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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

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THE first International Conference of agricultural economists was held in the summer of 1929, when fifty economists from eleven countries met for two weeks at Dartington Hall on the invitation of Dr. L. K. Elmhirst. The following year a second Conference was held, at Cornell University, where a formal constitution was drawn up and approved. There have been eleven Conferences in all, at the last of which, to give expression to the strength, influence, and permanence of the movement, the Conference became the International Association of Agricultural Economists, with the added significance that the name implies.

CONFERENCES		*Total membership*	*No. of countries represented*
First,	1929: Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, England.	50	11
Second,	1930: Cornell University, Ithaca, New York State, U.S.A.	300	20
Third,	1934: Bad Eilsen, Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany.	170	19
Fourth,	1936: St. Andrews University, Fife, Scotland.	219	22
Fifth,	1938: Macdonald College, Ste Anne de Bellevue, P.Q., Canada.	510	23

		Total member-ship	*No. of countries represented*
Sixth,	1947: Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, England (post-war; numbers limited).	82	23
Seventh,	1949: Villa delle Azalee, Stresa, Italy.	271	25
Eighth,	1952: Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A.	340	45
Ninth,	1955: Teekkarikyla, Otaniemi, Near Helsinki, Finland.	364	38
Tenth,	1958: Lalitha Mahal, Mysore City, Mysore, India.	350	51
Eleventh,	1961: Hotel Casino de la Selva, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.	485	67

The membership now totals nearly 1,000, drawn from 68 national or area groups embracing nearly all countries where the study of agricultural economics is pursued.

The object of the Association is that of fostering development of the science of agricultural economics and of furthering the application of the results of economic investigation of agricultural processes and agricultural organization in the improvement of economic and social conditions relating to agriculture and rural life.

Membership consists of individuals who pay £3, $10, or their equivalent, for the period between any two Conferences (which shall be the period from the end of one Conference to the end of the next). The current period will be three years. Members will be entitled to a free copy of the *Proceedings* of the most recent Conference and to copies of the *International Journal of Agrarian Affairs*. The majority of members are professional agricultural economists engaged in research, teaching, or public administration, but the membership is representative as well of a wide range of agricultural and economic interests. Applications may be made to one of the Secretaries, who will put the applicant in touch, if desired, with the appropriate national correspondent.

Meetings are held at intervals of three years, at a time and place determined by the Council. No two successive meetings can be held in the same country. The meeting affords a unique opportunity of personal intercourse with fellow-workers from all parts of the world.

The *Proceedings*, consisting of papers and discussions at each Conference, are published, and one copy free of charge is sent to

each member. Extra copies may be purchased by members at reduced rates. Copies of the *Proceedings* of the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Conferences are available on application to Dr. Joseph Ackerman, Farm Foundation, 600 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois, U.S.A.

CONSTITUTION

(*as amended, August* 1961)

NAME AND OBJECT

The name of the organization shall be The International Association of Agricultural Economists.

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CONFERENCES

Conferences shall be held at a time and place determined by the Council. No two successive meetings shall be held in any one country.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of individuals who pay the membership fee. The membership fee shall be determined by the Council and shall cover the period between Conferences (i.e. the period from the end of one Conference to the end of the next).

Libraries, corporations, and similar institutions may become members if a duly accredited representative is appointed by each such institution.

The Association, on the recommendation of the Council, may elect honorary life members.

NATIONAL OR AREA GROUPS

The members of the Conference in each country (or in a group of countries) may form a National (or Area) Group. Each such Group shall make provision for the election of a Chairman of the Group, and may provide for the appointment of a Secretary of the Group, for each Conference period. The Chairman or Secretary, as may be designated by the Group, shall be the correspondent of the Group.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall be the Founder-President, the immediate Past President, a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Council at a formally constituted meeting held during a Conference, and shall hold office for a period ending with the close of the next succeeding Conference.

The Executive Committee, in the event of the inability of the President to fulfil his duties, shall elect an acting-President who shall hold office until the first session of the next Conference, at which time the Council shall elect a President of the Association to hold office for the period of the meeting of that Conference.

Regional secretaries, to assist the Secretary-Treasurer, may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

COUNCIL

The Council shall consist of the Executive Officers as *ex-officio* members together with members of each National or Area Group as hereinafter provided.

(*a*) A National or Area Group having 5 or more members may elect one member of Council; having 10 and not exceeding 25 members, two members of Council; having over 25 and not exceeding 60 members, three members of Council; having over 60 members, four members of Council; the maximum number of members of Council for any electing Group shall be four.

(*b*) Members of the Council shall be elected and hold office for a Conference period.

(*c*) Method of election of Members of the Council shall be left to the discretion of each electing Group.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the three Executive Officers and the duly elected Chairmen of all National or Area Groups having five or more members.

The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary of the Association shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The acts of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act for the Council between meetings of the Council.

PROVISION FOR TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION OF GROUPS

Where no Group has been constituted, the President may appoint a representative to canvass for members in the country or area and to make arrangements for the proper organization of a Group under the Constitution.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any Conference provided the amendment has previously received the approval of a majority of the Council.