

## From the President



### Looking Back at San Diego and Forward to Washington, DC

A goal of AAEA is to increase our presence at the winter Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) meetings. This year's meeting in San Diego was a big success in that regard. Over 100 people attended a stimulating T.W. Schultz lecture by Robert Townsend of MIT. Unofficially this is a record attendance for this event. Our six invited sessions were very well attended and the presentations were excellent. If you missed the talks in San Diego, you can still catch up on the research in the AJAE Proceedings. Our key employers, including ever more universities and the Economic Research Service are emphasizing recruitment at ASSA, so I hope and expect that our presence there will continue to grow. The AAEA reception, which follows the Schultz lecture, will continue to be a focal point for AAEA members to meet up—not an easy task otherwise, given the vastness of these meetings.

The AAEA Board met in San Diego. A key outcome from the Board meeting was the approval of a plan for the AAEA to partially match donations of \$100,000 or more to the AAEA Trust. AAEA will set aside \$200,000 for a five year period that will be used to provide \$50,000 in matching funds to the AAEA Trust for each of up to four contributions of \$100,000 or more by a single donor, subject to approval on a case by case basis by the AAEA Board with preference given to unrestricted donations. The Board also voted to use matching funds to support a \$100,000 gift to the Trust by Uma Lele to be used to establish and support a mentorship program for early career economists from developing countries.

Other Board actions of note include approving Chicago as the site for the 2017 Annual Meeting, with the Marriott as host hotel, and approval of motions loosening requirements for some AAEA awards. The requirement that a candidate for Fellow must have been a member for 10 prior years and a current member was reduced to 5 years plus current membership. The “statute of limitations” of 25 years for the Publication of Enduring Quality was removed. Henceforth, any publication that is at least 10 years past its publication date is eligible. However, at least one author must have been an AAEA member at the time of publication and at least one must be a current member.

It is not too early to start thinking about the summer meetings in Washington, DC from August 4-6. Indications are that it could be the biggest (and we hope best) meeting ever for AAEA. We received 1,228 selected presentation abstracts, shattering the existing record by more than 200. Organized symposium and invited paper submissions were each double from a year ago. Our traditional topic areas are well represented in the selected presentation submissions, with international development leading the way with 128 submissions, followed closely by food and agricultural policy analysis with 120. But I'm also excited to see growth in new and emerging areas for AAEA such as food safety and nutrition with 68 submissions and behavioral economics with 39.

The Board also approved a total of 9 pre- and post-conference workshops, several of which will have a special “DC” focus. We are also working with some of our DC-based members to have some “Washington themes” running throughout the conference. The lineup of plenary speakers is still being



completed, but on board thus far are Julie Caswell of University of Massachusetts Amherst delivering the Presidential Address, Martin Weitzman of Harvard presenting the Galbraith Lecture, and David Zilberman of UC Berkeley giving the Fellows address. Please make your plans now to be in DC for the meetings!

*Richard Sexton*  
AAEA President

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## AAEA News

### AAEA Trust Announces Matching Program

The AAEA Trust is pleased to announce a new matching program beginning! The AAEA has set aside \$200,000 to be used over the next 5 years to provide up to four \$50,000 matches to donations of \$100,000 or more by a single donor. Matches are subject to Board approval, with preference given to unrestricted donations.

The newly established matching program provides an opportunity for donors to leverage their donation for the greatest impact. Additionally, the AAEA Trust is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so depending on your individual situation donations may be tax deductible. For more information about the matching program or to discuss making an eligible donation to the AAEA Trust, please contact Kristin Ouweneel at [kouweneel@aaea.org](mailto:kouweneel@aaea.org).

The Board has already approved matching funds under this program for a donation to the AAEA Trust. Uma Lele has made a very generous donation to the AAEA Trust to support a mentorship program for early career economists from developing countries. For more information, visit the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund website (<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund>). Members can provide further support to the mentorship program by donating to the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund.

### AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Award 2013 Heading North Award

Applications are now invited for the 2013 Heading North award.

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to members of AARES or AAEA who normally reside in Australia or New Zealand. Applicants for the award must be an Early Career Professional member of AAEA to be eligible to participate in their Annual Meeting.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of US\$2,750 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting of AAEA to be held in Washington DC, USA from 4-6 August 2013. Applicants for the award must be a member of either AARES or AAEA.

#### Selection Process

The 2013 Heading North selection committee will be chaired by the President-Elect of AARES (Alan Randall).

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

#### Submission Deadlines and Details

Friday, March 1, 2013 (for travel in August 2013)

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Annie Hurst at [aares@anu.edu.au](mailto:aares@anu.edu.au) by the due date.

### Call for Applicants: AAEA Mentorship Workshop

The Early Career Development Committee is now seeking mentor and mentee applicants for the 2013-1014 Mentoring Workshop. It will be held August 3, 2013 in Washington, D.C. prior to the AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting at the meeting venue. Mentors and mentees will complete the one-day training workshop to prepare for a year long mentoring experience. The workshop helps participants identify their work and leadership styles, set their professional and personal goals, construct a mentoring plan, and share professional advice. Please see <http://www.aaea.org/membership/early-career-development/mentorship-workshop> for more information. You may apply to be a mentee at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAEA-Mentee>. Mentors may apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAEA-Mentor>. For more information, please email Kristin Ouweneel at [kouweneel@aaea.org](mailto:kouweneel@aaea.org).

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The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month preceding the issue date (e.g., December 10, for the Jan./Feb. issue). Submit all items to: AAEA, 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100; Milwaukee, WI 53202; Phone: (414) 918-3190; Fax: (414) 276-3349; e-mail: [newsletter@aaea.org](mailto:newsletter@aaea.org); Internet: <http://www.aaea.org>

### Latin American Section Formed

AAEA is pleased to announce the formation of the new Latin American Section (LAS). This Section welcomes AAEA members with an interest in teaching, research, outreach and engagement activities related to agricultural and applied economics and policy issues in Latin America and its linkage to the U.S. and the world. The Section will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration among members and other professionals in academia, industry and government. If you have already paid dues for 2013 and are interested in joining the LAS Section, please contact the AAEA Business Office or complete the Section dues form.

## AAEA News

### Call for Nominations: 2013 AAEA Awards

The AAEA Awards Program recognizes excellence in the work of agricultural and applied economists. The Awards Committee, chaired by George Norton of Virginia Tech University, welcomes nominations for all award categories. Specific details on the criteria used to judge each award, as well as instructions on how to submit nominations for the award are available below.

The selection process for each award is administered by a subcommittee. The chairperson of each subcommittee receives all nominations and administers the review process. The chairperson will eliminate any conflicts of interest with members of the subcommittee during the evaluation process.

The deadline for nominations is **February 1, 2013**. All nomination materials shall be submitted via e-mail as a PDF file to the chairperson of the award's subcommittee.

#### Restrictions

Except for the Publication of Enduring Quality Award, only one AAEA award can be received for essentially the same work. It is the nominator's responsibility to assure that no AAEA award (other than Master's thesis or PhD dissertation award) has already been received for the nominated work. Should a nomination be selected for

more than one award in the same year (e.g. Journal Article and Research Discovery), the awardee(s) will be permitted to choose which award is received.

No member of the executive board—elected, appointed, or ex-officio—is eligible to participate as a principal recipient in competition for awards. The exclusion does not preclude participation if (s)he is a junior participant with respect to other(s) for whom exclusion from participation clearly would be a handicap.

#### Individual Award Criteria

The criteria for each award can be found on the AAEA website at <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/awards-and-honors/aaea-annual-awards/submit-an-awards-nomination>

The award categories are:

- Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award
- Distinguished Teaching Award
- Outstanding Master's Thesis
- Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
- Quality of Research Discovery
- Quality of Communications
- Publication of Enduring Quality
- Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis

### Winners of the Travel Grant for Economists from Less Developed Countries

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 LILMI Travel Grant. The winners are economists from less developed countries and will be awarded full travel grants to attend and present their research at the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, DC August 4-6, 2013.

The 2013 LILMI Travel Grants have been awarded to:

**Dileni Gunewardena**, from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka will be presenting her paper "Child Nutrition and Child Growth in Sri Lanka"

**Ezrah Rwakinanga**, from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED) in Uganda will be presenting his paper "Export-Led-Growth under Structural Changes in Uganda"

**Vincent Ngeno**, from Moi University in Kenya will be presenting his paper "Agricultural and Economic Growth in Kenya: A Kaldorian Approach"

**Ismat Ara Begum**, from Bangladesh Agricultural University will be presenting her paper "Contract Framing System in Improving Market Access for Smallholder Poultry farmers in Bangladesh: An Assessment"

**Epo Boniface Ngah**, from the University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon will be presenting his paper "Implications of Farm-Nonfarm Population Shifts for Household Poverty Changes in Cameroon"

**Eugenie Maïga**, from the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) in Ghana will be presenting her paper "Gauging Countries Commitment to Skills Development for Economic Transformation."

#### Call for Hosts

To encourage networking, communication, and collaboration among a more diverse pool of professionals, AAEA would like to pair each of the grant recipients with a host who will be attending the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting. If you are interested in participating or would like to nominate someone, please contact Kristin Ouweneel ([kouweneel@aaea.org](mailto:kouweneel@aaea.org)) at the AAEA Business Office.

### AJAE and AEPP Journal Notices

Members will now automatically get an email from AAEA when a new article is posted in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)*, and/or the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)*.

This email will direct you to log into their account to access the journals. If you wish to stop receiving alerts, just update your communication preferences in your AAEA account. Communication preferences can be accessed through the My Account section under Personal Information.

If you'd like to receive additional notifications such as advance access or citation alerts, sign up for an account with the journals' publisher, Oxford University Press. To set up an account, visit <https://access.oxfordjournals.org/oup/registration/customerDetail.do?command=view>. To access the journal content, you will still need to log in through AAEA.

Please contact Sarah Kenner at the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or at [skenner@aaea.org](mailto:skenner@aaea.org) if you have any questions.

## AAEA News



### Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund

AAEA is pleased to announce the formation of the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund. The Fund provides fellowships for early career scholars in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia to work with distinguished mentors in US universities on cutting edge, policy-relevant research.

At least one fellowship of up to \$5,000 will be awarded annually for use over a two year period. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for an Uma Lele Scholar and mentor to work together on a specific project. The fund's ultimate goal is to create vibrant, long-lasting networks of scholars working on current and newly emerging challenges to economic development in these regions.

You can donate to the Lele Special Purpose Fund using the [Trust donation form](#).



### Jon Brandt Special Purpose Fund

A Special Purpose Fund within the AAEA Trust has been established to honor the late Dr. Jon Brandt's many contributions to the profession through leadership of the AAEA, the C-FARE Board, NAAEA, Agricultural and Resource Economics at NC State, and service to the agricultural community at large.

Donations to the Jon Brandt Special Purpose Fund will fund an annual Jon Brandt Public Policy Forum. Each Forum will share economic research with private and public sector decision makers on issues important to agriculture, food, rural, environmental, and related societal issues. The Forum will include one or more speakers and funds will help support speaker travel, event promotion and publicity, information dissemination in print or electronic format and other event logistics. Organization of the Forum will be managed by the C-FARE Board.

You can donate to the Brandt Special Purpose Fund using the [Trust donation form](#).



### James Vercammen and JunJie Wu Named New AJAE Editors

Congratulations to James Vercammen of the University of British Columbia and JunJie Wu of Oregon State University, who have been named the new Editors of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. They will begin their work with the *AJAE* in August 2013. AAEA welcomes James and JunJie to the *AJAE* editorial team.

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### Vii Congress Apdea - V Congress Sper - I Lusophone Meeting In Economics, Sociology, Environment and Rural Development

#### Évora, October 15 to 18, 2013

ESADR 2013 will work through plenary sessions, parallel sessions and posters.

Parallel sessions will include papers submitted to topics suggested by the organization and papers submitted to thematic panels.

#### CALL FOR THEMATIC PANELS

The constitution, organization and coordination of thematic panels within the objectives of the congress is up to participants. Each panel consists of five communications articulated around its theme.

Proposals for constitution of panels are due by February 15, 2013. Notification about thematic panels acceptance due by March, 1st.

The accepted panels are open to the participation through the submission of proposals for papers. The selection of papers submitted to thematic panels will be made by their proponents.

Panels can be in Portuguese, English or in Spanish (castellano).

The submission to be done to the email: [esadr2013@uevora.pt](mailto:esadr2013@uevora.pt) should include:

- Title, name of coordinators along with affiliation, address, phone numbers and emails;
- Panel proposal, aim, justification and motivation (till 600 characters)

Participants may submit abstracts to thematic panels accepted and still to the general topics defined by the organization from March 1 to April 30, 2013.

More information in <http://www.esadr2013.uevora.pt>

## C-FARE

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization which serves as a conduit between the academic research community and the policymaking community.

C-FARE is pleased to report back to the AAEA Membership regarding recent activities.

**Educate agencies and decision makers; increase resources to the profession. Connecting AAEA with other associations that would be willing to work on interdisciplinary work with applied economists:**

On Friday, December 14, 2012 C-FARE jointly sponsored a seminar in Washington, DC with the USDA Economist Group and the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) to review future feed patterns for U.S. Livestock and Poultry. Dr. Dan O'Brien (Associate Professor, Kansas State University) served as the moderator for the seminar. Dan was also one of the authors on a recent report financed by the Institute for Feed Education & Research (IFEEDER) on behalf of the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE). That report can be located here: <http://www.cfare.org/future/>.

Seminar Speakers included:

Mr. Joel G. Newman (AFIA President and CEO), provided an outlook of how industry profitability, production efficiency, and demand will be impacted as it pertains to U.S. feed grains and livestock and poultry feeding.



Dr. Harry Baumes (Director of the Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, USDA Office of the Chief Economist) highlighted the USDA research portfolio that focuses on biofuels and feedstocks production.

Dr. Jennifer K. Bond (Research Economist, Crops Branch, Markets and Trade Economics Division, USDA Economic Research Service) presented the key role that growth in foreign demand for feeds, particularly by China, is likely to play in the future.

The PowerPoint presentations are available on C-FARE's website.

**Demonstrating application of research directly through the marketing of Choices:**

C-FARE is working with the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) to partner on a webinar for a forthcoming *Choices* topic that will examine issues associated with lean and finely textured beef. The webinar will be held on February 15 for the 2013 first quarter *Choices* issue. Dr. J. Ross Pruitt, LSU AgCenter, will be one of the featured speakers. We encourage you to visit the C-FARE website and Facebook page for more details on the agenda and for registration information.

**Further development of students and young professionals:**

On February 8 from 2-3 pm Eastern C-FARE will hold a one hour conference call for students and advisors. We will feature speakers from Washington, DC to provide students with information on internship opportunities in Washington, DC, where to look for a summer internship and how to apply. Please RSVP by noon, February 7 here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEYxLTIRM0xBMENMekprTXI2M1lncGc6MQ>.

**C-FARE - Everyday Action and Education on Behalf of Applied Economics:**

As we look forward to 2013, the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE, [www.cfare.org](http://www.cfare.org)) is very excited about the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting to be held in Washington, DC. It is with added anticipation that we look forward to celebrating 20 years of

service to the agricultural economics profession. The C-FARE staff and Board of Directors looks forward to highlighting some of the most important ways the profession has contributed to the policymaking process over the twenty years.

As the organization representing our profession in DC, we are eager to help connect meeting participants with agency and industry representatives as well as policy makers to develop relationships that will benefit all in the long run. The DC meeting provides a unique opportunity to include people making decisions about funding and policy priorities as well as representatives of groups working to influence government. In addition, it offers the potential to bring in representatives of agencies who could be potential new partners in research, teaching and outreach endeavors. Please contact our Executive Di-



rector, Tamara Wagester ([tamarawagester@cfare.org](mailto:tamarawagester@cfare.org) or 202-408-8522), or one of the C-FARE Board Members if you we can be of assistance in identifying potential event speakers or symposia participants.

We look forward to many more years of service to the agricultural and applied economics profession!

If you have questions for C-FARE regarding the call please contact us at 202-408-8522 or at [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org).

[www.cfare.org](http://www.cfare.org)

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## News

### Call for Papers

## Second International Agricultural Risk, Finance, and Insurance Conference

The Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative Finance, University of Waterloo announces: Call for Paper submissions for the Second International Agricultural Risk, Finance, and Insurance Conference (IARFIC) to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on June 16-18, 2013.

IARFIC is a unique venue that brings together those in the agricultural sector, from Academia, Government, Private Sector, Stakeholders, NGO's, and others. The theme of the conference is "Agricultural Risk, Finance, Insurance and Actuarial Science". The conference will include a dynamic program with high quality speakers focusing on innovative research, policy discussions, and business challenges and successes. The conference will also feature five unique plenary sessions, with representation from Academia, Government, the Private Sector, Stakeholders, NGO's, and others covering very important and timely topics in an effort to maintain a strong agricultural sector and improve global food security.

ORGANIZER: Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative Finance (WatRISQ), University of Waterloo, Canada.

CO-ORGANIZER: China Institute for Actuarial Science (CIAS), Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Academics and practitioners are invited to submit papers or extended abstracts (in English) in all areas of agriculture, with a focus on risk, finance, insurance, and other actuarial issues. If only submitting an abstract, it should be at least 3 pages. The deadline for a paper or extended abstract submission is March 1, 2013, and decisions will be communicated to authors no later than March 21, 2013. Jointly authored papers should be submitted by the person who will present the paper if it is accepted. Please email your paper or extended abstract to [IARFIC@cias-cufe.org](mailto:IARFIC@cias-cufe.org).

PUBLICATIONS: High-quality papers presented at the conference can be submitted for consideration to be published in the Special issue of Agricultural Finance Review. All papers will be subject to the journal review process. The deadline for submitting the full paper is October 31, 2013.

#### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

- Milton Boyd, University of Manitoba
- Keith Coble, Mississippi State University
- Xiaolin Li, Central University of Finance and Economics
- Lysa Porth, University of Waterloo
- Ken Seng Tan, University of Waterloo & CUFÉ
- Harry Tuo, Capital University of Economics and Business
- Calum Turvey, Cornell University
- Holly Wang, Purdue University
- Qiao Zhang, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science
- Xianhua Zhou, Central University of Finance and Economics

To register for the conference, please visit the conference webpage at [www.IARFIC.org](http://www.IARFIC.org) (Conference registration, hotel reservation information, and conference program information will be added to the website soon).

#### PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

- June 16th: conference registration and evening conference reception
- June 17th: conference & evening gala dinner
- June 18th: conference & closing ceremony

For those participants who require a letter of invitation for travel VISA's, or for any other inquiries, please send an email to [IARFIC@cias-cufe.org](mailto:IARFIC@cias-cufe.org).

## University of Nebraska Graduate Fellowships

The University of Nebraska is currently accepting applications for graduate study in Agricultural and Resource Economics for the following fellowships:

### Othmer Fellowship

### Chancellor's Fellowship

### Edgren Fellowship

### Cooper Sharpless Fellowship

For more information, please visit our website, <http://agecon.unl.edu/graduateprograms.html>, or contact Prof Richard Perrin at [rperrin@unl.edu](mailto:rperrin@unl.edu), or Ms Pam Holmes at [agecon-grad@unl.edu](mailto:agecon-grad@unl.edu)

## Call for Papers: 2013 FCSM Research Conference

The 2013 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference will be held on **November 4-6, 2013** at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. This three-day conference will bring together researchers in the statistical community from government, private sector, and academia to discuss and exchange current research and methodological topics relevant to statistical programs.

Abstract submission for the 2013 FCSM Research Conference is currently open. We will be accepting abstracts for papers, technical demonstrations, and organized sessions until **April 8, 2013**. For more information, including the Call for Papers and abstract submission instructions, see the **FCSM website** (<http://www.fcsm.gov/events/>) or the **COPAFS website** (<http://www.copafs.org/>).

## News

### Call for Submissions

#### 5th CAER-IFPRI Annual Conference *Institutional Innovation and Rural Development* 17-18 October 2013 · Wuhan, China

China Agricultural Economic Review (CAER) is delighted to announce its fifth annual conference, which is being organized by the CAER editorial office and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). CAER is an academic journal published by Emerald in association with China Agricultural University and Chinese Association of Agricultural Economists, and has been accredited for SSCI (Social Science Citation Index) and SCIE (Science Citation Index Expanded). The 2013 conference is aiming to explore the related issues and countermeasures of agricultural and rural development in both China and the rest of the world. Internationally renowned scholars and policy makers will be brought together to present and discuss their insights and suggestions.

#### Submission Guidelines

- Please format the submission following the Authors Guidelines, which is available on [http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/author\\_guidelines.htm?id=caer](http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=caer)
- Please submit your manuscript on <http://www.cau.edu.cn/cem/caer/conference/htdocs/index.php>
- All submissions will be peer reviewed. Author(s) of the accepted papers, or at least one of them, are required to register and present their work at the conference. Publication and Certificate The conference will compile a proceedings before the conference, and the organizer will select the high-quality conference papers to be published in the journal. The Conference Certificate can be issued on a need base.

#### Important Dates

- March 15, 2013: Deadline for session proposals
- April 15, 2013: Notification of acceptance for session proposals
- May 15, 2013: Deadline for paper proposals
- June 15, 2013: Notification of acceptance for paper proposals
- September 1, 2013: Deadline for paper submission
- 17-18 October 2013: 5th CAER-IFPRI Annual Conference
- 19-20 October 2013 (Optional): Three Gorges Dam Tour

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### Call for Submissions

#### AAAE 4th International Conference

The African Association of Agricultural Economists invites you to participate in its 4th International Conference in Tunisia. The theme of the conference will be "Commercializing Agriculture in Africa: Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts". The meeting will be held in the coastal city of Hammamet, Tunisia's main tourist hotspot with a convenient location less than an hour from Tunis airport, served with the Trans-African Highway 1. Hammamet prides itself with over 64 top luxury hotels.

The Diar Lemdina Hotel is located in the heart of the Medina Mediterranean complex and is only 300metres from the Mediterranean Sea. Its unique creation combining a traditional Arab village and souk with all the comforts of the 21st century and spacious accommodation ensures a memorable stay. The hotel is 10 km from downtown Hammamet, 40km from Enfidha and 69km from Tunis Carthage Airports. The conference room can sit a group of 500 to 700 delegates with existing audio visual equipment.

#### Important Submission Dates

- Website open for Submissions: October 1, 2012
- First Call for Papers: November 1, 2012
- Second Call for Papers: January 31, 2013
- Deadline for Submissions of contributed Papers: April 19, 2013
- Submission of proposals for Symposia: May 3, 2013
- Authors informed of outcome of selection process: June 30, 2013

#### Registration Dates

- Early Bird Registration Commences: July 22, 2013
- Deadline for registration for the conference for presenting authors: August 20, 2013

#### Conference Dates: September 22-25, 2013

- Pre-conference and learning workshops: September 22, 2013
- Official opening and first plenary session: September 23, 2013

#### Preliminary Information

1. Full papers in English and French should be submitted electronically to Prof. Tahar Akkari at [tahar.ak@gnet.tn](mailto:tahar.ak@gnet.tn) or [nv@sun.ac.za](mailto:nv@sun.ac.za)
2. The manuscript should include an abstract at the beginning of not more than 250 words.
3. The text should be presented in Times New Roman 12 pt., 1.15 Line spacing in Microsoft Word with 2.54 cm margins on A4 paper size.
4. The title page should include the title, the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s).
5. Articles should not be longer than 7500 words  
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## News

### DISCCRS VIII Interdisciplinary Climate Change Research Symposium

<http://disccrs.org/disccrsposter.pdf>

October 12-19, 2013

La Foret Conference and Retreat Center  
(Colorado)

#### Application Deadline: February 28, 2013

Participation limited to 30 early-career  
Ph.D. scholars

Airfare and on-site expenses are supported  
through grants from NSF and NASA

<http://disccrs.org>

The DISsertations initiative for the advancement of Climate Change ReSearch (DISCCRS, pronounced *discourse*) hosts symposia for early-career climate change researchers. Our goal is to catalyze international, interdisciplinary collegial networks and foster collaborative interdisciplinary research and dynamic interactions between science and society to enable us to better understand and respond to the myriad challenges posed by climate change.

During the weeklong symposium, 30 competitively selected recent Ph.D. graduates will share their research, engage in discussions with peers, mentors, and funding agency representatives, and hone their teambuilding and communication skills. Most importantly, scholars will depart from the symposium with a collegial peer network that extends across the full range of climate science.

**2012 Symposium Report:** [http://disccrs.org/files/DISCCRS\\_VII\\_Symposium\\_Report.pdf](http://disccrs.org/files/DISCCRS_VII_Symposium_Report.pdf)

**2012 Symposium Scholars:** [http://disccrs.org/files/DISCCRS\\_VII\\_Symposium\\_Scholars.pdf](http://disccrs.org/files/DISCCRS_VII_Symposium_Scholars.pdf)

**Symposium Eligibility:** Ph.D. requirements completed between September 1, 2010 - February 28, 2013 in any field. Applicants should be conducting research relevant to the study of climate change, its impacts, or its societal implications. We

encourage applicants from the biological, physical, and social sciences, mathematics, engineering, and other fields. While U.S. citizens and residents have preference, some funds are available for non-U.S. participants.

**Symposium Application Instructions:**  
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## People

### California State University, Fresno

- **Honorary Positions:** **Dr. Mechel Paggi**, Director of the Center for Agricultural Business, Board of Directors of the Food Distribution Research Society; **Dr. Xiaofeng Luo**, Associate professor and deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Management at Huazhong Agricultural University; **Dr. Lixiang Zhang**, Vice Dean of the School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of Renmin University of Beijing, China; **Dr. Tae Hun Kim**, Policy Analyst at the Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI) in Seoul.

### Colorado State University

- **Awards:** **Shelby Cochran & Landon Schaffert**, 1st & 2nd place, respectively, Colorado Farm Bureau Collegiate Discussion Meet; **CSU Colorado Farm Bureau Chapter**, 1st place, Agricultural Promotional Video Contest.

### Michigan State University

- **New Appointments:** **David Ortega**, Assistant Professor, starts January 1, 2013.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **William Burke**, Research Scholar at the Center on Food Security and the Environment at Stanford University, Stanford, CA (PhD 2012); **Ricardo Hernandez-Barco**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Dhaka, Bangladesh (PhD 2012); **Peter D. Richards**, Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Environmental Change Initiative at Brown University in Providence, RI (MS, AFRE 2012; PhD, Geography 2012); **Hillary Sackett**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics and Business Management at Westfield State University in Westfield, MA (PhD 2012).

### Mississippi State University

- **Awards:** **Lanier Nalley**, Faculty Gold Medal Award at the University of Arkansas (MS 2004); **Safdar Muhammad**, Promoted to department chair at United Arab Emirates University (PhD 1997); **Steve Martin**, Selected as the new head of the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center at Mississippi State University (PhD 2000); **Thomas H. "Hunt" Shipman**, MSU's 2012 Alumni Fellow (BS 1992); **Al Myles**, Extension Professor, Award from the MS Army National Guard for his work with the 31st Agricultural Development Team in providing them with technical assistance to help strengthen agricultural programs in rural communities in Afghanistan; **Ken Hood**, Extension Professor, 2012 Mark E. Keenum Outstanding Extension Faculty Award.



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- **Honorary Position:** **Barry Barnett**, Professor, President-Elect of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association
- **Resignations:** **Jason Barrett**; **Gregg Ibendahl**

### University of Missouri

- **Honorary Position:** **Jill Findeis**, Board of Trustees, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Fall 2012 to Fall 2015.
- **Visitor:** **Sarah Crofoot**, Honours Student, Massey University, Visiting Scholar, August – December 2012

### North Dakota State University

- **Return from leave:** **Dr. Cheryl Wachenheim**, (Afghanistan)
- **Award:** **Major Cheryl Wachenheim**, United States Army, Department of Defense. Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge (Afghanistan)

### The Ohio State University

- **Honorary Position:** **Alessandra Fagian**, AEDE Associate Professor, recently appointed Co-Editor of the academic journal *Papers in Regional Science*.

### Purdue University

- **Awards:** **Benjamin Gramig**, 2012-2013 Teaching for Tomorrow Fellowship Award from the Office of the Provost; **Faculty Service Awards:** **Otto Doering**, 40 years; **Janet Ayres**, **Timothy Baker**, **James Binkley**, **Craig Dobbins**, **Wallace Tyner**, 35 years; **Freddie Barnard**, 30 years; **Michael Boehlje**, 20 years; and **Joan Fulton**, 15 years; **James “Jess” Lowenberg-DeBoer**, National Order medal from Gnisa Isaia Konate, Burkina Faso Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation; **David Ortega**, 2012/2013 AAEEA-AARES Young Professionals Exchange Programme - Heading South

### USDA Economic Research Service

- **New Appointments:** **Gregory Pompelli**, ERS Associate Administrator; **Jay Variyam**, Director, Food Economics Division; **Dr. Gopinath Munisamy**, Director, Market and Trade Economics Division; **Marca Weinberg**, Director, Resources & Rural Economics Division; **Jonathan Cook**, Economist, Market and Trade Economics Division; **Cristina Miller**, Economist Resources & Rural Economics Division
- **Awards:** **Timothy Park and Shawn Wozniak**, FFC2011 Conference Best Paper Award for “Direct Marketing Strategies and Internet Connectivity,” Awarded at the 19th Federal Forecasters Conference (FFC) September 2012.
- **Retirements:** **Phil Kaufman**, 32 years of service; **Dr. Shahla Shapouri**, 33 years of service
- **Visitors:** **Edward Jaenicke**, from Penn State University visited ERS July – December 2012 as a visiting scholar; **Ani Katchova**, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky is a AAAS Fellow visiting ERS for the academic year 2012-13
- **Leave:** **James Williamson**, serve as a staff economist at the Council of Economic Advisors where he focuses on agricultural policy.
- **Resignations:** **Jason Brown**, **John Horowitz**, and **James Williamson**

### Virginia Tech University

- **New Appointments:** **Steve Blank**, Department Head and Professor (UC Davis) (April 2012); **Kelly Lange**, Instructor (Texas Tech) (August 2012).
- **Awards:** **Gordon Groover**, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech, 2012 Andy Swiger Land-Grant Award; **Ruth Lytton**, Financial Planning Association, 2012 Heart of Financial Planning Award.

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Kristen Capogrossi**, PhD, Economist, Christensen Associates, Madison, Wisconsin; **Dave Harter**, M.S., Sr. Sustainability Analyst, EarthShift; **Ali Hashemi**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Economics, Ashland University; **Anthony Murray**, PhD, Research Economist, Food Security and Development Branch, Market and Trades Division USDA-Economics Research Service; **Bibek Singh**, M.S., Product Manager, Small Bone Innovations, Inc. in Pennsylvania
- **Resignation:** **Alex White**
- **Visitors:** **Kathryn Boys**, Assistant Professor Department of Economics, Clemson University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Tech, July 2011-present

### Washington State University

- **Award:** **Daniel Toro-Gonzalez**, Food Distribution Research Society's Appelbaum Award for Best Dissertation (advisor: Jill McCluskey)
- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Yunfei Zhao**, Ph.D, Econometrician, Citicorp, St. Louis
- **Honorary Position:** **Robert Rosenman**, Co-Editor, *Economic Inquiry*.
- **Visitor:** **Dustin Pendell**, Associate Professor, Colorado State University, visiting associate professor, January-May 2013.

## Obituaries

### Jon A. Brandt

Jon A. Brandt died unexpectedly in his home on Monday November 26, 2012. Jon was born September 10, 1947 to Alvina and the late Donald Brandt in Anna, Ohio. He loved his childhood on the farm, raising animals, participating in the State Fair with the 4H Club, and spending a high school year abroad in Sweden. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Ohio State University, where he was a proud member and president of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Among many subsequent honors, he was recognized in 1996 as an Ohio State Distinguished Alumnus. Jon earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Davis, where he wrote his dissertation under Ben French. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon during the Vietnam War.

Jon's first academic post was at Purdue University. In 1986 he moved to the University of Missouri, where he took on strategic management and oversight duties as Co-Director of *FAPRI*, the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, partnering with Abner Womack.

In 1991, Jon was recruited by NC State to be the head of the Department of Agri-

cultural and Resource Economics, where he served for over twenty years.

During his tenure at NC State, Jon also led at the national level. He was elected President of the *AAEA* and served on its Executive Board from 2002 to 2005. He subsequently served as Chair of *C-FARE*, the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics, acting to strengthen the national presence of the agricultural economics profession and its social contribution.

The arc of Jon Brandt's career spanned research, teaching, administration, outreach, and enlightened governance. The breadth and depth of his contributions are appreciated by his many friends and colleagues. Jon also was devoted and faithful to another of his passions, the Apex United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir, was involved in Bible Study and classes, and served on many committees.

Jon is survived by his two children, Melissa Brandt and her fiancé Ken Nelson and Ryan Brandt and his wife Laura. Jon was expecting to be a grandfather to his first grandchild, Ryan and Laura's son, in March 2013 and would have walked his daughter Melissa down the aisle in May 2013. Jon

also is survived by his mother Alvina and brother Jim and his family, all of Anna, Ohio. He is survived by his first wife and the mother of his children, Cinda Brandt, and his second wife, Jackie Brandt.

Jon was a generous and loving man. He cared deeply for his family, friends, and colleagues. He was a man of constant faith, even in the face of challenges, which brought inspiration to many around him. He was a happy man, spending a joyous Thanksgiving with his family before his death.

A Special Purpose Fund of the *AAEA* has been established to endow in perpetuity an annual *Jon Brandt Public Policy Forum*. Donations and pledges are encouraged through the *AAEA* business office. At NC State, an Enhancement Fund has been established to recognize Jon's contributions. Memorial gifts for this purpose may be made to "North Carolina Ag Foundation" with notation "ARE Enhancement in memory of Jon Brandt." Contributions can be sent to Chris Wessel, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Box 7645, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695.

### Alvin Edward House

Alvin Edward House, 86, passed away on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 in Okemos, Michigan. Born January 11, 1926 and raised on a cattle and horse farm near Cedar Vale, Kansas, he is predeceased by his parents, Swain and Matilda House. He served with the U.S. Naval Seventh Fleet in the South Pacific during WWII. After receiving a B.S. in Education from Kansas State University, Al taught high school in Clay Center, Randolph, and Severy, Kansas. He returned to Kansas State for a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics and in 1963 completed a Ph.D. in Economics and Law from Iowa State University and State University of

Iowa Law School. He became a professor of Public Affairs Management in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University and a Cooperative Extension Specialist in Local Government (1963 – 89). Al was involved in extension education, technical service and research in state and local government services. From 1992- 96, he served as the Meridian Township Supervisor. He is a past president of the Lansing Farmers Club.

During his retirement, Al enjoyed traveling the country, riding his bicycle, walking the trails, and spending time with his family. A man of many talents, his children appre-

ciated his help in remodeling their homes, fixing their cars, setting up stereo systems, recording their concerts, and taking them camping. An ecumenical Christian, he contributed to many discussions with his knowledge of the bible, sang in choirs and enjoyed working in churches. He will be remembered for his wisdom, caring, grace and his ability to find the best in everyone.

Al is survived by his wife, Anne Marie House; his daughters Cheryl House Brun and Christine House Shumway; his stepchildren James Goatley, Julia Goatley, Ginny Goatley, Dan Goatley, and Katie Brisson; and 13 grandchildren.