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International Association of Agricultural Economists

Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members of the IAAE,

Much has changed since our last Newsletter in November 2016. The news headlines have featured the US elections, which brought in a new administration with much less apparent interest in international cooperation and much more scepticism about climate change. The Brexit process also seems likely to have important implications for world agriculture, especially if it results in substantial changes in UK and European agricultural and trade policies.

It's early days to know how the swing towards more overtly nationalistic policies—in key developed and developing countries—will play out. At best, good sense will prevail and countries will move to enlightened views of their own self-interest. At worst, we risk moving down a path toward conflict and trade wars of the type last seen in the 1930s. It seems likely that the policy skills of many in our profession will be much needed—whether to help design better policies, or to reduce the adverse impacts of policy proposals that we as economists might not initially have preferred.

The venture in international cooperation that is our Association is going from strength to strength. The nearest big event on our horizon is the ICAE Inter-Conference Symposium to be held in Talca, Chile 17-20 October, 2017. This meeting will bring together agricultural economists from across Latin America—and from outside the region—to discuss pressing challenges facing agriculture in this critically important region. As noted in the announcement later in this Newsletter, full papers must be submitted by June 1 to be considered.

Things are progressing rapidly on ICAE 2018, to be held in the wonderful city of Vancouver, Canada, from July 28 to August 2, 2018. Much more information about the conference is given on the following page of this Newsletter, and at www.icae2018.com

The Special Issue containing the excellent papers based on the Plenary Sessions from the Milan conference appeared at the end of 2017. These papers are also available as Volume 47 Issue S1 on the Members-Only section of the IAAE website. Please take a look at them, along with the regular issue from November 2017 and the first two issues for 2018.

Best regards,

Will Martin

30th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

“NEW LANDSCAPES AND NEW MANDATES FOR AGRICULTURE”

VANCOUVER, JULY 28 – AUGUST 2, 2018

The 30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) will be held in the beautiful city of Vancouver, British Columbia (BC), Canada, from July 28 to August 2, 2018.

Theme: The theme of ICAE 2018 is *New Landscapes and New Mandates for Agriculture*.

Program: This triennial conference of the IAAE provides an outstanding venue for discussion and debate on issues of concern to everyone interested in agricultural economics. The conference program is being developed by the IAAE President-Elect, Professor Nick Vink (nv@sun.ac.za) of Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Opportunities for participation will include: Plenary Sessions, Invited Sessions, Organized Symposia and Contributed Papers – both oral and visual. There are opportunities for pre-conference workshops on Saturday July 28 and post-conference workshops on Friday August 3, with the main conference taking place from Sunday July 29 through Thursday August 2.

The Conference will also feature agriculture, food and resource related field trips in and around Vancouver, including ocean ports, local farms, and microbreweries.

Paper submissions will open on July 31, 2017, with conference registration opening on March 10, 2018.

Local organisation information: Location! Location! Location! The conference will take place at the Westin Bayshore hotel in downtown Vancouver, featuring a state-of-the-art conference centre and superb accommodations. Situated on the waterfront, and just steps from beautiful Stanley Park, the Westin Bayshore provides easy access to the many activities and cultural events of the city. Enjoy views of the coastline, nearby mountain peaks and Stanley Park, all from one of the top downtown Vancouver hotels. Visiting Vancouver and the province of British Columbia in the summer is a spectacular experience, with many pre- and post-conference travel opportunities, from exploring historic Vancouver, to biking the stunning Vancouver seawall, kayaking and whale watching, along with extended excursions to Vancouver Island, BC’s Okanagan Valley wine region, and spectacular Canada-Alaska cruises.

The Local Organising Committee in Canada is chaired by Professor Ryan Cardwell (Ryan.Cardwell@umanitoba.ca) at the University of Manitoba.

Visit the conference website www.icae2018.com for more information and to sign up for conference updates. Follow us on Twitter @ICAE_2018 and on Facebook on at <https://www.facebook.com/ICAE2018/>.

Important dates:

- Paper submissions open: July 31, 2017
- Registration opens: March 10, 2018
- Conference: July 28 - August 2, 2018



OTHER BUSINESS

IAAE INTER-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM, TALCA, CHILE, 2017

The 2017 IAAE Inter-Conference Symposium will take place in Talca, Chile from October 17 to 19, 2017. The theme of the Symposium, which will take place in conjunction with the 5th Regional Conference of Agricultural Economists in the Southern Cone (Argentina, Chile and Uruguay), is *Agricultural Productivity, Climate Change and Sustainable Resource Management*. The venue

for the Symposium is the Universidad de Talca, which is located roughly 250 km south of Santiago de Chile in the heart of Chile’s main agricultural region. An optional field trip to a winery in Santa Cruz with transport to downtown Santiago or back to Talca will take place on October 20.

Full papers written in English should be submitted via the ConfTool system no later than June 1, 2017. Notification of selected proposals for oral presentation will be made by July 1, 2017.

For more information, please visit the Symposium website at <http://www.iaae2017talca.org/>.

IN MEMORY: PAULO F.C. ARAUJO

Paulo F.C. Araujo, Professor in the Departamento de Economia, Administracao e Sociologia in the Escola Superior de Agronomia Luiz de Queiroz (ESALQ), University of Sao Paulo (USP), Brazil, died unexpectedly in Brazil on December, 13, 2016 at the age of 84.

Paulo was well known in Brazil as an innovative institution builder as head of the Department; Founder and first President of the Foundation for Agricultural Studies in ESALQ; ESALQ Campus Administrator for USP; and Director of the Instituto de Economia Agricola (IEA) of the office of the Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Sao Paulo. He became well-known internationally through attending several IAAE triennial conferences. While in the IEA, he headed the organizing committee for the 1975 IAAE meetings held in Sao Paulo. He also served as the V.P. for Administration in the IAAE Executive Committee for the Buenos Aires meeting in 1988, and several times served as Brazilian Country Representative.

Paulo received his M.S. degree from The Ohio State University and this marked the beginning of his life-long association with OSU. He received Distinguished Alumni awards from both the Department and College. He worked on several Brazilian research and institution building projects with both OSU and Purdue University. His primary teaching and research areas were agricultural credit and agricultural policy. He was co-author and team leader for many research projects because of his recognized ability to assemble and guide multi-person teams and carefully write and edit the final publications.

After retiring from USP, Paulo became a professor in the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) and also served as coordinator for the economics course in a private university in the city of Volta Redonda, Rio de Janeiro. He also worked internationally for several months with FAO in Mozambique. He served as a consultant to the Brazilian Ministry of Education in its supervision of higher education teaching and research programs. His final team research project completed shortly before his death was to analyze the impact of the state of Sao Paulo research fund (FAPESP) on the performance of agriculture in the state.

The IAAE Newsletter

The IAAE Newsletter (ISSN1052-5815) is published semi-annually by the IAAE. News Alerts are published periodically to provide new information. The next IAAE Newsletter will be published in early **September 2017**. Information for the September 2017 issue must reach the IAAE Secretary-Treasurer's office by August 31, 2017 (contact on page 1). Every effort will be made to include the material provided. IAAE reserves the right to select and shorten items for publication.