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XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

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TOUR INFORMATION

Accompanying persons tours. While the Sacramento, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe tours have been filled, the Gold Country tour still has seats available. Check with the information desk for availability as well as departure time. All tours will meet in the area of the information desk.

Because of lack of space on the official tour to Lake Tahoe, we suggest the Grayline tours to Lake Tahoe on Thursday.

Wednesday Tour. The mid week tour will be going to the Kautz Ironstone Vineyard and Winery. It is located in Murphy's which is in the Gold Country south of Sacramento. A mountain barbecue, country western band entertainment, and wine tasting and tours have been set up. Buses will begin leaving from the Convention Center on J Street at 1:00 P.M. It will take about two hours to drive to the winery. Along the route, you will see a diverse mix of farms. Please feel free to ask questions to members of the California delegation who will be at the winery. Some of our University of California Farm Advisors will also be attending. A box lunch and soft drinks will be provided at the bus at the beginning of the tour. If you want a vegetarian lunch contact the information desk by Tuesday afternoon.

Post Conference Tours. The Yosemite tour is full; however, check with the Information Desk for any possible cancellations. There is still room on the Big Sur -Monterey tour. The Information desk can assist you. Both tours are scheduled to end at the San Francisco airport at 5:00 P.M.

River Boat Cruise. This event is now completely booked for Tuesday evening. Other evenings may be available. The Information Desk can provide you with a number you can call. The cruise begins boarding at 5:30 P.M. from the L Street Landing in Old Sacramento and departs at 6:00 P.M. To get there, you can take the free shuttle that goes to Old Town and departs from a stop located between the Hyatt and the Convention Center. Additionally, the shuttle bus that runs between the Hyatt and the Red Lion Sacramento Inn will stop at the boat dock.

Jerry Siebert, Chair Local Organizing Committee

LEONARD K. ELMHIRST, 1893-1974

Leonard K. Elmhirst 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 traveled 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.

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTED PAPERS AND POSTER AND COMPUTER PRESENTATION REFEREES

The Contributed Papers form a much larger part of the XXIII Conference agenda than at any previous IAAE Conference. In all, 111 papers will be presented in 38 sessions, mostly of three papers each.

The selection of the papers was managed by Peter Hazell at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), with the assistance of an international review panel of 46 members, and with help from IFPRI colleagues when the number of papers in some subject areas exceeded the capacity of the review panel. A total of 303 papers were received, with a target of selecting 100 papers for presentation at the Conference. Each paper was reviewed independently by two reviewers, and a third review was undertaken by Peter Hazell or Joachim von Braun in the few cases where the two reviews differed markedly. Reviewers were asked to

rate the papers on their originality of approach/ method; soundness of theory/analysis; international relevance of the topic; importance of results/conclusions, and quality of presentation. They were also asked to recommend whether the paper should be accepted for presentation at the conference, whether it should rather be considered as a poster, or whether the paper was unsuitable for the Conference. The review process led to the acceptance of 111 papers for presentation at the Conference, and to 96 being recommended as posters for inclusion in the poster sessions organized by Arie Oskam. The review process was completed in mid-March, and communications were sent to all authors by the end of March.

The 303 papers span a wide range of sub-disciplines within the agricultural economics profession, and

originate from many countries. Classifying by contact address, there are 33 papers from Africa/Middle East, 46 from Asia, 5 from Latin America, 16 from Central and Eastern Europe, 101 from Western Europe, 8 from Oceania, and 94 from the USA/Canada.

Of the 111 contributed papers to be presented, 40 are to be published; 20 in the blue cover Conference proceedings, and 20 in a special number of Agricultural Economics. As part of the initial selection process, reviewers were asked to indicate which of the papers they recommended for acceptance for the Conference are potentially publishable. Of the 71 papers so identified, a second review process was initiated. Stan Johnson and the editorial board of Agricultural Economics are arranging for an anonymous review of each paper. Additionally, the discussants assigned to the Contributed Papers sessions at the Conference have

been asked to provide their written comments on the papers. The abstracts of all papers will be available to all Conference participants, and copies of all the papers will be available from the Conference Secretariat upon request. If they have not already done so, authors are requested to provide Peter Hazell with a copy of their paper on a computer disk at the conference.

Peter Hazell and the IAAE Executive wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution of each member of the international review panel (who reviewed between 5 and 15 papers each), and of the IFPRI staff who provided their assistance to the process. The international review team members were selected on the basis of their stature in the profession, and their willingness to participate and support the activities of the Association. The individuals are:

Jock Anderson,
Antonio Salazar P.
Brandao
Jean-Marc Boussard
Karen Brooks
Derek Byerlee
Wilfrido Cruz
Alain De Janvry
Michael De Klerk
Ruben Echeverria
Simeon Ehui
Marco Ferroni
Csaba Forgacs
Bruce Gardner
Claudio Gonzalez-Vega
Michel Griffon

Steve Haggblade
David Harvey
Mahabub Hossain
Ruud Huirne
Anne-Marie Izac
Sergey Kislev
Ulrich Koester
Yoshimi Kuroda
Ralph Lattimore
Justin Lin
Donald Maclaren
Laurent Martens
Will Martin
Willis Olvoch-Kosura
Truman Phillips
Roley Piggott

Eva Rabinowicz
Thomas Reardon
Peter Rieder
Terry Roe
Alexander Sarris
Gerhard Schiefer
Ben Senauer
Ian Sturgess
W. Burt Sundquist
Kenneth Thomson
Alberto Valdes
Johan Van Zyl
Tim Williams
Larry Wong
Ling Zhu

The IFPRI reviewers were:

Ousmane Badiane
Bruno Barbier
Gilles Bergeron
Howdy Bouis
Chris Delgado
Shenggen Fan
Lawrence Haddad
John Kerr
Hans Lofgren
Keiji Otsuka
John Pender
Phil Pardey
Per Pinstrup-Andersen
Agnes Quisumbing
Sherman Robinson
Mark Rosegrant

Special thanks are also due Beryl Hackett at IFPRI who managed most of the administrative and communication issues relating to the selection process.

Finally, special thanks are also due to the 38 discussants who have agreed to provide opening remarks on the 2-3 contributed papers to be presented at each session. Their names are listed in the Conference program.

GEORGE PETERS, EDITOR OF THE IAAE PROCEEDINGS

George Peters, who is now editor of the Proceedings for a third Conference, 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 King's College, Cambridge.

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, delivering his address on "Agriculture and the Macroeconomy". From 1991-93 he was Vicegerent of Wolfson College, Oxford.

In addition to his work on the Proceedings of the 1991 and 1994 conferences Peters also prepared the Special

Issue of Agricultural Economics, Vol12:3,1995 reporting the Kiev Symposium of October 1993. A large volume on Agricultural Economics, in the Elgar Reference Collection of Critical Writings in Economics, for which he selected 26 key papers on a wide variety of subjects, appeared in 1995. Recently he wrote a biographical sketch of the life and work of Colin Clark (1905-89) for Rivista di Economia Agraria (June 1995). To keep the red pen sharp he also now is joint editor of the Queen Elizabeth House journal, Oxford Development Studies.

FROM MEMBER TO MEMBER

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PANEL ORGANIZERS

Before end of conference please submit write-up of your panel (max. 5 pages) to Joachim von Braun (copy to George Peters).

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REVIEWERS' HAPPY HOUR

The Chairs of the Program Committee, Contributed Papers and Poster/Computer Session Organizers would like to show their appreciation to all reviewers of papers for their kind cooperation by inviting them for a happy hour 19:30 on Tuesday, August 12, at the Bar in the Lobby of HYATT Hotel. Drinks are free from 19:30 to 20:30 for the reviewers. CHEERS!!!!

Joachim von Braun, Peter Hazell, Arie Oskam

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Discussants for Contributed Paper sessions are reminded to provide a copy of their written comments to Peter Hazell, or leave them at the Speakers' Desk in the Registration area. A brief questionnaire will also be provided to each Discussant at the beginning of their session, which should be completed for each paper and returned in the same way.

NEWS

A Message Board is located near the Information Desk. You may post messages and receive messages there. Please check to see if you have any messages.

REUNIONS

Michigan State University, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8:00pm-12.00, Hyatt Regency, Rm. Regency C. Contact: Eric Crawford, Rm. 456, Hyatt

The Ohio State University Reunion, Tuesday, Aug. 12, Suite 442, Hyatt Regency, 7:30 p.m.

Purdue University— Graduates, current and former faculty, and short course participants are invited to a reunion 8-10 pm, Thursday, in the Santa Barbara room (2nd floor).

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RAPPORTEURS!!

All those who have volunteered to act as rapporteur please report to speakers desk if you have not yet done so.

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Asian Colleagues and Supporters

All Asian participants and those who have interests in Asian agriculture are invited to the Asian Society of Agricultural Economics (ASAE) coffee break. The meeting will be held at 15:30 (right after the Contributed Paper Session 3) on Tuesday, August 12, in Regency A. Prof. D. Kim, Past President, Dr. H. Dillon and Prof. R. Kada would like to give information on the 3rd ASAE in India in 1999.

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Man's gold band ring lost in the Convention Center on Sunday. Contact: Mark Darroch, Econolodge, Room 210.

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Meeting of Participants from Japan

August 14, Thursday, 20:00 to 22:00. Location will be announced later in COWBELL or on Board. All participants from Japan are invited to attend to say 'hello'.

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Members of the CGIAR

The meeting planned with the IAEG will take place Thursday at 7:00 pm in Ventura room, 2nd floor. If you plan to attend please indicate to Eugenia Muchnik.

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Informal Discussion area. An informal discussion area with tables and chairs has been set up on the second floor outside the Capitol Boardroom. Please feel free to use this space.

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