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EDITORIAL

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The 21st West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference was held in the quaint town of San Ignacio, Belize from July 14th to 18th, 1992. The theme of the Conference was *"Sustainable Agriculture and Economic Development in the Caribbean."*

The Conference was opened by the Honourable Mr. Michael Eस्पат whose speech gave a good orientation to the sessions that were to follow. The papers dealt with the clarification of the concept of sustainability, the Caribbean in the wider context of the global economy and the implications for sustainable development, aspects of sustainable agriculture in Belize and general issues related to sustainable agriculture. Also on the third day there were field trips, where three groups of participants were taken to different areas to view sustainable agricultural practice in Belize. In the final session a review of the Conference was presented.

In addition at the Conference, there was inauguration of the W. Arthur Lewis Lecture Series. This lecture was presented by Professor Compton Bourne, Deputy Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, and a former Vice President of the Society.

A constant feature of the Conference was the wonderful hospitality of the Government of Belize, co-host of the Conference and the quiet dedication and efficiency of the Local Organizing Committee. It was a great conference.

There were several Reviewers of the papers including in those Proceedings. The Reviewers included:

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The review process was largely coordinated by Miss Vidya Seejattan.

The Staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management assisted in organising the Conference in Belize and in preparation of these Conference Proceedings. Special thanks for the preparation

of these Proceedings must go to Mrs. Hyacinth Mohammed, Miss Shara Khabay of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management and Mr. Albert Mahabir of the Department of Agricultural Extension.

Finally the Executive of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society had the responsibility of co-hosting this Conference with the Government of Belize and their unstinted dedication and support ensured its success.

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