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Greetings from the President of IAAE

To all members

On behalf of the Executive of IAAE, I welcome you to the 29th International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) in Milan, Italy. This conference promises to be a very exciting and memorable meeting.

The last time the ICAE was held in Europe was in 2000 in Berlin, a decade after the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the last time in Italy was in 1949 in Stresa, four years after the end of World War II. Italy, with its rich history and wonderful foods, is a wonderful place for our conference. And, as I'm sure you all know, Milan is not only hosting our conference, but also the World Expo 2015 which central theme is "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life", a theme which is obviously closely related to many contributions at the ICAE.

We received a record number of submissions of papers and sessions. The number of participants at this conference sets a new record for our association (the previous record was 987 in the 2006 conference in Gold Coast, Australia). These numbers confirm the fact that our association is very active and the issues it covers increasingly relevant. Food security has taken a prominent position on the international policy and development agenda over the past years.

I want to use this opportunity to thank many people and organizations who made an important contribution to organization of the conference. Will Martin, IAAE President-Elect, and Don McLaren, chair of the contributed papers program, have worked hard with many of you as reviewers to select the best papers and sections and to put together a wonderful program.

Alessandro Olper and his colleagues of the Local Organizing Committee have devoted major efforts to organize this conference and welcome you in Milan.

I also want to thank the organizations that have sponsored the conference, and those who have provided generous financial support for participants from developing countries.

There will be several Awards given during the conference: the TW Schultz Award for best oral presentation, the Niels Westermarck Award for best visual presentation, the Uma Lele Award for best gender paper, and the Carl Eicher Award for the best doctoral thesis on African agricultural economics. Several colleagues will be honored for their lifelong contributions to our profession and the IAAE as "Honorary Life Members" of IAAE.

The Milan conference also presents the time for important transitions in the IAAE as an organization. A new President-elect, 3 new Board Members, and a new Secretary-Treasurer will join the IAAE Board. I would like to congratulate Nick Vink with his election as President-Elect and Julian Alston, Karen Brooks and Steven Were Omamo as new Board Members-at-Large. Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel is the new Secretary-Treasurer. The new co-editor for our journal *Agricultural Economics* is Ashok Mithra.

I look forward to exchanging ideas and learning from you over the next week so that we may further enhance the role that IAAE can play as an association, and to sustain and improve our tri-annual conferences which have our tradition of international conferences, 86 years after the first one.

Johan Swinnen
President, IAAE

Tribute to Giovanni Anania: scholar, mentor and friend

We are saddened to inform you that Giovanni Anania - a long time member of the IAAE, EAAE and IATRC—passed away on Wednesday July 15. It was a sudden and unexpected departure.

He was an example of moral integrity, leadership and commitment to any endeavor he engaged in. At the same time, he was always sympathetic and ready to listen, providing advices to friends and colleagues, especially the youngest ones. Giovanni lived his life to the fullest. He was a devoted husband to his wife Margherita, a proud wine producer and a serious gourmet. All of this before even mentioning his professional contributions.

Giovanni began his career as an outstanding economist getting a post-graduate diploma at the Portici Center in Naples and earning his PhD from the University of California at Davis. He

quickly rose through the ranks and became full professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Calabria, Italy.

Giovanni was a great scholar and participated in or coordinated many national and international research projects. He published several books and articles, receiving the EAAE Quality of Policy Contribution Award. Giovanni provided several relevant scientific contributions mostly, in the fields of agricultural policy analysis and international trade. He also significantly contributed to the profession as an active member of national and international associations and



President of the EAAE. He also played an important role in the policy debate both at the national and international level through consulting activities with European Commission, FAO, ICTSD, OECD. He had been scheduled to participate extensively at this year's ICAE.

Those of us who had the privilege of working closely with Giovanni count our collaborations with him as among the most stimulating and rewarding of our careers. Giovanni's keen intellect allowed him to quickly grasp the essence of whatever economics challenge we posed. Attending Giovanni's lectures and presentations was always an invigorating experience. He

was mentor of many students and especially in Italy he was reference for various generations of agricultural economists. Giovanni was also a great organizer. He was ready to do whatever it takes to organize successful scientific events, defining stimulating agendas and organizing memorable social outings, such as the IATRC conferences in Isola Capo Rizzuto and Capri.

Today we mourn the loss of a great friend and colleague. Giovanni has left us with many wonderful memories and we will miss him deeply.

Welcome to Italy! From the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee

Dear delegates and participants of the 29th ICAE Conference,

As the chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to the 29th International Conference of Agricultural Economists, which will be held in Milano from August 8 to 14. The opportunity to have this year's conference in Milano is outstanding, since it comes simultaneously with = the Milano World Exposition (EXPO), titled "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life", which will be hosted from May 1 to October 31. Over this six-month period, Milan will become a global showcase where more than 140 participating countries will unveil their food and agricultural productions. In addition to the exhibitor countries, the Expo also involves international organizations, and it expects to welcome over 20 million visitors to its 1.1 million square meters of exhibition area.

The EXPO is centered on themes that are extremely relevant for our association. Indeed, it will address important global issues, such as food security and nutritional problems, the adoption of new technologies in different parts of the world, as well as the economic and environmental sustainability of food productions. Our conference will be held at the half-way mark of the program of the Universal Exposition, so it will be a great opportunity to explore this extraordinary event that will bring together people from all over the world.

The 29th ICAE Conference, titled "Agriculture in an Interconnected World" is intended to capture the widespread adoption of new communication technologies. The issue of improved access to information appears to have greatly amended the performance of markets in many rural areas. This theme will be addressed through many interconnections, ranging from sustainable energy, to environmental issues, to

the effects of investments and scientific progress, to the interaction between agriculture and other sectors.

ICAE 2015 will include plenary sessions, keynote lectures, parallel sessions, poster sessions and innovative sessions on different topics related to agricultural and food economics. In addition to this, the participants will enjoy an intense programme of social activities, which will also include many organized tours aimed at discovering the most beautiful landscapes and the most characteristic agricultural areas of Lombardy region.

We also invite you take the opportunity to enjoy the Italian hospitality, visiting the many cultural and natural beauties that our country can offer. Milano is, according to a number of sources, one of the three most important destinations for 2015. It is one of the major art cities in Italy, hosting many fine buildings, churches, and museums, as well as some eye-catching modern architecture. Moreover, Milano is the capital of fashion and design. Milano is also the ideal starting point for a tour visiting the main Italian historical locations, like Florence, Venice and Rome, as well as the beautiful Italian coastline and the breath-taking mountains.

We look forward to opening our doors to everyone to Milano for ICAE 2015.

Sincerely,
Alessandro Olper

Welcome from the Program Organizers

We wish you a very warm welcome to the 29th triennial International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) in the wonderful, historic city of Milan. After three years of preparation we are thrilled to see you here and looking forward very much to your contributions to this exciting conference.

The registration for this year's conference is a record for the ICAE, with over 1,200 participants. The program is a mix of top-down planning in which key topics were selected, after very extensive consultation, and bottom up contributions where authors of individual papers, and organizers of Symposia and

Innovative Sessions bring their latest ideas to show and tell. This combination of a big crowd and an exciting agenda is sure to create an environment of lively but respectful academic exchange and learning.

After receiving an extraordinary 1,100 proposals for papers and sessions, we selected the best. The final program includes 427 Oral Contributed Paper presentations, 207 Visual Contributed Paper Presentations, 98 Organized Symposia, 15 Invited Panels, 9 pre-conference workshops, and 7 Plenary Sessions. Over the week of the conference, over 1000 people will be presenting their work or discussing findings.

The Plenary sessions will explore rapidly-changing, key areas of research, such as: the use of Information technology; behavioral economics; climate change; nutrition; and land and farm structure. Invited Panels and Organized Symposia will allow in-depth discussion of particular areas. A set of Innovative Sessions, including an Oxford Union style debate and sessions in Hard-Talk format, will allow us to try out some exciting alternatives to traditional talking-head formats in paper and/or panel sessions.

All of the Contributed Papers were subject to a rigorous, double-blind review process to ensure that the best papers were selected for presentation. The Visual Contributed Paper presentations—using posters to summarize their key findings—will play an important role in the conference; authors will present these papers in the cool of the morning around an historic cloister with coffee and refreshments provided for speaker and audience alike. Session leaders will lead the audience from poster to poster to facilitate presentation and discussion.

All of the Contributed Paper sessions are designed to facilitate movement between sessions—allowing you to move between sessions to follow your interests. For this to work well, the presentations need to stick closely to time within the session. If there is a missing paper—perhaps because the speaker was unable to obtain a visa—that slot should be left vacant and the remainder of the session held according to the original timetable. This will require tight time keeping by chairs, who are generally the last presenters in each session.

Our excellent selection committees have selected the winners of three prizes for Best Contributed Papers and the Carl Eicher prize for the best Thesis on Africa. The three contributed paper awards are: the Nils Westermarck Prize for a Visual Contributed Paper; the T.W. Schultz Prize for an Oral Contributed Paper; and the Uma Lele Prize on Gender. Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend the presentations on these award-winning papers during the final Plenary Session on Friday afternoon. The first two prizes were restricted to papers with a senior author 40 years of age or younger so this session will both help identify and involve the profession's rising stars.

Thank you all for being part of the 29th International Conference of Agricultural Economists, and once again, welcome to Milan. We hope very much that you will greatly enjoy the conference, but still find time to explore some of the charms of this great city.

Will Martin and Donald MacLaren

With Thanks to Everyone who Contributed to the Program

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 IRRRI, CIMMYT and the international agricultural research centers. Many of the traditions of our Conferences stem from these beginnings.

The proceedings volumes generally included nearly all the International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) papers up through the 1973 conference. Subsequently, an Occasional Papers series carried many of the contributed papers and the proceedings volume held plenary papers, the ICAE program, Presidential Address, and Elmhirst Lecture. In the meantime, IAAE had initiated a journal *Agricultural Economics* (in 1986). In 1997, it started carrying a selection of contributed papers from the conference. In addition, in 2003, AgEcon Search at the University of Minnesota began posting all contributed papers as well as poster abstracts from each triennial conference, along with gray literature from many departments of agricultural economics in the United States and increasingly worldwide.

The proceedings volumes became known as the Blue Book because of the dark blue color of the hard copy tome published

from each conference. Over the years, editorship was provided by various individuals, nearly all from the U.K.--presumably because they were keeper of the King's English and Ashgate was its publisher. From the 12th ICAE in 1966 through the 15th in 1974, K.E. Hunt, served as the Blue Book editor and in 1977 he collaborated with the IAAE VP-Program to publish the 16th ICAE proceedings. The four conferences from 1981 through 1989 were edited by Alan Maunder, UK and the IAAE Vice President-Program of the individual conferences. The continuous co-editor then became George H. Peters beginning in 1992 through his untimely death in 2001, again working with the Vice President-Program to produce the Blue Book for each conference. George was well known as a strict but kind editor, and a great storyteller. His passing also marked the end of the traditional Blue Book.

The hardcover Blue Books along with special editions of the journal containing contributed papers were a substantial cost

item in the IAAE budget. In early 2005, at the beginning of the Blackwell publication of *Agricultural Economics*, they produced the content of the Blue Book from the 2003 ICAE as a special issue of the Journal. That practice has continued since, with the Vice President-Program and generally a collaborator they select (normally the organizer of the contributed papers portion of the program) acting as guest editors. In nonconference years the special issue is often used by the editors to publish a peer-reviewed set of papers on a timely topic organized by guest editors. This arrangement for publishing the proceedings has resulted in a cash inflow versus the previous significant outflow, and has thus contributed to the strong financial position which IAAE currently enjoys. While the proceedings special issues have been made available in hard copy until now, this will no longer be the case as IAAE moves to completely electronic dissemination of conference proceedings and papers from the 2015 ICAE.

The IAAE today

The **International Association of Agricultural Economists** (IAAE) is a worldwide confederation of agricultural economists and others concerned with agricultural economic problems, including problems related to the use of renewable resources and the environment. Its broad goal is to *make a difference* through:

- Fostering the application of agricultural economics to improve rural economic and social conditions.
- Advancing knowledge of agriculture's economic organization.
- Facilitating communication and information exchange among those concerned with rural welfare.

Membership in the IAAE is for a three-year period, currently from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016. The membership fee is income-based: \$160 for those with an income in excess of \$50 000; \$130 for those with an income between \$20 000 and \$50 000, and \$75 for those with an income of less than \$20 000 for the three-year period. All memberships include electronic subscriptions to ***Agricultural Economics: the Journal of the IAAE***. Members also receive the IAAE Newsletter, and access to the IAAE web page "Members Only" section. An IAAE directory is made available after each conference containing the names and addresses of all members. A hard copy of journal would cost an additional \$105 in addition to the membership fee.

Organization: The International Association of Agricultural Economists, Inc. (IAAE) was incorporated in Wisconsin, USA on November 9, 2012, for various good reasons. This

Wisconsin nonprofit corporation replaced the unincorporated IAAE, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the IAAE Council on August 20, 2012. The registered office of IAAE is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

IAAE, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors which consists of four officers and three At-Large Directors, all elected for 3-year terms, by vote of IAAE members. The officers are President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and Secretary-Treasurer who comprise the Board's Executive Committee. The Board appoints Editors of IAAE's international journal *Agricultural Economics*, and one of them serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board.

The Board meets annually in person to transact IAAE business, and may hold additional meetings or take action needed via electronic communications. In-person meetings are held in conjunction with the triennial International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE), and in nonconference years in conjunction with regional association conferences or IAAE co-sponsored inter-conference symposia. A triennial IAAE members' business meeting is held in conjunction with the ICAE, replacing the long-standing IAAE Council meetings.

There are two standing committees of the IAAE Board, the Executive Committee described above and the Finance Committee. The Board may also appoint Ad hoc Committees as needed to address specific issues. An Executive Director may be employed directly or by contract to help manage operations of the Corporation.

Earlier IAAE Conferences

Year	Location	Professionals Attending
1929	Totnes, Devon, England	50
1930	Ithaca, New York, USA	300
1934	Bad Eilsen, Germany	170
1936	St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland	219
1938	Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada	510
1947	Totnes, Devon, England	82
1949	Stresa, Italy	271
1952	East Lansing, Michigan, USA	340
1955	Helsinki, Finland	364
1958	Mysore, India	350
1961	Cuernavaca, Mexico	485
1964	Lyon, France	562
1967	Sydney, Australia	501
1970	Minsk, USSR	685
1973	Sao Paulo, Brazil	695
1976	Nairobi, Kenya	656
1979	Banff, Alberta, Canada	795
1982	Jakarta, Indonesia	480
1985	Malaga, Spain	823
1988	Buenos Aires, Argentina	759
1991	Tokyo, Japan	908
1994	Harare, Zimbabwe	691
1997	Sacramento, California, USA	781
2000	Berlin, Germany	951
2003	Durban, South Africa	735
2006	Gold Coast, Australia	987
2009	Beijing, P.R. China	878
2012	Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil	632
2015	Milan, Italy	1158

Past conference themes

1955	The Implications of Technical Change in Agriculture
1958	Agriculture and its Terms of Trade
1961	Role of Agriculture in Economic Development
1964	Disparities in the Pace and Form of Agricultural and Rural Development
1967	The Economist and Farm People in a Rapidly Changing World
1970	Policies, Planning and Management for Agricultural Development
1973	The Future of Agriculture: Technology, Policies and Adjustment
1976	Decision-making and Agriculture
1979	Rural Change: the Challenge for Agricultural Economists
1982	Growth and Equity in Agricultural Development
1985	Agriculture in a Turbulent World Economy
1988	Agriculture and Governments in an Interdependent World
1991	Sustainable Agriculture Development: The Role of International Cooperation
1994	Agriculture Competitiveness: Market Forces and Policy Choice
1997	Food Security, Diversification and Resource Management: Refocusing the Role of Agriculture
2000	Tomorrow's Agriculture: Incentives, Institutions Infrastructure and Innovations
2003	Reshaping Agriculture's contributions to Society
2006	Contributions of Agricultural Economics to Critical Policy Issues
2009	The New Landscape of Global Agriculture
2012	The Global Bio-Economy
2015	Agriculture in an Interconnected World

The tradition of the Cow Bell

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 bell in use at this XXIX Conference is the one to which Elmhirst referred.

The Elmhirst Lecture

Leonard K. Elmhirst (1893-1974) served as the first President of the IAAE from 1929-1958 and was designated, founder-president, until his death in 1974. In his honor, the Leonard K. Elmhirst Memorial Lecture was instituted in 1976 and presented in Mysore, India by T. W. Schultz.

Elmhirst drew together a small group of agricultural economists from the United States and the United Kingdom in 1928 to develop plans and a program for what we now think of as the first International Conference of Agricultural Economists held at Dartington Hall, Devon, England in 1929. Fifty agricultural economists from eleven countries met at that first conference. They concluded that such conferences would be of great benefit to agricultural economist throughout the world in increasing their knowledge and understanding of other peoples and their problems and in promoting mutual understanding and good will.

The International Conference of Agricultural Economists was formally organized at the second meeting held in 1930 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. The name of the organization was changed to the International Association of Agricultural Economists at the 1961 conference in Mexico.

Leonard Knight Elmhirst was born in Yorkshire, England. He was the second of eight sons of a Church of England vicar who was also an estate owner. Elmhirst developed a love of nature and the countryside and learned the importance of sound land management in his early years. After ten years of boarding school, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge to read theology and history.

In 1915 he was accepted for work in India with the YMCA, which was also ministering to British soldiers in India. In 1919 he went

to Cornell to study for a degree in agriculture with the intention of returning to rural India and helping local farmers to improve their agricultural production. While at Cornell he became involved in the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club and made many friends there from Latin America, China, Turkey and elsewhere.

At Cornell he studied with Carl E. Ladd and George F. Warren who were his lifelong friends. After completing his degree, he spent the period from 1921 to 1923 in India working with rural villagers in West Bengal and with the famous Indian poet and educator, Rabindranath Tagore. He travelled with Tagore in India in 1923, to China and Japan in 1924, and to Argentina and Italy in 1925. In 1925 he married Dorothy Payne Whitney Straight, whom he had met while at Cornell and who had sponsored much of Elmhirst's work in India with Tagore.

Between 1925 and 1928 when he sent invitations for planning the first International Conference, he was heavily committed to establishing his home with his new wife at Dartington Hall. It needed much repair. They restored the old buildings, established a boarding school, setup a group of cottage industries and created a small agricultural research group. Elmhirst devoted much of his time and personal resources to developing the International Conference of Agricultural Economists and laying the foundations of the IAAE.

For additional information about Leonard Elmhirst, his life and his work, and for background on IAAE, obtain a copy of the book, *The History of the International Association of Agricultural Economists*, written by John Raeburn and J. O. Jones, published in 1990 by Dartmouth Publishing Company, Aldershot, UK.

Leonard K. Elmhirst Lectures in his honour have been:

T. W. Schultz	University of Chicago	1976
Sir W. A. Lewis	Princeton University	1979
Keith O. Campbell	University of Sydney	1982
Amartya Sen	University of Oxford	1985
Yujiro Hayami	Aoyama Gunkin University	1988
V. S. Vyas	Institute of Development Studies	1991
D. Gale Johnson	University of Chicago	1994
Yair Mundlak	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	1997
James T. Bonnen	Michigan State University	2000
Bruce Gardner	University of Maryland	2003
Hans P. Binswanger	Tswane University of Technology, World Bank	2006
Alain de Janvry	University of California, Berkeley	2009
Peter Hazell	International Food Policy Research Institute	2012
Philippe Aghion	Philippe Aghion	2015

Biographical statement, Philippe Aghion

Philippe Aghion is the Robert C. Waggoner Professor of Economics at Harvard University, and a fellow of the Econometric Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His research focuses on the economics of growth. With Peter Howitt, he pioneered the so-called Schumpeterian Growth paradigm which was subsequently used to analyze the design of growth policies and the role of the state in the growth process.

Much of this work is summarized in their joint books *Endogenous Growth Theory* (MIT Press, 1998) and *The Economics of Growth* (MIT Press, 2009), in his book with Rachel Griffith on *Competition and Growth* (MIT Press, 2006), and more recently in *Repenser l'Etat* (Seuil, 2011). In 2001, Philippe Aghion received the Yrjö Jahnsson Award of the best European economist under age 45.

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!

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The Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development at the University of Pretoria is recruiting FOUR new academic staff members to serve the growing demands for training in agricultural policy, agribusiness management, environmental economics and agricultural extension. These professions have become very important for South Africa and the sub-continent as we battle with finding the best designed policy instruments to ensure a growing and sustainable agricultural sector. Without good policy and good incentives and good support to the agricultural sector this will not be possible. This recruitment drive and the expansion of our academic positions have also been possible through a large grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Department wishes to appoint applicants with specialisation in any one or combination of the following fields:

Agricultural Policy Analysis; Agribusiness Management; Agricultural Finance; Agricultural Futures Markets; Supply Chain Analysis; Agricultural Extension; and Environmental and Resource Economics.

The incumbents will have a typical academic mandate of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level, supervising Masters and PhD students and producing research outputs through academic articles and conference presentations. It will also be expected from the incumbent to raise research funds and build a strong internationally acclaimed research programme. One position is a senior position and is earmarked for the leadership of our Agribusiness Management Programme.

CLOSING DATE: 31 August 2015

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To mark the Expo Milano 2015 (May-October 2015), EuroChoices is pleased to offer an open access issue featuring more than 20 essential papers on the twin Expo Milano themes of

Feeding the Planet, and Energy for Life. The articles are available online until 31st December 2015. Click here <http://bit.ly/1Dn2cs0> to read the Expo Milano 2015 Virtual Issue today.



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VISITING FACULTY POSITIONS IN AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AT UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

The Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development at the University of Pretoria in South Africa has a number of openings for faculty members in agricultural and resource economics at other universities to spend a period of study leave in Pretoria. These positions are well funded through a 5 year grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We are specifically interested in leading scholars in the following fields:

Agricultural policy analysis, Land policy, Environmental and resource economics, Institutional and behavioural economics, African agricultural and rural development, Spatial modelling and issues of big data in agriculture, Food systems, value chains and consumer economics

These visiting positions will all have a typical academic mandate of co-supervising Masters and PhD students and producing research output through academic articles and conference presentations.

<u>Minimum requirements:</u>	A PhD in agricultural economics or environmental economics and a good research track record.
<u>Closing date for applications:</u>	30 November 2015
<u>Start date & Duration :</u>	1 February 2016, any period between 3 and 12 months.
<u>Value of fellowship:</u>	A monthly allowance to be negotiated, Accommodation allowance of \$2500/month, Return ticket between home university and Pretoria

There are two to three positions available per year and all applications for the positions should be accompanied by a full CV and a short précis of the research programme and focus for the period of study leave and should be sent to:

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