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Personal report

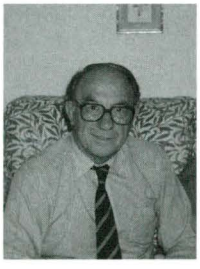
Biography of George Peters

Editor of the IAAE Conference Proceedings since 1991

George Peters 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. After a degree in Economics at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1955, he embarked on 2 years of research on national income accounting, including 1 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 editors of the IAAE Proceedings before him. He left Oxford in 1967 for the University of Liverpool where he became Brunner Professor of Economic Science in 1970. His work there was mainly in the areas of public finance, cost–benefit analysis and regional economics. George Peters 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, where he is also Deputy Director. He was President of the Agricultural Economics Society (UK) in 1991–1992, delivering his address on "Agriculture and the Macroeconomy". From 1991 to 1993 he was Vicegerent of Wolfson College, Oxford.

In addition to his work on the IAAE Proceedings since 1991, George Peters also prepared a special issue of *Agricultural Economics* (Vol. 12/3, 1995) reporting the Kiev Symposium of October 1993, and helped with the editing of *The Economics of Agrochemicals* that resulted from the Wageningen Symposium of 1996. A large volume on Agricultural Economics, for which he selected 26 key papers on a wide variety of subjects, appeared in 1995. George Peters is also Joint Editor of the Queen Elizabeth House journal, *Oxford Development Studies.*



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