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To: IAAE Executive Council
IAAE Journal Editorial Team

I am pleased to provide the Annual Report of the Editor-in-Chief for *Agricultural Economics*. This report is for the 1999 calendar year. The report also contains preliminary information from January through June for 2000. This will be the last report that I provide as Editor-in-Chief. Beginning in 2001, Professor Stephan von Cramon -Taubadel will assume the responsibilities of Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of *Agricultural Economics*. It has been a pleasure to serve with and for you as your Editor-in-Chief.

Highlights of the current report include the following:

- As most of you are aware, we had a serious problem in the Editorial Office. For the past 12 months, the new Assistant to the Editor, Sorrel Brown, has been in place. Sorrel is supported in the Editorial Office by Anjanette Fisher. We have been doing serious “damage control” and now have the Journal back on keel relative to tracking of manuscripts and turnaround time on publication decisions. The problem and the improvements that we have made will be evident in the tables provided in the Annual Report.
- In addition to serving as the Assistant to the Editor, Sorrel Brown and her staff have prepared a new web site for the *Agricultural Economics* Journal and IAAE. The address for this web site is <<http://www.iaae-agecon.org>>. This web site will provide us with the opportunity to communicate with IAAE members on Association information regarding articles to be published or already published in the Journal. For those articles already published, there is a direct link to Elsevier. For the articles to be published in the upcoming issue, the web site provides a title and abstract.
- The new web site also allows the incoming Editor-in-Chief to provide authors with a current status report on their submitted articles. With appropriate passwords, contributing authors can identify the position of their manuscripts in the review process: the date manuscripts were received by the Editorial Office, the date it was sent for review, the date of incoming reviews, and the Editor-in-Chief’s decision regarding acceptance, revise and resubmit, or rejection. This will go a long way in reassuring the potential authors that *Agricultural Economics* and its editorial team are responsive in a timely manner.
- The editorial team of *Agricultural Economics* is listed in the Annual Report. Depending on the decision of the incoming Editor-in-Chief, all or a part of this editorial team may be changed. The change will occur on or about the date of the switch of editorship, January 1, 2001. I want to express my appreciation to the members of the editorial team for their assistance to the Editor-in-Chief and to the IAAE. Journals simply cannot operate successfully without a strong editorial team.

- An Index Issue for Authors and Subject was initiated and developed in cooperation with Elsevier to consolidate all articles published in *Agricultural Economics* since it began publication. Elsevier agreed to produce and distribute this issue at the Triennial Conference.
- *Agricultural Economics* has been ranked considerably higher in 1999 by the Science Citation Index - 5 out of 12. In 1998 it was ranked 11 out of 13.
- The Annual Report also includes a proposal for bundling subscription to the Journal with membership in the IAAE. This proposal has been approved by Elsevier and is currently before the IAAE Executive Committee. It is my recommendation that this proposal, as appropriately revised, be accepted by the IAAE. It is important that the Journal be widely disseminated if the IAAE is to have a significant professional impact on the agricultural economics profession.
- The Annual Report will also show that the Journal has been subsidized at approximately \$50,000 per year through Iowa State University Extension (ISUE). This was possible due to discretionary resources that were available to me as a result of my current administrative position. We will not be able to continue this subsidy after my term as Editor-in-Chief. The bundling proposal includes provision for costs that are incurred by the institution at which the Editor-in-Chief resides. This is yet another reason for moving to bundled membership and Journal subscriptions for the IAAE.

It has been an honor to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of *Agricultural Economics*. I believe that during the past six years, we have improved the quality of articles published in the Journal. We have also increased the submission rate of manuscripts. The problem with the Editorial Office is regrettable but has been addressed. Of course, it is ultimately my fault. But, I believe we have the Journal in good shape for transfer to the new Editor-in-Chief.

Sincerely,

Stanley R. Johnson
Editor-in-Chief
Agricultural Economics

EDITORIAL OFFICE REPORT

At the request of Stanley R. Johnson, Editor-in-Chief of *Agricultural Economics, IDEA (Information Development ~ Expanding Awareness)*, located at Iowa State University under the direction of Sorrel Brown, assumed responsibility of the *Agricultural Economics* Editorial Office on July 1, 1999. Anjanette Fisher was hired to oversee the daily routine of processing manuscripts. Initial efforts were spent updating submitted manuscript files as described in the Manuscript Report that follows this section.

In cooperation with Elsevier Science Publishing, the new Editorial Office initiated the development of an author and subject Index Issue that covers all issues of *Agricultural Economics* from the date of its first issue to mid 2000. Keywords had to be assigned to published articles from earlier issues of the Journal as a database of keywords had not been kept until 1997. Elsevier agreed to publish the Index Issue in time for distribution to IAAE members at the Triennial Conference in Berlin.

Coordinating several special issues that focus on specific themes was a responsibility undertaken by the Editorial Office under the leadership of Stan Johnson. Christopher Barrett, Department of Agricultural, Resource & Managerial Economics, Cornell University, and Thomas Reardon, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, proposed the topic "Agroindustrialization, Globalization, and International Development" for Volume 23, No. 3 of *Agricultural Economics*. Stan Johnson accepted their proposal to serve as guest editors. They also wrote an introductory article for the issue. A total of 13 papers were submitted, of which 9 were selected by Barrett and Reardon. This issue is in production now and will be published by mid-September.

Ujjayant Chakravorty, Associate Professor of Economics, Emory University, and David Zilberman, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Berkeley, proposed serving as guest editors for a special issue addressing "Management of Water Resources for Agriculture." Stan Johnson accepted their proposal to serve as guest editors of this important theme. Both editors contributed an introduction to the issue. A total of 30 papers were submitted to Zilberman and Chakravorty for review, of which 9 were accepted for publication. This issue will be produced in the fall of 2000 as Volume 24, No. 1. Lists of selected titles for both special issues appear in the Appendix.

David Colman, Professor of Agricultural Economics, School of Economic Studies, University of Manchester, chaired a committee to screen Contributed Papers for presentation at the Triennial Conference and possible publication in the Blue Book of Conference Proceedings, or the Special Issue of the Journal. Out of 419 papers submitted, 131 were selected for the contributed presentation of which 3 will be selected for the plenary sessions.

The incoming Editor-in-Chief, Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel, proposed a visit to Iowa State University to establish contact with Stan Johnson and the Editorial Office and become acquainted with the editorial process. He arrived on February 28 and spent all of the 29th with either the Editorial Office staff or Stan Johnson. A copy of the current contract between Stan Johnson and Elsevier was given to Professor von Cramon for referral.

The Editorial Office wrote an article for the February 2000 IAAE Newsletter, introducing Professor von Cramon as the next Editor-in-Chief and providing members with background regarding his credentials. Professor von Cramon's term begins January 2001 and he will work closely with the Editorial Office during Fall 2000 to effect a smooth transition in editorship.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW REPORT

When Stan Johnson, Editor-in-Chief of *Agricultural Economics*, asked that *IDEA* take over management of the Journal's review process, the extent of mismanagement by the Editorial staff was not fully known. As it became increasingly apparent, this had resulted in serious neglect to the manuscript review process. At the time *IDEA* got involved, many manuscripts had been either misplaced or had not been processed after submission and authors had not been contacted as to the status of their submissions.

The Editorial Office, with special thanks to Anjanette Fisher, has been diligently working to bring order to the situation and re-establish effective communication with authors and referees. Overlooked manuscript files from preceding years have been systematically reviewed on an individual basis and handled accordingly. In some cases, complete files were missing. Many of these situations were cleared up by direct correspondence with the authors. When authors inquired about the status of their manuscripts and no manuscript could be found, authors were quite understanding and cooperative when the situation was explained to them, and gracious enough to submit a new manuscript for review. By January 2000, the Editorial Office had worked out an effective mechanism to process submitted manuscripts for review.

To illustrate the scope of the Editorial Office's effort to resuscitate the performance of the Journal's review process, consider the following statistics:

Since July of 1999 the Editorial Office has

- ▶ processed 116 new manuscript submissions,
- ▶ completed the processing of 278 manuscripts (many of them from previous years),
- ▶ reconstructed 8 missing files, and
- ▶ contacted 260 referees for international peer review.

In an additional effort to improve *Agricultural Economics*, the Editorial Office has also:

- established and maintained a complete electronic database of Journal statistics and activities;
- compiled a list of referees for future reference (including recently published authors), updating referee contact information and adding areas of expertise;
- reviewed all manuscripts from the past four years to ensure that files are up-to-date and have been correctly processed;
- developed a system of routinely reviewing files to avoid delays in receiving referee reviews and revised papers; and
- utilized the ease and affordability of email by converting four letters to authors or referees, previously sent via regular post in the past, into email correspondence. This change not only saves the Journal a substantial amount of money in postage but also offers referees and authors a quicker and more reliable form of communication than standard mail.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the Editorial Office has responded to the requests and queries of authors and referees by providing fast and consistent assistance when needed. The Office responds to, on average, approximately 20 Journal-related queries each day, mostly via e-mail. This figure has diminished by approximately a third since July 1999 as the Journal steadily continues to recover.

For 1999 and half of 2000, a total of 172 manuscripts were processed by the *Agricultural Economics* Editorial Office. Several special issues have been initiated in 2000. A summary of all sources of manuscript activity appear in the following table.

MANUSCRIPT DISPOSITION 1997 THROUGH JUNE 2000

						Guest Editors		Contributed	
	1997	1998	1999	2000 Total MS	2000 Editorial Office	2000 Barrett/ Reardon ³	2000 Zilberman/ Chakravorty	2000 David Colman	
Accepted	42 (23) ¹	38	25	61	0	9	9	43	
Rejected	58	73	84	414	14	3	21	376	
In Revision	2	6	10	2	2	-	-	-	
Withdrawn	2	3	0	0	0	-	-	-	
Closed	14	5	2	0	0	-	-	-	
Action Pending ²	13	1	2	32	32	-	-	-	
Missing files	5	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	
TOTAL	136	127	124	507	48	12	30	419	

¹ Special Issue, Volume 19, Numbers 1-2 (1997)

² MS is with 1st and/or 2nd referee or with Editor-in-Chief

³ Special Issue, Volume 23, Number 3 (2000)

The number of manuscripts in Action Pending may be a result of several situations:

- Referees agreed to review a manuscript but have failed to provide review comments.
- Referees declined to review a manuscript and an alternative referee has not been identified.
- Referees have not responded to the letter from Editor-in-Chief requesting a review.
- Review letters have been lost in the mail.
- Overseas communication difficulties have resulted in misplaced correspondence.

IDEA has made every effort to expedite manuscript processing as efficiently as possible (see following table) and be responsive to author inquiries and concerns. The number of days from submission of a manuscript to decision by the Editor-in-Chief has been reduced from 452 days to 111 days. Considering the constraints of international mail, a little over 3 months is an excellent response period from beginning to end of processing.

Timely responses to inquiries from authors regarding the status of their manuscripts have been a priority. Email messages sent to agecon@iastate.edu are received by three staff persons in the *IDEA* office to ensure immediate awareness of an inquiry.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR MANUSCRIPT PROCESSING BY EDITORIAL OFFICE

(does not include Special Issues and Contributed Papers)

	1997	1998	1999	2000 (Jan – June)
From Submission to 1 st referee	99	85	33	22
MS held by 1 st Referee	62	83	62	43
From Submission to 2 nd Referee	124	120	33	23
MS held by 2 nd Referee	72	73	73	63
Days from Submission to Initial Decision	500	438	206	111

1999-2000 MANUSCRIPTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
***(includes Special Issues and Contributed Papers)**

Country	Number of Manuscripts
AUSTRALIA	9
BANGLADESH	1
BARBADOS	1
BELGIUM	5
BRAZIL	4
BURKINA FASO	1
CANADA	6
COLUMBIA	1
COSTA RICA	1
ETHIOPIA	2
FINLAND	1
FRANCE	4
GERMANY	7
GHANA, WEST AFRICA	1
GREECE	3
INDIA	9
INDONESIA	1
IRELAND	1
ISRAEL	1
ITALY	4
JAPAN	3
JORDON	2
KENYA	8
MEXICO	1
NETHERLANDS	3
NEW ZEALAND	3
NIGERIA	4
NORWAY	4
PHILLIPINES	1
SCOTLAND	2
SOUTH AFRICA	6
SPAIN	4
SRI LANKA	1
SWEDEN	2
SWITZERLAND	3
TAIWAN	2
TANZANIA	1
THE NETHERLANDS	9
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USA	92

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* Authors were identified by the country in which they resided at the time of submission. Nationalities of authors may be different from the country of residence.

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ELSEVIER UPDATE

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

By the end of June 2000, Elsevier had published Volume 23, No. 1 (4 issues published in the first half of the year). They plan to complete publication for all issues of Volume 23 and Volume 24, No. 1 in 2000. As of June, Elsevier has an estimated 474 pages in-house (approx. enough for 4 issues). They have indicated that manuscripts should be sent to Elsevier no later than September 18 to allow sufficient time for processing before the end of the year.

A special issue of *Agricultural Economics* on "Agroindustrialization, Globalization, and International Development" will appear in Volume 23, No. 3 for 2000. Guest editors were . Christopher Barrett, Department of Agricultural, Resource & Managerial Economics, Cornell University, and Thomas Reardon, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University. The issue is in press at this time and is due to be printed in September.

Production of a special issue of *Agricultural Economics* on "Management of Water Resources for Agriculture" will begin in September 2000. Guest editors were Ujjayant Chakravorty, Associate Professor of Economics, Emory University, and David Zilberman, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Berkeley. The manuscripts for the selected papers have been received by the Editorial Office and reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief to be sent to Elsevier.

PROOFING BY AUTHORS

Elsevier has implemented a new production workflow for *Agricultural Economics*. Between June and September 2000 the paper proof that is sent to authors will be replaced by an electronic version (PDF). The Author Query Form will also be provided as a separate PDF file. Authors will be instructed how to view and print their manuscripts. They will be requested to return corrections either by e-mailing a list of corrections, or by making any corrections on a printout of the PDF file and faxing the printout to Elsevier.

If Elsevier is unable to obtain an e-mail address for the corresponding author, the typesetter will mail the paper version of the proof to the corresponding author by post. If there is no response from the corresponding author, Elsevier will notify the Editorial Office, which will attempt to contact the author. In the event the Editorial Office cannot reach the author, the Editorial Office will edit the proofs.

The return e-mail address to which the author sends corrections is an Elsevier mailbox dedicated to PDF-proof e-mail replies. This "in-box" will be monitored regularly throughout the day, ensuring that all replies and any problems are dealt with as soon as possible. If an e-mail address doesn't work, or if the author replies saying that he/she prefers to receive paper proofs, the proof will be printed and faxed or mailed to the author. Editors who routinely receive proofs will be given the choice of receiving them by PDF in the future.

This new system has been very well received by the authors of the journals Elsevier has used for testing. As a result the production time decreased, as authors are usually reachable by e-mail all over the world, while regular mail can be difficult, especially when authors are in the field.

This new workflow will bring greater efficiency to the publishing process of *Agricultural Economics*.

PUBLICATION IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Elsevier has an informal policy that allows articles published in *Agricultural Economics* to be published in other languages, as long as Elsevier is informed of the names of these journals.

POLICY ON ELECTRONIC PRE-PUBLICATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

Elsevier is liberal with respect to authors and electronic preprints. Unlike some publishers, Elsevier does not consider a preprint of an article (including a prior version as a thesis) prior to its submission to Elsevier as “prior publication”. Prior publication disqualifies an article from consideration for re-publication in a journal. Nor does Elsevier require that authors remove from publicly accessible Internet servers (including the author's own home page) all electronic preprints once an article has been accepted for publication.

Nonetheless, Elsevier does request that authors not update public server versions of their articles to be identical to the articles as published. Author requests to post a published article on a public server will be considered by Elsevier on a case-by-case basis. Note that Elsevier has no other restrictions about updating public server versions, just that they should not be updated so as to mimic the article as published. This position results from Elsevier's concern for the integrity of the scientific communication process and for competition.

The scientific communication process revolves around the peer review process and the question of scientific record. Researchers need to know when they obtain an Elsevier journal article that it is the article as published, that is, as having been edited and peer reviewed in conformity with the quality that the researcher associates with that particular journal. Having the article on an Elsevier server provides the integrity seal of approval for researchers. Permitting the same article to be published elsewhere on public servers, with researchers unsure about which version was actually peer reviewed, is confusing and potentially harmful to science.

Elsevier's competitive interest is to ensure that it can invest in the technological resources for electronic distribution, to facilitate the digitization of the material, linking and cross-referencing, and easy access and searching. Elsevier has made substantial investments in such technologies over the past several years, and exclusivity with respect to the electronic distribution of the article as published will permit Elsevier to cover these costs and ensure a profit, which ultimately means the success of such systems.

Fundamentally, pre and post electronic publication most directly involves the publisher. The publisher is responsible for registering and ensuring quality, and this accreditation role continues to be of vital importance to science. While proposals are often made to change the dynamic of scientific publishing, for example by conducting open peer review on public servers, credible proposals have not been proven.

ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING SERVICES

In communication with Elsevier and the *Journal of Economic Literature* (JEL), the Assistant to the Editor has determined that *Agricultural Economics* has been abstracted in the hard copy of JEL since 1996. JEL is now published electronically and *Agricultural Economics* is abstracted in the e-JEL at <www.e-jel.org> (accessible to AEA members only). JEL receives hard copies of *Agricultural Economics* and electronic abstracts from Elsevier.

In 1998 the Science Citation Index ranked *Agricultural Economics* 11 out of 13 (impact factor 0.373). In 1999 it ranked the Journal 5 out of 12 (impact factor 0.456) showing excellent progress.

A list of confirmed services are as follows:

AGRICOLA

BIOSIS Previews/Biological Abstracts

CAB Abstracts/WAERSA

Current Awareness in Biological Sciences (CABS)

Current Contents

Econ Lit (in CD format; back to 1969; updated monthly)

GeoAbstracts and International Development Abstracts

Geobase

Institute for Scientific Information (listed under Agricultural Economics and Policy since 1998)

Research Alert

Science Citation Index

SciSearch

FINANCIAL REPORT **July 1999 – June 2000**

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR MANUSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESSING

- Salaries/benefits for Editorial Office \$55,344
Assistant to the Editor = \$8,995
Editorial Office staff = \$46,349 (includes computer support for Journal processing)
Salaries are subsidized by the Editor-in-Chief, Iowa State University Extension.
The subsidy was greater than anticipated due to the remedial efforts required to restore order to the Journal's review process.
- Office space, computer hardware, software and updates provided by *IDEA*.

REIMBURSEMENT FROM ELSEVIER FOR MANUSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESSING

- The existing contract between Stan Johnson, Editor-in-Chief, and Elsevier states that Elsevier will reimburse the Editorial Office Dfl 6,000 (\$US 3,371 at current exchange rate) per volume (year) for expenditures incurred in processing manuscripts for review.
- Expenditures for postage, printing, supplies, telephone, fax \$ 3,314
- The Editor-in-Chief's stipend from Elsevier (Dfl 10,000/yr = US \$5,618) is contributed by Stan Johnson each year to Iowa State University Extension in compensation for office expenditures not covered by the reimbursement agreed upon by Elsevier.
- Developing author and subject Index Issue for the Journal \$ 4,000
Elsevier reimbursement = \$2,500
IAAE reimbursement = \$1,500

IAAE WEB SITE

- Maintenance (July 1999 to June 2000) \$12,740
 - Posting general IAAE information updates
 - Posting interim conferences (past year and future)
 - Posting special events, projects (ex: surveys)
 - Posting announcements (ex: Special Issue, Blue Book, position announcements)
 - Hosting on network server provided free by the ISU College of Agriculture
 - Triennial conference
 - General information (date, location, contact persons)
 - Call for papers information and submission forms
 - Call for posters/computer sessions and submission forms
 - Newsletter
- New design development \$ 3,797
(contract amount = \$18,000; development begun in January 2000 and continues)

NEW WEB SITE FEATURES

IDEA has explored the feasibility of a new name for the IAAE web site to simplify the Internet domain address and promote easier visual identification. The name approved by the Executive Committee <<http://www.iaae-agecon.org>> was available through Internet protocol and *IDEA* has registered it (\$59 for a two-year registration). The new web site will be hosted on the *IDEA* server rather than the ISU College of Agriculture server to facilitate updating and maintenance.

The new features that *IDEA* is developing for the web site are as follows:

- a) Password-protected page for Executive Committee confidential business

Categories for information are as follows:

Exec Meeting Dates	Meeting Locations	Meeting Agenda	Meeting Minutes
Email Exec Comm	Reports	Budget	Comments

All information *IDEA* posts under these categories is provided by the Executive Committee.

The “Email Exec Comm” feature allows any authorized committee member to send email to all other committee members simultaneously.

At first time login, committee members select their last name from an existing list that serves as their user id and enter “stackoat” as the initial password. The *IDEA* system then prompts committee members to choose a personal password. The system saves the personal password in association with the individual’s name to ensure security if a password is forgotten. An email option is available on the login screen if members forget their passwords. The password is sent to the individual in response to an email inquiry. *IDEA* should be notified as members are added and taken off the committee, so that the user id lists can be updated to allow new members access.

- b) Membership directory
 - o Searchable by
 - Last name
 - First name
 - Country
 - Institution
 - o Search results display selected information from the IAAE membership database
 - Full name
 - Address
 - Institution
 - Country and zip code
 - Phone, fax, email
 - o Members can change only their own demographic information and submit the changes directly to the Farm Foundation to update the membership database. If changes are attempted by someone other than the member associated with the IAAE number used to login, the system displays a message that the changes are not allowed.

- Access by IAAE membership number and password
 - The Farm Foundation, which maintains the membership database, is the source to contact in the event members do not remember their IAAE number. In this way, membership numbers remain confidential. An email option that is sent directly to the Farm Foundation is available on the login screen.
 - Farm Foundation will notify members by email that when members login to the new site the first time, they must use their IAAE member number as their user id and enter “railroad” as the initial password. The *IDEA* system then prompts members to choose a personal password. The system saves this personal password in association with the member’s IAAE number to ensure security if a password is forgotten. An email option to *IDEA* is available on the login screen if members forget their password. The password is sent to the individual in response to an email inquiry.
 - Farm Foundation will provide *IDEA* with timely updates of the membership directory database to ensure accuracy in responding to password requests by members.

c) Manuscript review status for authors

- Searchable for manuscripts under current review (48)
- Accessible only by a user identification number assigned to authors by *IDEA* to ensure confidentiality
- Password-protected
- Information displayed (see example)
- The original proposal was to search by title, keywords, or manuscript number, but such an approach does not guarantee confidentiality. By assigning authors specific user identification numbers, only authorized authors can access and view the status of their manuscripts.

Manuscript Number: 882					
Manuscript Title: Factors explaining the diffusion of hybrid maize in Latin America and the Caribbean region					
Received	Acknowledgement Sent	Out to Referee 1	Referee 1 Response Due	Back from Referee 1	Editor's Decision
2/8/2000	2/8/2000	2/25/2000	4/25/2000	6/5/2000	Revise & resubmit
		Out to Referee 2	Referee 2 Response Due	Back from Referee 2	
		2/25/2000	4/25/2000	*	

* A blank field in a referee category indicates that the referee did not respond. The Editor-in-Chief is authorized to make a decision based on one review.

d) Tracking visitors to site

- a. Origin of visitors (country)
- b. Number of visits/page
- c. Tracking data archived in MS Access for reporting purposes

NOTE: This proposal was put forth by the Editor-in-Chief in response to a request by the Executive Committee. The proposal has been modified and acted upon at the Berlin Triennial Conference and its final version will be posted on the website after approval of the minutes.

PROPOSAL FOR JOINT SUBSCRIPTION AND MEMBERSHIP

Individual subscriptions for *Agricultural Economics* are now at about 165. This level of individual subscriptions will not result in the impacts that IAAE members expect for their Journal. If individual subscriptions are not increased, publication of the Journal will be increasingly questionable financially, and the scholarly significance of the Journal for the agricultural economics profession will be limited. The institutional subscription level for information is confidential, but we believe there are between 400 and 500 of these subscribers to *Agricultural Economics*.

The proposal is to join subscription to *Agricultural Economics* with membership in the IAAE. We have negotiated with Elsevier for 1,400 subscriptions at \$45 per year. The \$45 figure assumes an IAAE membership of 1,200 to 1,300 and a continuation of the 100 gift subscriptions. The specifics of the proposal are as follows:

- Publication of the Blue Book will be discontinued and/or combined in part on the IAAE web page. This will result in a savings of approximately \$30,000 for each triennial cycle.
- The Special Issue now published for the triennial meetings will be increased to contain three instead of two issues of the Journal (each approximately 300 pages). This will permit the publication of the selected plenary papers and named lectures, along with 20 or more contributed papers.
- The newsletter of 2-3 pages will be provided to subscribers with the Journal, twice a year, and will be made available on the IAAE web page. This will save approximately \$4 per member per year (postage, printing, handling, etc.).
- A manuscript submission fee (equal to the 3-year joint membership and subscription to the Journal) will be charged to non-members of the IAAE. According to IAAE Bylaws, only members of the Association can publish in the Journal. However, this policy is not being enforced. The Journal is currently being subsidized by IAAE annual meeting registration fees and by Iowa State University (ISU), home institution of the current Editor-in-Chief. By paying the submission fee ($\$60 + 3 \text{ issues} \times \$45 = \$195$), non-members would help defray the subsidy. The Editor-in-Chief will have the authority to waive all but \$60 the submission fee [$\$195 - (3 \times \$45) = \60] for reasons of assuring access to the Journal by all members.
- Page charges for manuscripts will be implemented at \$125 per published page. Authors will receive 100 reprints as a benefit of the page charge. The Editor-in-Chief will have the authority to waive the page charges—for reasons of assuring access to the Journal by all members.
- A pricing system similar to that of the American Economics Association will be adopted for member subscriptions of the Journal. The cost of subscription and membership (\$60 prorated at \$20/year) will be dependent on the self-reported incomes of the members:
 - ✓ \$70 per year for members with incomes above \$50,000;
 - ✓ \$60 per year for members with incomes of \$25,000 to \$50,000; and
 - ✓ \$50 per year for members with incomes less than \$25,000.
 - ✓ \$50 will be the subscription rate for graduate students.

- Gift subscriptions will continue at 100 per year. Gift subscriptions will be allocated to country representatives with reported incomes below \$25,000 and to libraries located in countries that are short of hard currency. The Editor-in-Chief will prepare the gift subscription list. The list will be approved by the IAAE president and secretary/treasurer.
- The Journal will continue to publish six issues per year. In the years between the triennial meetings, one issue per year may be allocated to the publication of articles from a regional conference or related events of the IAAE or other leading economics and agricultural economics associations.
- The enhanced IAAE web page will contain much of the material now available through the newsletter, the descriptive material and reports from the triennial meetings (now in the Blue Book) and as well copies of papers presented at the triennial meetings and not published in the Journal (the latter on approval of authors).
- Manuscripts in the review process can be accessed on the new web site if the new Editor-in-Chief agrees to provide the appropriate information to the Webmaster (Sorrel Brown, ISU). This will allow authors (who will be members given the new rules) to search the web site for the status of their manuscripts in the review/publication process.
- The IAAE membership fee will continue to underwrite *Agricultural Economics* and gift subscriptions.

This proposal has been approved by the IAAE Board and by Elsevier. It is proposed that this new arrangement for the Journal and the Association be implemented January 1, 2001. A financial summary that incorporates the assumptions for joint subscription and membership (along with selected assumptions) is provided in the following pages.

JOINT SUBSCRIPTION AND MEMBERSHIP PROJECTED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

3 YEAR PERIOD	CURRENT *		PROPOSED
INCOME			
IAAE Membership	96,000		
Journal Subscriptions (includes IAAE subsidized gift subscriptions)	36,000	@ 1200 paid subscriptions 1/3 from each category of income \$70 x 400 = \$28,000/year 60 x 400 = 24,000/year 50 x 400 = 20,000/year IAAE subsidized gift subscriptions 100 @ \$45	216,000 4,500
Journal Submission Fee		\$60 + (3 x \$45) = \$195 (@ a submission rate of 150 with 1/2 from non members; assume 50% collection rate) 75 x 50% x \$195 each	22,000
Page Charges		60 manuscripts/year averaging 9 pages @ \$65/page (assume a collection rate of 50% for articles) 60 x 50% x 9 pages x \$65/page	53,000
Editor-in-Chief subsidy	50,000		
TOTAL	\$182,000		\$295,500
EXPENSES			
Conference Proceedings	95,000		
Journal Subscriptions (includes IAAE subsidized gift subscriptions)	39,000	1400 @ \$45 x 3 (includes IAAE subsidized gift subscriptions)	189,000
Newsletter (production/ mailing)	15,000		
Editor-in-Chief subsidy (does not include Elsevier honorarium @ Dfl 10,000/yr = US \$5,618)	50,000	\$25,000 /year for Journal management (does <u>not</u> include payment from Elsevier for Journal operating expenses @ Dfl 6,000/yr = US \$3,370.79 or honorarium for Editor- in-Chief @ Dfl 10,000/yr = US \$5,618)	75,000
TOTAL	\$199,000		\$264,000

* Proposed budget does not include Blue Book Triennium Proceedings @ \$10,000/year x 3 years (\$30,000)

1999-2000 GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

The contract between Elsevier and IAAE states that the Association agrees to purchase a minimum of 100 bulk gift subscriptions per year @ \$45 per subscription on behalf of potential individual members in any part of the world and/or potential institutional or other subscribing libraries in developing countries. The Editorial Office provided Elsevier with 73 institutions and individuals to receive gift subscriptions for both 1998 and 1999. Three already had fully paid subscriptions to the Journal. Thus a total of 70 gift subscriptions of *Agricultural Economics* were distributed in May 2000 by Elsevier and billed to IAAE.

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2. Bangladesh Agricultural University, BANGLADESH
3. Agriculture Library, BENIN
4. CEDRES, Université de Ougadougou, BURKINA FASO
5. Central Library, BURKINA FASO
6. SADAOC, University of Ougadougou, BURKINA FASO
7. Université du Burundi, BURUNDI
8. University of Bangui, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
9. Central Library, CHAD
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12. Alemaya University of Agriculture, ETHIOPIA
13. Gambia College, GAMBIA
14. Gambia National Library, GAMBIA
15. ISSER, University of Ghana, GHANA
16. Population and Social Science Library, Legon, GHANA
17. Institut Supérieur Agronomique, GUINEA
18. State University of Haiti, HAITI
19. National University of Lesotho, LESOTHO
20. University of Liberia, LIBERIA
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22. Université de Nouakchott, MAURITANIA
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30. Somali National University, SOMALIA
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32. University of Bénin, TOGO
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39. University of Aden, YEMEN
40. University of Zambia, ZAMBIA

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2. Belarus Agricultural Library, BELARUS
3. Central Agricultural and Forestry Library, CZECH REPUBLIC
4. Faculty of Agriculture, CROATIA
5. Library, Estonian Agricultural University, ESTONIA
6. National Agricultural Library and Documentation Centre, HUNGARY
7. Fundamental Library, Latvian University of Agriculture, LATVIA
8. Lithuanian Agriculture Library, LITHUANIA
9. Central Agricultural Library, POLAND
10. Library of the University of Agricultural Sciences, ROMANIA
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