability of data will inspire you to replicate and extend published results, thereby adding a whole new dimension to journal publishing. We extend our sincere thanks to those who have pioneered these

efforts by making their datasets available to the research community.

For the Beijing conference, our main innovation is to present the journal's first annual award recognizing the best paper published in the previous year. The award winner will be announced and presented in person during the Conference Dinner on Friday. This recognition gives us all an opportunity to salute the best work of our profession, to applaud not only the award winners but also the many other authors, reviewers and editorial team members whose dedication makes it possible for the IAAE to publish this extraordinary journal.

As readers, contributors and reviewers your help and advice on the journal is very important for us, and for the journal's success. We are keen to hear from you. We are particularly happy for the opportunity to talk with you in person during the conference, to renew old friendships or to meet you for the first time. We look forward to seeing you here this week!

Will Masters and Jerry Shively
Co-Editors, *Agricultural Economics*
<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/agec>

A New Prize

The Uma Lele Prize for Best Submitted Paper on Gender Issues

IAAE is delighted that a new prize is to be awarded at this conference. It is the **Uma Lele Prize for Best Submitted Paper on Gender Issues**. The award is being funded by Dr. Uma Lele herself through a generous endowment made to IAAE. She is a recognized leader in international policy issues of poverty, food, agriculture, health, and environment, with a distinguished career at the World Bank and other international agencies. In supporting this award, Dr. Lele seeks to support and encourage research on the role of gender in development. Contributed papers considered for this award must address one of the following: (i) promote a better understanding of the contribution of women to agriculture and rural development as well as the impact of various factors such as education, health, and infrastructure, and information on changing gender roles in rural areas; (ii) how rural women are affected by current or expected technical, economic and social changes; and (iii) evaluate the policy, institutional, and other development interventions that aim to improve the welfare of rural women.

This is an addition to the two existing awards for best papers by a young professional member of IAAE. The **T.W. Schultz Prize** has been awarded at the last three IAAE conferences for the best contributed paper (redefined for the current conference as for best orally presented paper). Dr. Theodore W. Schultz was an outstanding contributor to the IAAE and the agricultural economics profession. His 1964 book *Transforming Traditional Agriculture* had a seminal influence on agricultural development policy and debate.

The **Nils Westermark** prize was first awarded at the last triennial conference in Australia. It is for the best visually presented paper (previously described as best poster paper) by a young professional member of IAAE. Dr Nils Westermark from Finland served three consecutive terms as IAAE president, from 1961 to 1970, and made an exceptional contribution to IAAE.

Uma Lele

During a career spanning well over 35 years Uma Lele has addressed issues of poverty, food, agriculture, health, environment, global public goods, and external assistance. She has been involved in developing countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. She has mobilized funds from multiple sources, directed large multidisciplinary research teams to address complex issues, and convened leaders in the public and private sectors, nongovernmental and international organizations to define debate and resolve issues to effect policy changes.

She is a seasoned teacher and mentor.

While she raised a young son in Kingston, Ontario, she conducted a definitive analysis of the competitiveness of food grain markets in India. During the Robert McNamara era at the World Bank she worked on the issues of agriculture and rural development in Africa. After stints as manager and advisor, she led the World Bank's Evaluation of its Forest Strategy, the Meta Evaluation of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (the CGIAR), and the first ever evaluation of the World Bank's Approaches to Global Programs, consisting of a portfolio of well over 200 global partnerships.

She took intermittent breaks from the World Bank to teach at Cornell University and the University of Florida, directed

University of Florida's International Studies and President Carter's Global Development Initiative. She also served on the McArthur Foundation's selection committee for the "Genius Awards", and was a member of the CGIAR's Technical Advisory Committee, prior to being a member of the board of the International Center for Forestry Research (CIFOR) during its establishment.

Since leaving the services of the World Bank in 2005, she has been member of the first Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and of High Level Advisory Panels in UN agencies and the World Bank. She is on the Board of Directors of the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex, England, the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW), the board of Engender Health, the technical advisory committee of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and is Special Advisor to the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in India.

She is a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economic Association and was recently awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award by Cornell University where she was the first woman to obtain a doctorate in agricultural economics. She delights in playing with her two year old twin-grandchildren.

IAAE Council: Nominations

Chairman of the Nominations Committee of IAAE Keijiro Otsuka is pleased to announce the nominations information and the candidate information for Council positions for the next triennial. Note that the rule of voting is as follows:

- All candidates will be presented on a single ballot for one vote.
- Only in the case of a tie vote for a position will there be an additional round of voting.

The following nominations were put before Council by the Nominations Committee.

President-Elect/Vice-President

*Jo Swinnen

*Wally Tyner

Secretary Treasurer

*Walt Armbruster

Members at-large

*Chris Barrett

*Simeon Ehui

*Shenggen Fan

*Elisabeth Sadoulet

*Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel

Meet the candidates



Walter J. Armbruster is President Emeritus, Farm Foundation. During a thirty year career there he organized numerous conferences in collaboration with colleagues from the land grant universities, government agencies and industry to bring forth the best research possible on economic and policy issues facing agriculture and rural areas. Walt earlier spent 8 years with the Economic Research Service, USDA where his research focused on pricing, institutions and policies in the food and agricultural marketing system, and then served two years as Staff Economist to the administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

Walt has been president of the AAEA, the American Agricultural Law Association, and the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of IAAE since 1991. He is a fellow of the AAEA, IAMA and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; has received distinguished service awards from the American Agricultural Law Association and The

Chicago Farmers; and is a Distinguished Agricultural Alumni, Purdue University.

Walt sees IAAE as uniquely positioned to facilitate interaction among agricultural and resource economists worldwide on the important current and emerging issues facing society. IAAE can and should be the place for our profession to increase understanding of the views from various countries as they affect the decision-making environment in which public and private sector decisions are made. The resulting improved policies and more efficient industry operation will help both developed and developing economies improve living standards, assure food security and operate in a sustainable manner.



Chris Barrett is the Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management and International Professor of Agriculture at Cornell University where he also serves as the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future's Associate Director for Economic Development Programs and Director of the Stimulating Agricultural and Rural Transformation initiative. He holds degrees from Princeton (A.B. 1984), Oxford (M.S. 1985) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (dual Ph.D. 1994). Professor Barrett has supervised more than 50 graduate students and post-docs and has published or in press 10 books and more than 200 journal articles and book chapters. He served as *AJAE* editor and as President of the Association of Christian Economists, and has won a variety of research, teaching and policy awards.

Chris believes that the IAAE's triennial conference is one of our profession's key events and its journal, *Agricultural Economics*, is one of our most respected outlets. These, and the professional networks they facilitate, are the main sources of value from IAAE membership. The IAAE Executive Committee's primary responsibility is to safeguard and enhance their value. Inter-conference symposia, the newsletter and other activities can add value by addressing emergent topics in timely fashion but must never take away from the Association's two core activities. He would bring to the Executive Committee significant, relevant experience organizing international conferences and editing a major journal, as well as a deep personal commitment to international capacity building, and would regard it a great privilege to serve on the IAAE Executive Committee.



Simeon Ehui, a national of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) was recently appointed World Bank's Sector Manager for South Asia Agriculture and Rural Development. Simeon joined the World Bank in 2003 after a distinguished career as an agricultural economist and manager at the International Livestock Research Institute (1990-2003) and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (1988-1990). Simeon has published widely (over 100 articles) in the areas of agricultural development policy, international trade and natural resource management. He holds both an MSc and a PhD degree from Purdue University.

Simeon has received several awards and honors including several World Bank Awards of excellence. In 2001 Purdue University named him "Distinguished Agricultural Alumnus in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and significant contributions to Agricultural Economics profession and to

Society. In 2007 The African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAEA) selected him as Honorary Fellow in recognition of the significant and unique contribution he has made to the profession over the years.

Simeon is interested in joining the Executive Committee of the IAAE for two reasons: First, owing to the wide network that he has built in the course of his career, he would like to promote professional exchanges between African Agricultural Economists and Agricultural Economists in the more advanced economies as well as those located in the developing regions of the world. Second, he would like to bring to bear to the Association perspectives from Africa having a very wide knowledge of what is happening within and outside the Africa region.



Shenggen Fan is Director of the Development Strategy and Governance Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Prior to IFPRI, he held positions at the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) and the University of Arkansas. He received his PhD in applied economics from the University of Minnesota, and his bachelor's and master's degrees from Nanjing Agricultural University.

Dr. Fan's major research includes pro-poor development strategy, pro-poor investment, and rural-urban linkages in developing countries. He has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Alumni Award in Applied Economics and the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals from the University of Minnesota. His latest book is *Public Expenditures, Growth and Poverty In Developing Countries: Issue, Methods and Findings* published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

His vision for IAAE is threefold. First, IAAE has the capability to increase the visibility and recognition of the role of agricultural economics in development. Joint workshops or conferences with general economics and development professions should be actively pursued. Secondly, IAAE needs to make our knowledge accessible to those who have decision-making power to directly affect the lives of rural people throughout the world. More engagement with high level policymakers should be facilitated. Finally, the membership of IAAE must reflect a full range of experiences and backgrounds. Economists from the developing world must be strongly represented in our membership. If elected, he will work with IAAE executive members to reach these three goals.



Elisabeth Sadoulet is an economist with a doctorate degree from the University of Geneva. Her research focuses on the modeling and econometric analysis of processes, programs, and policies in international development. Fields of work include impact analysis of development interventions particularly relating to social development and agriculture, rural poverty analysis, general equilibrium modeling related to trade and adjustment policies, the role of producer organizations, microfinance, the management of common property resources, and payments for environmental services. Her work has focused principally on Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Indian Subcontinent. She was a member of the core team that prepared the World Development Report 2008, Agriculture for Development. She is a professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California at Berkeley.

Elisabeth emphasises that agriculture has a key role to play for development, and this role has never been as urgent as it is today given the accumulation of crises that characterize the world food and agricultural system. Because the objectives in using agriculture for development and the instruments that can be used to achieve development through agriculture are all new, the international agricultural economics profession has a major role to play in devising novel approaches. Her objective as a member of the IAAE Executive Committee will be to help the Association pursue rigorous economic analyses that can make a difference in the way policy-makers and stakeholders effectively use agriculture for development, and contribute to overcome the current productive, economic, social, and environmental crises that characterize world agriculture.



Jo Swinnen holds a Ph.D from Cornell University. He is Professor at the University of Leuven, Director of the LICOS-Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance, and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels. He was Lead Economist at the World Bank and Economic Advisor at the European Commission.

He was/is keynote speaker at several IAAE Conferences, chair of the AAEA International Section, chair of the EAAE Congress Program Committee, on the IATRC Programme Committee, associate editor of Agricultural Economics, AJAE, ERAE, and guest editor of several journals. He publishes extensively in the leading journals. Among his latest books are *Political Power and Economic Policy*, *Global Supply Chains, Standards, and the Poor*, *From Marx and Mao to the Market*. He was elected Fellow of the European Association of Agricultural Economists.

The global agri-food economy is at a historic point in time, undergoing dramatic changes and facing major challenges. The IAAE, as the main global association of agricultural economists, can and should play a major role in facilitating exchange of knowledge and research to address these challenges in a global forum. The IAAE should: continue to upgrade its flagship, the three-annual conference, in terms of quality and outreach; encourage additional workshops and seminars and collaboration with other associations; enhance exchange with groups currently insufficiently integrated – both geographically (e.g. developing countries) and professionally (e.g. business, government, NGOs); invest in innovations in organization and technology to enhance exchange of knowledge and research.



Professor Wally Tyner is with the Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University. His research interests are in the area of energy, agriculture, and natural resource policy analysis and structural and sectoral adjustment in developing economies. He has over 200 professional papers in these areas including three books and 70+ journal papers and abstracts. He has received the AAEA award for his policy work in Morocco (2005) and the AAEA quality of communication award (2009) for *What's Driving Food Prices?* In 2009 he received the Purdue College of Agriculture Outstanding Graduate Educator award and a team award for biofuels research. Tyner has worked in 15 different countries including extensive periods in Morocco and India.

Tyner has attended IAAE meetings since the late 1970s. He has served on the IAAE board, served as chair of the discussion group and mini-symposia activities for the Durban meeting (2003), and as Cow Bell editor for the Australia meeting (2006). He has presented papers at several meetings and chaired discussion groups. The IAAE meetings are his favorite professional meetings. The meeting structure allows ample time for discussion and hearing points of view from people with different backgrounds and professional orientation.

As an IAAE leader Tyner would work to ensure that the openness and diversity of the meetings becomes even stronger. He would work to obtain increased funding for greater participation from developing countries. He would attempt to broaden program participation of younger economists. He would strive to keep the program content rich but with ample discussion time.



Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel, born in Ottawa, Canada, on Jan. 6, 1962. He is married, with 4 children. BSc (1984, *McGill University*) and MSc (1986, *University of Manitoba*) in Agricultural Economics, PhD and Habilitation (1992 and 1998, *University of Kiel*) in Agricultural Economics and Applied Econometrics. Since 1999 Professor for Agricultural Policy in the Department for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of the *University of Göttingen*. From 2000 to 2006 Editor-in-Chief of *Agricultural Economics*, the official journal of the IAAE. 2006/07 Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Department of Applied Economics and Management, *Cornell University*. Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the *Institute for Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO)*. Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE)*.

Stephan believes that IAAE is a vital and vibrant institution that provides a unique forum for international dialog and exchange on agricultural and applied economics research and its relevance for policy, trade and commerce, and that the most important role that the IAAE plays and must continue to play is in linking colleagues from different parts of the world so that our profession can contribute to finding global solutions to global problems. He has been proud to serve the IAAE in the past, as editor of its official journal for six years, and most recently by coordinating the contributed paper submission and selection process for the Beijing conference. He would be very grateful for an opportunity to add to this record of service.

From Member to Member

The last pages of the daily CowBell is the place for exchanging ideas, distributing information and communicating with members. If you want to organize an ad-hoc discussion group or a reunion, or communicate other things to the conference attendants, just let us know and it will be published in the next day's CowBell!

Leave your notices for the CowBell with your name at the CowBell desk in the Local Organizing Committee office, room 306 of the ICC, or e-mail it to nv@sun.ac.za by 1400 (2pm) of the day before publication.

CMAAE showcasing event

Collaborative MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics (CMAAE) in Eastern and Southern Africa showcasing event

When: Wednesday 19 August, 1230-1320

Where: Room 308

Willis Oluoch-Kosura welcomes all!

AgEcon Search

Do you wonder how many times your IAAE 2009 Contributed paper has been downloaded from AgEcon Search? Check the statistics button at the bottom of the record, or stop by the AgEcon Search exhibit. As of August 1, the 405 Contributed Papers have been downloaded a total of 6900 times.

The Discussion group

New frontiers for agricultural issues in the new millennium Implications for economic research?

An opportunity to know more about the International Initiative **Observatory of World Agricultures** and to discuss the **framework** to analyze the changing diversity of the forms agriculture and food systems are organized. Wednesday 19th (5:30 to 7:00 pm) - room 303

AAEA/AEASA

The Local Organising Committee of the AAEA/AEASA 2010 Conference will meet with the AAEA Executive Committee at 17:00 on Wednesday 19 August. The venue will be confirmed.

IAMO Forum 2010: "Institutions in Transition – Challenges for New Modes of Governance"

16-18 June 2010 | Halle (Saale), Germany

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO) announces the upcoming IAMO Forum 2010 – IAMO's premier annual conference on agricultural and rural development in Central and Eastern Europe. The IAMO Forum 2010 aims to take stock of current research on institutional change in agriculture and rural areas and the corresponding challenges for new modes of governance. The areas focused on are Central and Eastern Europe and Central and East Asia.

Participants who would like to present papers are invited to submit a full paper in English to forum2010@iamo.de by **22 January 2010**. Detailed information will soon be available at <http://forum2010.iamo.de/>

The IAMO Forum 2010 is organized by:
Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO)
Department External Environment for Agriculture and Policy Analysis
Gertrud Buchenrieder, Judith Möllers, Martin Petrick, Insa Theesfeld and Stefan Wegener

MACE Conference: Challenges of Education and Innovation 13th and 14th of January 2010 International Green Week, ICC, Berlin (Germany)

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO) together with its partners will conduct within the Marie-Curie Programme the Fourth Green Week Scientific Conference titled: Challenges of Education and Innovation on the 13th and 14th of January 2010 at the ICC International Congress Centre in Berlin.

The conference will concentrate on innovation processes in agriculture linked to the spread of knowledge in rural areas. The conference will provide a special forum for early stage researchers to build contacts with their peers from across Europe and leading researchers. Especially young scientists are expected to play an active role at the conference. For further information please refer to the call for papers available on the conference website: <http://www.mace-events.org/greenweek2010/3698-MACE.html>. Submission and registration forms are also available on this website.

Cornell University Dinner

Current and former Cornell students, faculty, staff and friends are cordially invited to meet for dinner on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Restaurant and location to be announced – please check for details on the 1st floor announcement board (opposite registration desk) by Wednesday noon. If you can come, please email David Lee at DRL5@cornell.edu, or leave your name on the list on the 1st floor announcement board. Hope to see you there!

Members of IAAE from the United States:

As is traditional, we will have a short, informal meeting of all of those from the US delegation at 12:30 pm on Wednesday (right before lunch). We will meet in room 307 in the Convention Center. We will discuss a number of different IAAE issues/items. Please see Scott Rozelle (Chair of U.S. Council), Mary Bohman or David Lee if you have any specific agenda items.
Scott Rozelle



Zhejiang University reception party

Alumni of Zhejiang University are cordially invited to a reception party. Please gather in the lobby of International Conference Center by 19:15, August 19 (Wednesday), thank you! If you want to reach us, please call Prof. Lou on 136 9364 9179.

Purdue University reception and dinner

Alumni of Purdue University are cordially invited to a reception and dinner at the Sihailiucheng Restaurant, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday. Please gather in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza by 7:15 pm to go together by taxi. If you need to reach us by cell phone, please call Prof. Holly Wang on 135 529 294 47.

Canada

Participants and friends of IAAE Canada meet for dinner get-together:

Crown Plaza Lobby
Wednesday 19 August at 18:30
Contact Lars Brink Ph. 13520893040

UK Participants Gathering

Social gathering at 1900, Wednesday, Yellowstone - the Crowne Plaza bar, located in the trees in the park opposite the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Two New Books from Earthscan, London by IAAE Member K N Ninan from India

Conserving and Valuing Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity - Economic, Institutional and Social Challenges
Price £70

The Economics of Biodiversity Conservation-Valuation in Tropical Forest Ecosystems Price £ 55

For orders check www.earthscan.co.uk or contact author at: ninankn@yahoo.co.in

Agro-industries for Development – a new book from FAO, UNIDO and IFAD

FAO is announcing the launching this week of the book “Agro-industries for Development”, published by CAB International. Edited by Carlos da Silva (FAO) and a team of professionals from FAO and UNIDO, the book presents contributions from agro-industry specialists, academic experts and UN technical agencies, all addressing strategies and actions required for improving agro-industrial competitiveness in ways that can create income, generate employment and fight poverty in the developing world.

“Agro-industries for Development” highlights the current status and future course of agro-industries in the world and brings attention to the contributions this sector can make to international development. The lead chapter authors are Ralph Christy, Carlos da Silva, Alain de Janvry, Collin Dennis, Spencer Henson, Mark Pfizer, Bill Vorley and John Wilkinson.

New Journal: China Agricultural Economic Review (CAER)

Following China’s accession to the World Trade Organization, the Chinese economy has become increasingly integrated into the world economy. In particular Chinese agricultural development experiences and research have much to offer for readers world-wide.

China Agricultural Economic Review (CAER) is a newly launched quarterly journal published by Emerald Group Publishing in association with **China Agricultural University** and the **Chinese Association of Agricultural Economics (CAAE)**.

Launching its first issue in Autumn 2008, CAER will provide a unique and insightful approach to documenting and disseminating research into the economics of agriculture, natural resources and the environment, and rural development. The journal seeks to address contemporary issues concerning agricultural economics and rural development in China, thus having an impact on China’s agricultural and rural policy-making processes and also on the development of the agricultural economics discipline. Registration and access are available at: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/caer>.

CAER will host its first annual conference in Beijing, October 31th - November 1st, 2009. The theme of the 2009 conference is ‘Globalization and China’s Agricultural Development’.

Xian Xin
Editor, China Agricultural Economic Review
Email: caer@cau.edu.cn

Correction to the program for contributed papers (visual presentations 2) scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, 16-17:30

Unfortunately, one contribution to the Congress was not included in the participants' Handbook. The following contribution should be added to the detailed program for Session V2-4,

"Land and Forestry": Schaller, Lena; Kantelhardt, Jochen; Huebner, Rico; Freibauer, Annette; Droesler, Matthias: Reshaping agricultural peatland use climate friendly in selected German regions. The poster is shown in the poster area, no. 76.



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The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) undertakes research for policies that have an impact on ending hunger and poverty. IFPRI is conducting a global search to identify a new Director General. The Institute seeks a leader of significant vision, intellectual breadth, and practical research and program experience with the nonprofit, government, and/or business sectors in pursuit of its mission: to provide policy solutions that end hunger and reduce poverty.

Based in Washington, D.C., IFPRI is one of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), an alliance of 64 governments, private foundations, and international and regional

organizations. Reporting to and working with the IFPRI Board of Directors, the Director General is responsible and accountable for the strategic, programmatic, financial, and management operations of the organization. S/he will be a visionary, credentialed (PhD in economics, agriculture, or social sciences preferred), and collaborative leader with substantial achievement in economic development with the capacity to lead a large, multinational, complex research organization. S/he will be experienced in research leadership at the highest level and will have a detailed understanding of food, agricultural, and/or environmental policy issues in developing countries as well as experience working with a network of distinguished donors and partners.

Please respond with a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by September 1, 2009 to:

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Why Hungary?

- ✓ traditionally strong agricultural economy
- ✓ net exporting position
- ✓ dual farming structures
- ✓ advanced value chains

Agricultural Economists Community

- ✓ among of the strongest professions in the region,

- ✓ well integrated into international circles of the profession,
- ✓ proven track records in organizing professional agricultural meetings (seminars, conferences)

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WHERE DO YOU WANT IAAE TO BE IN 2015?

MILANO IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO BE

Milano would be delighted to be the location of the 2015 IAAE Conference. Milano is at the heart of the most important agricultural and food industry area of Italy, thus making fund raising easy. In 2015, Milano will host World Expo 2015, whose theme is "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life", thus assuring a perfect framework for the IAAE Conference and synergies with other initiatives. A very convenient venue is available, the Milano Convention Center, fully equipped with the latest technologies and located in the heart of the city (5 min. from Leonardo's Last Supper!). Milano is easy to reach (thousands of international flights per week, including several low-cost companies), and thousands hotel accommodations at all prices are located close to the MCC. Last, Milano is quite close and well connected to Venice, Florence, Rome, etc., for those who wish to visit more of Italy and make even more memorable the Conference experience.



The real meaning of the names of some popular Beijing dishes

(Laughter in Translating Chinese dishes into English)

中文菜名翻译爆笑 - Literal translation / Proper translation

童子鸡	Chicken without Sexual Life	/ Spring Chicken
夫妻肺片	Husband and Wife's Lungslice	/ Pork Lungs in Chili Sauce
四喜丸子	Four Happy Meatballs	/Four-Joy Meatballs (Meatballs Braised with Brown Sauce)
宫保鸡丁	Government abuses Chicken	/Kung Pao Chicken
红烧狮子头	Fried Lion's Head	/ Stewed Pork Ball in Brown

Jokes of the day

An economist is a trained professional paid to guess wrong about the economy. An econometrician is a trained professional paid to use computers to guess wrong about the economy.

Definition: A policy analyst is someone unethical enough to be a lawyer, impractical enough to be a theologian, and pedantic enough to be an economist

Q: Why does Treasury only have 10 minutes for morning tea?

A: If they had any longer, they would need to re-train all the economists.

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

A: Two: one to assume the existence of a ladder and one to change the bulb.