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FOREWORD

THE eleventh International Conference of Agricultural Economists, which was held at Cuernavaca, Mexico, in August 1961, marks the beginning of a new phase in the development of international relations in agricultural economics.

It will be remembered that in 1929, on the invitation of Dr. L. K. Elmhirst, fifty economists from eleven countries met in Dartington Hall, England, and as an outcome of this meeting the International Conference of Agricultural Economists was formed. Succeeding conferences were held in the U.S.A., Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada, with a constantly increasing membership from a progressively widening circle of nations. Since the Second World War, conferences have been held at triennial intervals in England, Italy, the U.S.A., Finland, India and Mexico, spreading the influence of the movement from Europe and North America to Asia and Latin America, so that at present it embraces over 1,000 members from sixty-two nations or area groups. Therefore, at the Mexico Conference it was decided to give expression to the strength, influence, and permanence of the movement; and the International Conference of Agricultural Economists became the International Association of Agricultural Economists, with the added significance that the name implies.

The increase in the size of the meetings has also required some changes in the method of organization; for it is no longer possible to give all participants an adequate opportunity to discuss papers in full sessions of the conferences. At Mysore, the experiment was made of dividing the conference into discussion groups for certain periods. So successful was this experiment, under the leadership of Dr. Harry C. Trelogan, that the practice was extended at Cuernavaca. In consultation with the officials of the Association, we consider that the reports of these discussion groups lend themselves to publication in the *International Journal of Agrarian Affairs*, and we are pleased to present them in this number, together with group photographs and the text of a talk given at Cuernavaca by one of our pioneer agricultural economists, Dr. H. C. Taylor.

The Proceedings of the Conference are in preparation, and will be published in the normal manner.

EDITOR