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World Abstracts of Agricultural Economics Research

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS, rural sociologists, and research workers in related disciplines are now able to keep abreast of most of the literature in their fields currently published in their own and other countries through an international abstracting service. Launched in 1959 on an experimental basis, *World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts*, a quarterly in English edited in Vienna and published in Amsterdam, is rounding out its third year of expanding usefulness to social scientists in all countries. Since no researcher can read all pertinent or related material, these abstracts, which indicate contents, give him an idea as to items that he must read. A quarterly publication, this journal is issued in March, June, September, and December. Titles of abstracts are given in the original language, followed by an English translation.

Dr. Sigmund von Frauendorfer, editor of the journal, was librarian at the International Institute of Agriculture, forerunner of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations until the institute was absorbed by FAO in 1946. He is both a trained agricultural economist and an experienced librarian and editor. The former *International Bibliography of Agricultural Economics*, published in Rome by the International Institute of Agriculture, was edited by Dr. von Frauendorfer from 1938 to 1946. At present, in addition to his duties as editor of the *Abstracts*, he is a lecturer at the Hochschule für Bodenkultur, the College of Agriculture, in Vienna, editor of "Schriftum der Agrarwirtschaft," and adviser to the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture in setting up a documentation service and library at the

Agrarwirtschaftliches Institut. Dr. von Frauendorfer has an assistant editor, Miss Thirkell Smith, who was appointed last year on the recommendation of agricultural economists in the United Kingdom.

mendation of agricultural economists in the *Abstracts*—the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists and the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), which recently changed its name from International Conference of Agricultural Economists. Supporting grants to the journal have been made by the Council on Economic and Cultural Affairs, Inc., the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, and the Ford Foundation. At first, the subscription price was \$12.50 a year, but beginning with 1961 it was reduced to \$8.50 in accordance with a suggestion of the Ford Foundation, in order to secure wider circulation, especially in less developed countries.

A summary of abstracts published in the journal in 1960 indicates that the United States leads the world in number of items in economic and rural sociology literature reported. Abstracts of U.S. publications numbered 444, about 18 percent of the total. Other countries largely represented were the German Federal Republic with 289 abstracts, the United Kingdom with 271, and the Soviet Union with 181; the U.S.S.R. references were mostly from indirect sources. A breakup by principal countries of origin is shown in table 1.

More than 50 subjects are listed in the classification scheme and contents of the journal. Among the more numerous groups of subjects abstracted are agricultural policy, agricultural credit, and agricultural marketing; farm organization and

management, farm returns, and farm accounting; rural sociology and farm labor. Other categories that receive greater than average attention are plant and animal products, agrarian collectivism and reform, consumption, land tenure, mechanization, and econometrics. An author index is published with each issue as well as a separate annual index listing authors, subjects, and places covered. Technical journals published in many countries are searched for literature to be abstracted and for abstracts already published. *Agricultural Economics Research* supplies advance manuscript pages of its own digest of selected recent publications in agricultural economics issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and cooperatively by State universities and colleges.

Through arrangements made by the U.S. Council of IAAE, Dr. von Frauendorfer receives abstracts of publications issued in the United States from specialists in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Fields covered and the name of the specialist responsible for each follow:

Rural Sociology, Dr. Paul J. Jehlik; *Agricultural Economics*, Dr. James P. Cavin; *Marketing*, Dr. Louis F. Herrmann; *Land Economics*, Mr. Mark M. Regan; *Farm Management*, Mr. Warren R. Bailey and Dr. John M. Brewster; *Cooperation*, Mr. J. Kenneth Samuels; *Agricultural Credit*, Dr. Fred L. Garlock; *Agricultural Statistics*, Dr. Ross L. Packard; *Consumption Economics*, Mr. Thomas J. Lanahan, Jr.; *Extension*, Mr. Karl G. Shoemaker; *History*, Dr. Wayne D. Rasmussen; *Econometrics*, Mr. Anthony S. Rojko; and *International Studies*, Dr. Lois B. Bacon. Publications that research workers desire to be abstracted should be sent to the specialist in the research field indicated, and addressed U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

More than 50 U.S. research workers have contributed abstracts to the journal to date. These abstractors, whose names are listed below, are in the Economic Research Service, the Statistical Research Service, or, in a few instances, other agencies in the Department or Land Grant Universities and Colleges.

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TABLE 1.—Number and percentage of abstracts by principal countries of origin

Country	Number of references	Percentage
Australia.....	55	2.2
Austria.....	34	1.3
Belgium.....	47	1.9
Bulgaria.....	22	.9
Canada.....	12	.5
Czechoslovakia.....	66	2.6
Denmark.....	22	.9
France.....	91	3.6
German Federal Republic.....	289	11.4
Hungary.....	29	1.1
India.....	140	5.5
Israel.....	10	.4
Italy.....	89	3.6
Japan.....	22	.9
Mexico.....	12	.5
Netherlands.....	97	3.8
Norway.....	15	.6
Pakistan.....	21	.8
Poland.....	132	5.2
Portugal.....	15	.6
Soviet Union.....	181	7.2
Spain.....	32	1.2
Sweden.....	84	3.3
Switzerland.....	45	1.8
United Kingdom.....	271	10.7
United States.....	444	17.6
Yugoslavia.....	12	.5
International organizations.....	111	4.4
Other countries.....	127	5.0
Total.....	2,527	100.00

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Sherman E. Johnson, Deputy Administrator for Foreign Economics, former president of the International Conference of Agricultural Economics, was until recently ex officio chairman of the Editorial Board. Harry C. Trelogan, Administrator of the Statistical Reporting Service, is a member of the Board, which consists of economists

from eight countries. Among the ex officio members is Foster E. Mohrhardt, Director of the Library of USDA, in his capacity of president of the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists, the organization chiefly responsible for the journal's publication. Dr. Trelogan coordinates the work of abstractors in the United States. Charles E. Rogers, editor of *Agricultural Economics Research*, receives and edits the American abstracts and mails them to Vienna for publication.

A meeting of the Editorial Board was held in August in connection with the eleventh International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Cuernavaca, Mexico. The board members com-

mented on the work of the editorial office and considered the future outlook as well as financial problems.

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