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## President's Message

We are beginning the last day of the XXII Conference of the IAAE in Harare. I think it has been a successful conference, strengthening our world-wide commitment to the agricultural economics profession, as well as encouraging and stimulating agricultural economists throughout Africa.

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Zimbabwe Organizing Committee for the superb display of organization, facilities and hard work in making our Harare conference such a success. The opening of the Conference by President Mugabe, the reception on Monday evening, the very informative tour day excursions and the gala of song, dance and culture on Wednesday provide memories of Harare and Zimbabwe that all of us will cherish. For many, it will be a first visit to Africa, making new friends; for others, it will be a renewal of friendships in Africa and around the world. The Zimbabwe Organizing Committee has demonstrated the friendship and capability that all of us will remember fondly for many conferences to come.

My gratitude goes as well to the members of the Executive, editors, plenary and invited paper organizers, contributed and poster paper organizers and reviewers, the workshop/mini-symposia organizers, the authors, chairs, rapporteurs and discussion openers who have worked so hard in preparing for and during the conference. I congratulate D. Gale Johnson on his outstanding presentation of the Elmhirst Lecture and the award of the Elmhirst Medal.

Let me congratulate all of the new members of our Executive Committee elected last evening. I look forward to working with them over the next three years in my concluding term on the Executive as Past-President. It has been a wonderful six years on the IAAE Executive for me.

Many organizations and people have contributed to the success of the program. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the major donors who have supported the conference and participants: GTZ, the overseas assistance agency of Germany; the Japanese chapter of the IAAE and the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations; Rockefeller Foundation; Ford Foundation; International Development Research Centre; Winrock International; US Agency for International Development; ADM Inc. Without this support, our XXII Conference could not have achieved the success it did.

Remember to turn in the Conference questionnaire or fax it after you return home. It is very important we know your views and ideas for organizing the next Conference.

Please have a safe journey home. I look forward to meeting all of you again in the days ahead, and at the XXIII Conference of the IAAE in 1997.

Csaba Csaki

**Executive Officers and Other Executives of the IAAE\***  
**1938-1973\*\***

Position	1938-49	1949-58	1958-70	1970-73
Conference No.	6 and 7(a)(b)	8 to 10(c)(d)(e)	11 to 14 (f) to (j)	15
<b>Presidents:</b>				
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<b>Chairperson, Contributed Papers</b>		-	K.O. Campbell(j)	K.R. Farrell

\* Prior to 1961 the IAAE was known as the International Conference of Agricultural Economists

\*\* The committees which organized the first five conferences (1929 to 1938) were less formally structured but were all chaired by L.K. Elmhirst

(a) 1938-47; (b) 1947-49; (c) 1949-52; (d) 1952-55; (e) 1955-58; (f) 1958-61; (g) 1961-64; (h) 1964-67; (j) 1967-70  
J.R. Raeburn was assisted by J. Marsh; (k) Honourary, until his death in 1939; (l) J. Ackerman retired in late 1970 and was replaced by R.J. Hildreth

Source: J.R. Raeburn and J.O. Jones *The History of the IAAE*, Table 7.4 with amendments.

Position	1973-76	1976-79	1979-82	1982-85	1985-88	1988-1991	1991-94
Conference No.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Presidents:</b>	(a)						
● Current	S.R. Sen	D.K. Britton	T. Dams	G.L. Johnson	M. Petit	J.W. Longworth	C. Csaki
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<b>Chairperson, Contributed Papers</b>	K.R. Farrell	K.R. Farrell	K.R. Farrell	B. Breenshields	B. Greenshields	B. Greenshields	
<b>Chairperson, Poster Papers</b>	-	-	-	L. Martens	J. Penna	K. Ozawa	Ken Thomson

\* The present Constitution of the IAAE provides for the first six positions listed in this table to be elected by the IAAE Council. See Issue #4 for a copy of the present Constitution which was adopted in 1973.

(a) Founder President L.K. Elmhirst died 16 April 1974

(b) K.E. Hunt died 6 January 1978 after great service to ICAE and IAAE. He was immediately succeeded by A.H. Maunder, also of Oxford

(c) A.H. Maunder died 7 February 1991. G.H. Peters accepted the invitation of the IAAE Executive to become Editor for the XXI ICAE.

Source: Based on J.R. Raeburn and J.O. Jones, *The History of the IAAE*, Table 7.4 with amendments

### **George Peters, Editor of IAAE Proceedings**

George Peters, editor of the Proceedings in 1991 and again in 1994, is Research Professor of Agricultural Economics at Oxford. He was born in North Wales in 1934. As a boy he learned about practical farming from his grandfather in the days of the carthorse. He took a degree in Economics at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1955. He then embarked on two years of research on national income accounting, including one year at Cambridge. From 1955-57 he was an education officer in the Royal Air Force.

His first academic post (1959) was at the Institute for Research in Agricultural Economics, Oxford as assistant to Colin Clark. Two of his colleagues there were Kenneth Hunt and Allen Maunder, both of whom served as editor of the IAAE Proceedings before him. He left Oxford in 1967 for the University of Liverpool where he was appointed the Brunner Professor of Economic Science. His work there was mainly in the areas of public finance, cost-benefit analysis and regional economics.

He returned to Oxford in 1980 first as Director of the Institute and then as Research Professor in Agricultural Economics in the International Development Centre at Queen Elizabeth House. He was President of the Agricultural Economics Society (UK) in 1991-92. From 1991-93 he was Viceregent of Wolfson College, Oxford.

Peters is widely published. Since 1980 he has produced one book, *Agriculture: A Review of United Kingdom Statistical Sources* (1988); four substantial reports on research projects; six chapter contributions to books; 26 articles on a diverse range of subjects, many in the *Journal of Agricultural Economics* and *Oxford Agrarian Studies*; 23 book reviews as well as speaking at numerous conferences.

### **Roger Rose, Organizer, Contributed Paper Sessions**

Roger Rose is Chief Research Economist at ABARE (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics). He is responsible for managing ABARE's peer review process and for maintaining quality control of ABARE's research output. The research covers a broad spectrum of trade, industry policy and resource management

issues in agriculture, minerals, energy, fisheries and forestry.

Roger has spent most of his professional life at ABARE and its progenitor BAE (Bureau of Agricultural Economics) after a brief stint at the Australian National University. His research interests include regulatory and trade policy, research evaluation and resource management. During the 1980s, he was responsible for managing a major research program in regulatory reform of the Australian cropping industries and associated marketing and transport infrastructure. More recently his research work has had a strong resource management orientation, including work in mining and environmental management and non-market valuation issues.

Roger has a B.Ec. from the University of New England, and an M.Ec. from the Australian National University. He has done some further training at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

#### **Publications**

The Conference registration materials included the publication:

Mandivamba Rukuni and Carl K. Eicher (eds.), 1994. Zimbabwe's Agricultural Revolution, University of Zimbabwe Publications, Harare.

Additional copies of this book can be obtained by contacting:

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### **Bud Stanton, Cowbell Editor**

Bud grew up in New York State, USA, and received his training in agricultural economics at Cornell University (BS) and University of Minnesota (MS and PhD). In 1950-51, he attended Oxford University, UK, supported by an Elmhirst Student Fellowship, receiving the Diploma in Agricultural Economics. He is one of the few

remaining members of the IAAE who knew and worked with Leonard K. Elmhirst.

Bud joined the faculty at Cornell University in 1953 as an Assistant Professor, became Associate Professor in 1956 and full Professor in 1962. He was Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell from 1968-1976. In 1992, he retired but remains very active at the university as Professor Emeritus. During his years at Cornell, he was a visiting professor abroad in Finland, India, Australia and Belgium.

Bud Stanton, a member of the IAAE since 1955, was elected to the Board of the Fund for the ICAE in 1969, becoming Vice-President of the Board in 1982 and President in 1988. He continues to lead the Fund for the ICAE, which is responsible for generating and distributing the resources from donors to support agricultural economics professionals from developing countries, eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union countries to attend the IAAE Conferences. From 1988 to 1991, he served as Vice-President, Program of the IAAE Executive, putting together the program for the XXI Conference of the IAAE held in Tokyo 1991.

#### **REMINDER**

Please do not forget that the President's Synoptic Address is Monday 29 August, starting at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Conference Closing. This will take place in the Main Auditorium.

#### ***The Farming Systems of Zimbabwe\****

Zimbabwe has a number of distinct farming systems which reflect historical land allocation and tenure as well as natural resources and available technologies. There are two dominant groups; the large-scale commercial and the small-scale communal sub-sectors. The former are held in freehold and the latter are communally owned. Communal ownership confers individual rights to plots for houses, gardens and fields with shared but unlimited access to grazing land. Traditionally all married male members of a community have the right of access to arable plots and the current right of allocation rests with local government authorities. There is reasonably high security of tenure, allowing a conducive environment for investment. Once allocated these plots cannot be reallocated

unless the community declares an abuse of rights, which is a rare occurrence. The property rights therefore remain in the family. The cultivator, however, does not have full rights of ownership and may not sell the land, nor may the usufructual rights be sold. In practice, as land becomes increasingly scarce, a market for usufructual rights appears to be developing in some areas (Cousins, 1989) and there is a struggle for allocatory powers between traditional leaders, political committees and civil authorities.

Most smallholders produce for subsistence and the market. In the better agricultural areas they are becoming increasingly commercialized but total specialization is unusual even where profitable cash crops are available. There are over 5 million people (1 million households) living in the Communal Lands and population density is estimated at 29 people per km<sup>2</sup> (CSO, 1989).

The large-scale sector, comprising 4,661 farms is dominated by owner-operated farms with 29 per cent owning farms of between 1,000 and 2,000 hectares each. Large corporate and multi-national-owned farms are mainly confined to sugar and forestry, some ranches in Region V and some farms specializing in coffee, tea, cotton, wheat and horticulture. The state farming agency, Agricultural Development Authority (ADA), was originally a development agency but it has become increasingly active in establishing state farms. The Cold Storage Commission (CSC), the state cattle and beef marketing agency, is engaged in cattle ranching.

In addition to the large-scale freehold and small-scale communal sectors there is a small-scale freehold sector. This sector is relatively insignificant and most of its data are included in the large-scale sector but, depending on the source, some are included in the small-scale sector. Tenure for the resettlement farm units is insecure, based on a permit which requires that the farm is used productively or the farmer loses access to the land.

\* Excerpt from Muir, Kay, "Agriculture in Zimbabwe", *Zimbabwe's Agricultural Revolution*, pp. 44-45.

#### **EAAE 1996**

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