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1. INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

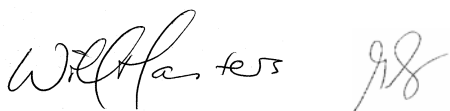
We are happy to present this first Annual Report for *Agricultural Economics* from your new editorial team. The report details the operation of our journal over the transition period, from July 1st, 2006 through June 30th, 2007.

As outlined below,

- Submission of new manuscripts has risen to 185 from 146 last year. Some of this increase involves papers presented at the Gold Coast conference; note that this total is still below the all-time peak of 211 manuscripts received after the Durban conference.
- Manuscript management has transitioned smoothly from the paper-based files maintained through June 2006 to an all-electronic, web-based system. A substantial investment of time on the part of the editors was needed to customize the software and provide clear instructions to authors, Associate Editors and referees, but the system now allows all parties to handle manuscripts quickly and securely with much less time spent on "secretarial" tasks. We continue to work with our software providers, Editorial Express, to improve functionality.
- Refereeing was kept on track during the transition, with the average lag between submission and initial editorial decision kept to 100 days, up slightly from the 91-93 days achieved over the past three years. The new software allows us to maintain quick turnaround while also reaching out to the widest possible pool of referees, sending manuscripts to a large number of potential reviewers who might otherwise be out of reach. In 2006-07, reports were received from 243 reviewers representing 36 countries.

- Acceptance rates are likely to fall slightly from the 25% rate maintained during the 2000-2006 editorial period, to the extent that we succeed in attracting a larger number of higher-quality submissions and maintain the same average article lengths and page counts. Of the 185 submissions we have received, only 5 have been already accepted but an additional 40 have been returned for revision.
- Publication through Blackwell is working well. Production lags have averaged under 60 days from article submission to publication online and in print. Marketing efforts have succeeded, as the number of full-rate institutional subscriptions rose to 249 from 232 last year (and 217 the year before that). A further 934 institutions had electronic access. This matters for both total revenue from the journal, which has increased by 14%, and for the usefulness of our work.
- Citation of our articles by others has increased, to an average ISI impact factor of 0.584 from its previous level of 0.382. This places us at 6th of 9 ranked journals in agricultural economics, and 103rd of 175 journals in economics, but there is a great deal of year-to-year variability in these numbers.

We are very pleased to be serving the IAAE as editors of *Agricultural Economics*. We are grateful for the support of the IAAE Executive Committee, and for the help of our Associate Editors and Advisory Board. Above all, we would like to thank the 185 submitters who have entrusted us with their work, and the 243 reviewers who have generously given their time and attention to maintaining the quality of this important journal.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'William A. Masters' and the signature on the right is 'Gerald E. Shively'.

William A. Masters and Gerald E. Shively

Editors

August 16, 2007

2. THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The members of the new Editorial Team for 2007-2010 are listed in Appendix 1. In forming the new team, our approach was to recruit a small Advisory Board to look at the overall direction of the journal, and a larger set of Associate Editors to help with individual manuscripts. In addition, we have recruited a new Book Review Editor, Harald Von Witzke.

The Advisory Board consists of seven prominent leaders in our discipline, representing a wide range of fields and institutions. Over the past year has commented on one or another aspect of the journal, and we look forward to benefiting from their perspective over the coming years.

The Associate Editors are 19 distinguished colleagues, with specializations in particular regions and methods. In many cases, we are asking them to identify and assign referees for new manuscripts in their field. More commonly, we are assigning them as supplementary reviewers for those papers, so that they see and help us judge a relatively large fraction of submissions in their domain.

For book reviews, our principal innovation is to pursue the possibility of themed reviews. These would cover multiple books on a common topic, for example to help readers choose among alternative textbooks or to identify emerging trends among published books in a particularly field.

The adoption of web-based manuscript management software has sharply reduced our need for secretarial support. We intend to use any net cost savings mainly for editors' travel to the IAAE meetings and also to other conferences. In the internet era, personal contact and visibility is in anything increasingly important to authors, referees, editors and others.

Editorial team travel on journal business in 2006-07 has been limited but effective. After the transition meeting in Australia, we had planned a trip to meet Blackwell staff in Boston; instead, we used journal funds to visit with them during their marketing trip to the AAEA meetings in Portland, where we also met with the one Advisory Board member and three Associate Editors who were there. At the AAEA we also joined a group of other journals' editors to discuss recent trends and common concerns in the agricultural economics field.

3. MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS AND THE REVIEW PROCESS

Between July 1st, 2006 and June 30th, 2007, 185 manuscripts were submitted to the Editorial Office, up from 146 the year before. Appendix 2 provides a detailed breakdown of these manuscripts' current status, with similar data for every year back to 2000-01.

The increase in manuscript submission is associated with the timing of the IAAE conference in the Gold Coast, for which a record number of contributed papers were submitted. The best of those contributed papers are being published separately in a special double issue of the journal (volume 37, issues 1 and 2), for which the edited articles were submitted to Blackwell on July 27th by the guest editors, Rued Ruben and Kees Burger. The papers chosen by Ruben and Burger are not included in our totals. If we were to include them, the total number of post-conference submissions would just equal the previous record level of 211 that were submitted after the Durban conference. (These are all in addition to the invited papers from the conference that are in the "Blue Book" supplement to Volume 37, edited by Kei Otsuka.)

Appendix 3 provides information on the status of all 185 manuscripts received in 2006-07, for comparison with the disposition of those received during the 2000-06 editorial period. So far, we have issued first decisions on 131 of the 185 submissions. Of these decisions, 99 (75.6%) have been rejections, and the remainder were either accepted or returned for revisions. Over the previous six-year period, there were 859 decisions issued, of which 635 (73.9%) were rejections. Note that this calculation was conducted entirely ex-post. Decisions on each manuscript are made individually. Short-term fluctuations in acceptance rates are possible and sometimes desirable, but it is important to note that our current level of selectivity is entirely sustainable given the size of our journal.

Appendix 4 breaks down the submitted manuscripts by country of origin. (Note that new data for 2006-07 has not yet been calculated; it turns out that authors' country of origin was recorded inconsistently in our new software, and will take some time to complete these records.)

We are particularly grateful to the previous editor, Stefan von Cramon-Taubadel, for his diligence in balancing the number of acceptances with the pace of publication. The articles accepted by him will fill volume 37, with only a small spillover into the first issue of volume 38. Looking forward, articles are now likely to appear in print within six months of their final acceptance.

Appendix 5 provides information on the length of the review process. Our new software is not yet able to compute the exact same breakdowns as those provided in Appendix 5 for the 1998-2006 period, but the total duration to initial editorial decision averaged 100 days, slightly more than the 93 days achieved last year. We will soon be able to generate breakdowns that are exactly comparable to past records.

Appendix 5a shows the breakdowns that are available using the new software. These data refer to the duration of each review, from submission by the author to a decision sent back to them. A total of 173 decisions were made this year, and their mean duration was 70 days. The fastest decisions tend to be rejections, whose mean duration was only 60 days.

The most challenging and important task of a journal editor is to elicit timely and careful referee reports. Most of these come from established scholars whose work is well known to us, and who typically review a large number of manuscripts every year. Thanks to Google and Google Scholar, however, we are able to find the names and email addresses of researchers who have contributed to a particular literature in ways that would otherwise not be visible to us, such as through local working papers and presentations at regional meetings. Increasingly we are reaching out and assigning these scholars as reviewers. Our goal is to maintain a balance among types of reviewers, gradually expanding the circle of experienced referees while focusing above all on maintaining a high quality standard for our decision criteria and feedback to authors.

Appendix 6 contains a list of all referees whose reviews were received between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. On behalf of the authors and readers of *Agricultural Economics*, we are very grateful to these far-flung colleagues for their otherwise anonymous contributions to our discipline.

4. SPECIAL ISSUES, THE BLUE BOOK AND CLUSTER SUBMISSIONS

In 2007, we will be publishing a special double issue (Vol. 37 No. 2/3) containing a selection of the best contributed papers from the Gold Coast Conference, guest-edited by the contributed papers chairmen Ruerd Ruben and Kees Burger. These are considered by ISI to be regular issues of the journal. In addition, our contract with Blackwell allows publication of one supplement per year, which for 2007 will be the Blue Book of program information and invited papers from the Gold Coast conference, edited by Kei Otsuka.

Looking forward, one of the innovations we have introduced this year is to encourage "cluster" submissions, by which conference organizers and the managers of multi-paper research projects submit a number of papers for possible publication side by side, in an otherwise regular issue of the journal. The papers are then peer reviewed individually and only the subset of papers which are of sufficiently high interest will be published, but publishing them together as a cluster allows appropriate recognition of the conference or research project that moved this work forward.

The cluster approach is an alternative to the traditional dichotomy between individual papers and whole special issues. So far we have received one cluster of five papers from a conference on R&D impacts, and we expect to receive another similar-sized cluster of papers on trade policy later this year. Inviting cluster submissions does not preclude the future use of guest-edited special issues, but it should help us to serve the profession in a more flexible manner, attracting high-quality papers and promoting synergy among them.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THE HIGHEST-QUALITY PAPERS

Many Association journals offer awards for their best articles, as a way to attract and recognize the highest-quality work. Doing so is particularly important for younger scholars and for researchers in less prestigious institutions, to make their work more visible and encourage others to pursue similar achievements.

Awards can be of great value, but awards that are too freely or inappropriately given can quickly lose significance. It is therefore essential that award criteria be well-defined and consistent over time. Awards can also become excessively difficult to administer, and they can distract people from the pursuit of their everyday goals. Criteria for selection should therefore focus on attributes that are of enduring value, using information that is readily at hand.

Our proposal to the IAAE is for the *AE* editors to offer an annual award for the best paper published in *Agricultural Economics* in each year. Nominations would be solicited from the entire editorial team (the Advisory Board as well as Associate Editors), and final selection would be made by the editors in June for presentation in late July or August, at the IAAE conference or (in off-years) at other late-summer meetings. We would give a small plaque to the winners, and record their names on the websites of the IAAE and of the journal.

We have considered a number of alternative kinds of awards, including best papers by young authors, or by authors from particular regions, as well as awards using outside judges and awards that would be conferred only once every three years at the IAAE conference. We chose the structure proposed above largely for its simplicity and flexibility. Over time, we may be able to introduce a second award targeted at particular kinds of authors. We also hope that a donor might step forward to endow the award with a cash prize, although we believe that is not necessary for this kind of recognition to be effective.

6. JOURNAL FINANCES AND EDITORIAL OFFICE EXPENDITURES

For Appendix 7 reproduces the revenue and expenditure report for the journal's editorial office over the previous period, 2000-06. Appendix 7a shows the indicative budget that we submitted to IAAE, along with charges recorded to date. It is clear from this that the journal's cost structure has changed radically, with much lower expenditure on secretarial services. We are still learning about the cost-structure consequences of our new manuscript-management system, however, and it is possible that we will propose a different expenditure pattern next year.

7. JOURNAL PUBLICATION AND MARKETING

We are now in the second year of our six-year agreement with Blackwell Publishers. So far they have provided excellent service in terms of both production and marketing. We have been in frequent email contact with our Publishing Manager, Jon Gurstelle, as well as the Production Manager, Adrian Redmond, and the Marketing Manager, Katie Gaines.

7.1 Production Initiatives: Online Early and Data Appendixes

On the production side, we foresee two new initiatives: first, we will transition to the use of "Online Early" services, whereby Blackwell will publish small groups of accepted articles as soon as their copyediting is complete, rather than wait for a complete issue. This practice is widespread in the industry. It helps bring articles to readers faster so as to facilitate their citation and use, and offers fresh content more frequently thereby attracting greater interest in the journal as a whole. While the production of print issues remain important, the early posting of individual articles advances the trend towards electronic dissemination and a focus on individual articles rather than whole issues.

The second production-related change is something that we have initiated. Blackwell has agreed to experiment with our proposal, which we believe could prove to be a dramatic change in publishing practices. The idea, which has been enthusiastically endorsed by members of our Advisory Board, is for us to encourage (but not require) the authors of accepted papers to post a "data appendix" on the journal's website. Blackwell has agreed to host these without asserting copyright ownership, as a service to the journal. Authors can also post their data appendix elsewhere, but our goal is to have a growing fraction of AE's papers include them alongside the paper itself on the Blackwell website.

Our definition of a data appendix is one or more computer files with which a reasonably skilled researcher can replicate the paper's main results. We ask authors to submit one file called `readme.txt` giving the title of the paper and general instructions on how to replicate its main results, plus one or more files of the data and program code in a format that can be interpreted by some kind of commercially-available software. The first paper we have accepted on this basis, for example, is accompanied by a GAMS model, and other papers in Volume 38 will be accompanied by programs in Stata and in SPSS.

The purpose of inviting and then disseminating these data appendixes is partly to improve the quality of the underlying papers, as researchers who know their data and programs could be seen by others have more incentive to keep them clean and carefully documented. This kind of "sentry effect" arises from the simple possibility of inspection, independently of whether anyone actually downloads and uses a particular paper's dataset.

A second major effect of the data appendixes will be to make each paper more useful and likely to be cited. Other researchers will more easily be able to “stand on the shoulders” of previous work, producing more and better new work that cites the originating paper.

A third effect of data appendixes will be to allow new kinds of research, consisting of merged datasets and meta-analyses and other techniques that combine results of previous researchers in new ways.

A final result of publishing data appendixes will be the opportunity to enhance graduate education in our field by providing results that can be replicated by students using underlying data and methods.

We believe that all four effects could prove to be very important, and could help give *Agricultural Economics* an enhanced leadership role in our discipline.

7.2 Marketing Initiatives: Increasing Revenue and Access

Marketing of the journal is critically important for revenue, and also for the use of *AE* articles by IAAE members and others in the profession.

By the end of 2006, Blackwell reported 249 full-rate institutional subscriptions, up from 232 the previous year. An additional 934 sites have electronic access through consortia of various kinds, particularly the AGORA initiative in low-income countries (www.aginternetnetwork.org). Also, a total of 63 individuals had active subscriptions (58 of them as IAAE members), and 613 individuals were receiving the electronic Table of Contents by email for every issue.

In 2007, we have been cooperating closely with Blackwell to improve marketing in two main ways. First, we are personalizing the company's own communications, so that they are more likely to appeal to our colleagues in this discipline. This includes both print mailings and emails, which aim to increase paid library subscriptions and also to increase the use and citation of our articles.

Second, we are undertaking our own targeted communications. The initial focus of this has been to encourage individuals to subscribe to Blackwell's free electronic table of contents, which we believe is the single most effective way to make the journal more attractive for both citation and subscription. Later in 2007 we will be sending individual emails to colleagues at institutions which we know do not now receive *Agricultural Economics*, but which do receive other prominent journals in our field. The subscription lists of libraries have enormous inertia, and we believe that there exist at least a dozen libraries in the United States alone where our colleagues can and should persuade their librarians to subscribe.

8. CITATIONS AND JOURNAL RANKING

In 2006, *Agricultural Economics'* ISI impact factor bounced back slightly from its fall in previous years, rising to 6th from 7th of 9 ranked journals in agricultural economics (see Appendix 8). These rankings reflect very small numbers of highly-cited articles and are notoriously volatile. There is also little we can or should do to directly pursue a higher ranking, other than the initiatives described above that aim to improve the overall value of the journal. Those initiatives can increase the quality of what we publish, and bring it to readers faster so that it is more likely to be cited within the brief two-year window of references that is included in the ISI impact measure.

The only small thing we are doing that might be considered to be targeted directly at our impact factor is to encourage authors to cite more articles from *AE*. Surprisingly, in 2006 our articles had more references to *Econometrica* (49 citations) than to *AE* itself (46 citations). We do not believe, however, that there is much to be gained from aggressively steering authors towards more self-citations. We want to see authors cite other *AE* papers only when doing so is merited, primarily so as to create more connections between articles and a deeper dialogue among our readers. Ultimately, it is that richness in the research agenda that makes a journal attractive, to sustain long-term growth in our readership and subscriber base as well as citation-based journal rankings.

APPENDIX 1:

EDITORIAL TEAM FOR *AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS*, 2007- 2010

Editors

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Kimsey Savadogo, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Melinda Smale, IFPRI, USA

Yang Yao, Peking University, China

**APPENDIX 2:
SUBMISSIONS & MANUSCRIPT DISPOSITION AT THE END OF PERIOD**

Status	09/00-06/01	07/01-06/02	07/02-06/03	07/03-06/04	07/04-06/05	07/05-06/06	07/06-06/07
Submissions ¹	109	154	162	211	169	146	185
Accepted	0	4	1	1	3	4	5
Rejected	35	52	83	120	95	69	99
In revision	18	18	7	14	17	15	40
Withdrawn	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Action pending ²	56	79	69	76	54	57	54
Rejection rate ³	66%	69%	89%	89%	83%	78%	76%

¹ Submissions in the calendar years 1997, 1998 and 1999 totalled 136, 127 and 124, respectively. We have since moved to a July-June reporting year as this is easier to prepare for August IAAE Executive Committee Meetings

² Manuscript is either with referees or the Editor-in-Chief.

³ Rejection rate refers only to completed decisions, computed as rejections/(submissions – action pending).

**APPENDIX 3:
STATUS OF ALL MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED SINCE SEPT 1ST, 2000**

Status	Submissions between September 2000 and June 2006	Submissions between July 2006 and June 2007
Submissions	956	185
Accepted	198	5
Rejected	635	99
Withdrawn	17	0
Closed ¹	9	0
Action pending ²	97	54
Rejection rate ³	74%	76%

¹ Authors have not responded to an invitation to revise their manuscript, so the file has been closed.

² Manuscript is either with referees or the Editor-in-Chief, or in revision.

³ Rejection rate refers only to completed decisions, computed as rejections/(submissions – action pending).

APPENDIX 4:
AUTHORS OF SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(NOT YET COMPUTED FOR 2006-07)

Country	July 2001- June 2002	July 2002- June 2003	July 2003- June 2004	July 2004- June 2005	July 2005- June 2006	July 2006- June 2007
Argentina	0	6	0	0	1	
Australia	15	9	24	11	12	
Austria	0	0	0	0	2	
Bangkok	0	0	2	0	0	
Bangladesh	1	3	4	0	0	
Belgium	9	4	11	1	1	
Benin	0	2	0	0	1	
Bolivia	0	0	4	0	0	
Bosnia-Herz.	0	0	1	0	0	
Botswana	0	0	1	1	1	
Brazil	5	4	5	8	0	
Bulgaria	0	1	0	0	0	
Burkina Faso	0	2	0	0	0	
Cameroon	1	0	3	8	0	
Canada	11	4	4	1	9	
Chile	1	1	2	0	1	
China	6	31	19	25	8	
Costa Rica	1	0	1	3	0	
Croatia	0	0	0	5	1	
Cyprus	0	0	3	0	0	
Czech Rep.	0	1	1	0	0	
Denmark	1	0	9	6	4	
Estonia	0	0	0	0	1	
Ethiopia	6	1	6	1	2	
Fiji	0	0	0	1	0	
Finland	2	0	2	6	0	
France	1	10	5	5	11	
Gambia	0	1	0	0	0	
Germany	9	11	12	20	10	
Ghana	5	5	0	0	5	
Greece	6	13	4	10	11	
Hondurars	0	0	0	1	0	
Hungary	0	1	0	0	2	
India	5	9	16	15	3	
Indonesia	1	1	0	5	0	
Iran	1	6	6	12	8	
Ireland	0	4	0	2	1	
Israel	1	6	4	0	1	
Italy	7	2	3	7	2	
Japan	12	17	9	11	5	
Kenya	9	5	15	18	16	
Korea	0	0	4	2	1	
Kuwait	1	0	0	0	0	
Malawi	0	0	2	1	1	
Malaysia	4	2	2	0	5	
Mali	2	0	0	0	0	
Mexico	1	0	7	0	2	

Nepal	0	0	0	0	1	
Netherlands	19	4	9	10	17	
New Zealand	1	0	4	12	0	
Nigeria	8	12	23	6	13	
Norway	3	3	6	0	4	
Pakistan	0	0	2	0	3	
PNG	0	0	1	0	0	
Paraguay	0	0	1	0	0	
Peru	0	0	1	0	0	
Philippines	3	0	4	3	1	
Poland	0	2	1	1	2	
Portugal	9	2	2	1	0	
Romania	0	0	0	1	0	
Russia	1	0	3	1	0	
Saudi Arabia	0	1	0	1	0	
Senegal	1	0	0	0	1	
Slovakia	0	0	1	0	0	
Slovenia	0	3	3	0	4	
South Africa	10	8	3	4	2	
Spain	11	9	13	28	15	
Sri Lanka	1	0	2	0	0	
Sudan	0	1	1	1	0	
Sult. of Oman	0	0	0	0	3	
Sweden	3	3	1	2	2	
Switzerland	3	4	0	0	0	
Syria	0	0	0	1	0	
Taiwan	7	0	16	5	7	
Tanzania	1	1	0	0	2	
Thailand	4	0	4	2	2	
Togo	0	6	0	0	0	
Tunisia	0	0	3	2	2	
Turkey	10	26	24	20	20	
Turkmenistan	0	0	1	0	0	
Uganda	1	0	1	0	1	
Ukraine	1	0	0	0	2	
Un. Arab. E.	1	0	0	0	0	
UK	18	20	22	19	19	
USA	99	99	96	87	89	
Venezuela	0	1	0	0	0	
West Indies	0	3	0	0	0	
Zambia	0	1	0	0	2	
Zimbabwe	1	0	4	0	3	
Total	340 authors for 154 manu- scripts	371 authors for 162 manu- scripts	443 authors for 211 manu- scripts	393 authors for 168 manu- scripts	345 authors for 146 manu- scripts	

APPENDIX 5: MANUSCRIPT PROCESSING SPEED, 1998-2007

(average interval in days)

	1998 ¹	1999 ¹	01/00– 06/00 ¹	07/00– 06/01	07/01– 06/02	07/02– 06/03	07/03– 06/04	07/04– 06/05	07/05– 06/06	07/06– 06/07 ²
Submission to 1 st referee	85	33	22	38	33	57	71	49	34	
MS held by 1 st referee	83	62	43	66	98	103	83	71	67	
Submission to 2 nd referee	120	33	23	42	34	59	73	48	35	
MS held by 2 nd referee	73	73	63	58	91	96	92	83	56	
Submission to initial decision	438	206	111	125	140	167	91	91	93	100

¹ Information provided by the previous Editorial Office in Iowa.

² Missing data yet to be computed using new software

APPENDIX 5A: MANUSCRIPT PROCESSING SPEED, 2006-07

(mean and variation, in days)

Duration of Manuscript reviews¹	All Outcomes	Acceptance	Rejection	Returned for Revision
mean	70.3	89.7	60.5	88.7
sd	48.4	52.4	51.2	34.1
min	0.0	49.0	0.0	21.0
max	233.0	205.0	221.0	233.0
N	173	7	113	53

¹ Includes reviews of both new manuscripts and re-submissions, but excludes all reviews still pending as of July 1, 2007.

APPENDIX 6: REFEREE REPORTS RECEIVED, JULY 1ST 2006 - JUNE 30TH 2007

Reviewers for <i>Agricultural Economics</i>, 2006-07			
Name	Surname	Organisation	Country
Philip C.	Abbott	Purdue University	USA
Awudu	Abdulai	University of Kiel	Germany
Adesoji	Adelaja	Michigan State University	USA
Philipp	Aerni	ETH-Zurich	Sweden
Mary	Ahearn	ERS/USDA	USA
Jo	Albers	Oregon State University	USA
Corinne	Alexander	Purdue University	USA
Antonio	Alvarez	Universidad de Oviedo	Spain
Paul	Amaza	IITA	Nigeria
William	Amponsah	Georgia Southern University	USA
Marty	Anderies	Arizona State University	USA
Jock	Anderson	World Bank	USA
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APPENDIX 7: EDITORIAL OFFICE EXPENDITURE, 2000-06

(All figures are in Euros)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006¹
Revenue							
IAAE subsidy	4.693,62	27.319,34	28.850,15	23.089,72	19.572,37	27.735,01	28.742,74
Elsevier for PC	-	1.394,29	-	-	-	-	-
Elsevier honorarium/expenses	-	7.709,00	7.709,50	7.724,00	3.180,00	4.544,00	-
Total revenue	4.693,62	36.422,63	36.559,65	30.813,72	22.752,37	32.279,01	28.742,74
Expenditure							
Personnel	2.167,88	25.426,89	23.631,32	27.137,72	27.608,97	33.112,69	27.952,28
Travel to visit publisher	26,08	120,58	738,63	305,90	945,82	173,41	-
Postage, office supplies	358,29	4.379,86	5.366,42	3.561,74	4.079,82	1.110,08	555,91
PC	1.394,29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Answering machine	-	25,05	-	-	-	-	-
Triennial conference	-	-	-	2.336,00	-	-	-
Total expenditure	3.946,54	29.952,38	29.736,37	33.341,36	32.634,61	34,396,18	28.508,19
Surplus (deficit)	747,08	6.470,25	6.823,28	(2.527,64)	(9.882,24)	(2.117,17)	234,55
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	747,08	7.217,33	14.040,61	11.512,97	1.630,73	(486,44)	(251,89)

¹ Projected based on information through August 1st, 2006.

APPENDIX 7A: EDITORIAL OFFICE EXPENDITURE, 2006-07

(All figures are in US Dollars)

	<i>Charges recorded to date</i>	Indicative transition budget as submitted to IAAE			<i>Notes</i>
		IAAE Support	Purdue Cost-sharing	Total Expenditure	
Purdue University expenses					
personnel					
Secretary (July-Dec.)			12,658.75	12,658.75	
Programmer*		3,000.00		3,000.00	to set up journal website
Consultant		3,000.00		3,000.00	to set up Editorial Express
total personnel	-	6,000.00	12,658.75	18,658.75	
travel					
Washington, DC	437.56	500.00		500.00	
IAAE	925.04	2,500.00		2,500.00	Masters, to IAAE executive ctee meeting (costs shared)
Blackwell	623.50	1,000.00		1,000.00	Shively & Masters, met with Blackwell staff @AAEA
total travel	1,986.10	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
other S&E					
post + telecoms	13.78	250.00		250.00	
software	1,500.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	Editorial Express for electronic manuscript management
computing + supplies	247.20	750.00		750.00	
total other S&E	1,760.98	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Purdue total	3,747.08	12,000.00	12,658.75	24,658.75	
IAAE support to editors					
Masters, Will	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	salary support (half year, july-dec 2006)
Shively, Gerald	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	salary support (half year, july-dec 2006)
Grand total	8,747.08	17,000.00	12,658.75	29,658.75	

APPENDIX 8: IMPACT FACTOR AND RANKINGS IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Journal	1999 ranking	2000 ranking	2001 ranking	2002 ranking	2003 ranking	2004 ranking	2005 ranking	2006 ranking
Agricultural Economics	0.337 (9)	0.429 (4)	0.323 (6)	0.552 (3)	0.791 (2)	0.620 (3)	0.382 (7)	0.584 (6)
American Journal of Ag. Economics	0.516 (3)	0.674 (1)	0.684 (2)	0.607 (1)	0.684 (4)	0.622 (2)	0.967 (2)	1.196 (1)
Food Policy	0.464 (4)	0.306 (7)	0.434 (4)	0.458 (4)	0.692 (3)	0.532 (4)	0.609 (5)	0.942 (2)
Australian Journal of Ag. Economics	-	0.417 (6)	0.569 (3)	0.346 (6)	0.653 (5)	0.400 (6)	0.867 (3)	0.935 (3)
European Review of Ag. Economics	0.460 (1)	0.472 (3)	0.404 (5)	0.404 (5)	0.872 (1)	0.915 (1)	0.977 (1)	0.681 (4)
Journal of Ag. Economics	0.456 (5)	0.545 (2)	0.694 (1)	0.577 (2)	0.390 (7)	0.436 (5)	0.667 (4)	0.587 (5)
Canadian Journal of Ag. Economics	-	0.264 (8)	0.289 (8)	0.106 (8)	0.167 (8)	0.123 (8)	0.295 (9)	0.532 (7)
Review of Agricultural Economics	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.403 (6)	0.529 (8)
Journal of Ag. and Resource Economics	0.431 (6)	0.423 (5)	0.320 (7)	0.342 (7)	0.625 (6)	0.188 (7)	0.347 (8)	0.493 (9)

Note: Each entry is the impact factor followed by ranking in parentheses. Impact factors are the number of citations to that journal's articles in all journals over the previous two years, divided by the total number of that journal's articles.