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President's Message

It is the first morning. Everything is strange and new. There are so many people. If you did not expect an ICAE to be as large as this, you are right! The attendance at the XXI ICAE exceeds the previous record attendance by more than 60%. The Japanese Organizing Committee and the IAAE Executive are doing everything possible to ensure the conference runs smoothly. However, we do need your understanding and cooperation, especially on this first day.

Among other things, today's *Cowbell* reports on the regional distribution of participants with major roles in the plenary, invited and contributed papers sessions. The regional distribution of those with leadership roles in the discussion groups/minisymposia is also provided. If we add the people involved in the poster sessions, we have a very large number of individuals from more than 50 countries "on the program".

Organizing so many people is a big challenge. So please forgive us if some of the instructions printed in the *Cowbell* appear a little cryptic or strict. The aim will always be to get an important message across with as few words as possible.

Have a nice day.

J.W.L.

Simultaneous Translation Headsets

* Every participant entering the Concord Room will be issued with a headset. Please keep this device with you at all times while you are in the Concord Room. When you leave the Concord Room (even to go to the toilet) you will be expected to surrender a headset as a kind of "pass-out" ticket.

This strict procedure is necessary to avoid the possible loss of these high quality headsets which cost almost ¥20,000 each.

* The Japanese Master of Ceremonies during the Opening Session will be speaking in Japanese. Participants requiring an English language translation are advised to adjust their headsets accordingly before the Ceremony begins.

Poster Paper "Setup" Time

Poster paper presenters are requested to setup their posters in the Poster Session rooms between 3.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday, August 22.

Poster papers may also be setup on Friday, August 23 between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

Poster papers numbered PA00, PB00, PC00, and PD00 in the Program booklet will be in Room 1111 on Floor 11 of the Kogakuin University. Papers numbered PE00 will be in Room 1117. Papers numbered PF00 will be in Room 1161.

Additional Instructions to Keio Plaza Program Participants

* Any materials which may assist the simultaneous interpreters such as written text of introductory comments and changes to the written paper, copies of material to be projected by slide or OHP sheets, and personal background for the Chairperson's introduction; would be appreciated.

Please bring these materials to the *Program and Speakers' Desk* in the foyer near the entrance to the Concord Room as soon as possible.

* Speakers who wish to have slides projected to illustrate their presentation should bring the slides to the *Program and Speakers' Desk* at least 30 minutes before the relevant session. The slides will then be organized for projection.

* Chairpersons, paper presenters and others with major program roles are strongly advised to assemble at the *Next Speaker's Seat* located near the stage 10 minutes prior to their sessions.

Plenary and Invited Papers Sessions

There are individuals from 45 countries or international agencies involved in the plenary and invited papers part of the program. There are 33 from North America, 20 from the European Community, 13 from other European countries and the USSR, 33 from Asia including 7 from Japan, 6 from Latin America, 9 from Africa, 4 from Australia, 4 from International Organizations and 8 from the World Bank.

Selection of Contributed and Poster Papers

Prior to each ICAE, the IAAE conducts a contributed papers competition. For the XXI ICAE, the deadline for the submission of papers was December 1, 1990.

All papers included in the conference program as contributed papers or poster papers were entries in the contributed papers competition. Four entries have been up-graded to invited papers. Many of the people who submitted entries have been invited to serve the conference in various ways. The contributed papers competition is the major channel through which members can actively seek a formal role in the IAAE triennial conferences.

Organizing the contributed papers competition is a massive task. The IAAE Executive would like to thank Bruce Greenshields, who once again conducted the competition with great efficiency. The Executive also wishes to acknowledge the generous support of John E. Lee. As Administrator of the USDA/ERS, John has made Bruce Greenshields' time and other resources of the ERS available to the IAAE not only for the handling of the contributed papers but also for the preparation of the *Newsletter*.

Registration for Travel Grants

For the XXI ICAE, the IAAE Executive introduced a formal registration process for potential participants who wanted to be considered for travel grants. To register for grants, members had to meet two deadlines. First, they were required by July 1, 1990 to indicate their intention to submit an entry for the contributed papers competition. Secondly, the contributed paper had to be actually submitted by the December 1, 1990 deadline.

A total of 82 people had registered for a travel grant by the July 1, 1990 deadline. Of these, 58 actually submitted contributed papers on time.

The IAAE Executive in collaboration with the Japanese Organizing Committee have been able to arrange some travel assistance for almost all of those people among the 58 whose papers were accepted.

Recognition of Contributed Papers Referees

Bruce Greenshields, Chairperson of the Contributed Papers, and the IAAE Executive want to acknowledge the contribution of each individual reader, reviewer/referee of the contributed papers. These people performed an important and relatively thankless service for the IAAE by reading and scoring according to a range of criteria between 25 and 27 papers each.

The referees were all selected by the Executive Committee on the basis of their stature in the profession and participation in and support of the Association. The twenty-seven individuals are:

Jean-Marc Boussard (*INRA, France*)

Daniel Bromley (*University of Wisconsin*)

Colin Brown (*University of Queensland*)

Yang Boo Choe (*Korea Rural Economics Institute*)

Elmar R. da Cruz (*EMBRAPA*)

José Luis Fernández-Cavada (*Uni. Politécnica de Madrid*)

Murray Hawkins (*Curtin University*)

Naraomi Imamura (*Tokyo University*)

Odin Knudsen (*World Bank*)

Ulrich Koester (*Universität Kiel*)

Bob Lindner (*University of Western Australia*)

Laurent Martens (*State University Gent*)

Richard Meyer (*Ohio State University*)

Wilfred Mwangi (*CIMMYT*)

Hiroyuki Nishimura (*Kyoto University*)

Peter Nuthall (*Lincoln University*)

George Peters (*University of Oxford*)

Ewa Rabinowicz (*Swedish Uni. of Agric. Sciences*)

Mária Sebestyén-Kostyál (*Budapest Uni. of Econ. Sc.*)

Secondo Tarditi (*Università di Siena*)

Dušan Tomić (*Economic Institute, Yugoslavia*)

C.L.F. van der Meer (*NCAR, Netherlands*)

Michele Veeman (*University of Alberta*)

T.K. Warley (*University of Guelph*)

Kelley White (*FAO*)

Yan Ruizhen (*People's University of China*)

Antonio Yúnez-Naude (*Colegio de México*)

Results of Contributed Papers Competition

The Contributed Papers Competition for the XXI ICAE attracted 380 papers with 634 authors from 65 countries. All three statistics were record highs. After the cover page was removed, each paper was sent to two referees selected from the international panel listed above for their expertise on the topic covered by the paper.

The 45 papers which achieved the highest average ratings from this "double blind" review process were selected for presentation as Contributed Papers at the XXI ICAE. A further 212 papers were selected for presentation as Poster Papers. Four papers were upgraded to invited papers.

Many authors whose papers were selected for presentation as Poster Papers have been invited to act as discussion openers and rapporteurs for the contributed paper sessions. The table below indicates the distribution of members invited to participate in the contributed paper sessions by region of nationality.

	Africa/ Middle East	Asia	Central & East.Eur. /USSR	Western Europe	Latin America	Oceania	USA/ Canada	Totals
Paper authors	13	13	3	14	2	2	44	91
Chairs	1	3	1	4	2	0	4	15
Discussion openers	5	8	4	5	4	2	17	45
Rapporteurs	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	15
Totals	21	27	10	25	10	5	68	166

IAAE Country/Area Representatives

The country/area representative is a key person in the IAAE professional network. Their essential role is to foster the aims and activities of the IAAE in their country or area. One crucial aspect is the maintenance of an active group of members who receive the full benefits of IAAE membership because they have paid their membership fees for the current membership triennium. To be a country/area representative, one must be a currently financial member of the IAAE.

The IAAE has members in around 90 countries. However, as of mid-July 1991, only the following 50 countries or areas had representatives who have paid their dues for the 1990-92 membership triennium:

Angola (*Joao Andre*)
Australia (*G.J. Ryland*)
Austria (*Hans Alfons*)
Belgium (*Georges Bublot*)
Canada (*Stephen C. Thompson*)
China (Beijing) (*An Xi-ji*)
China (Taiwan) (*Hsi-Huang Chen*)
Colombia (*Luis Eduardo Montero*)
Côte d'Ivoire (*M.B. Barry*)
Denmark (*Poul Eric Stryg*)
Dominican Republic (*Victor R. Vinas-Nicolas*)
Ecuador (*R. Rene Benalcazar*)
Egypt (*Ahmed Almed Goueli*)
Finland (*Petri Ollila*)
France (*Jean Marc Boussard*)
Germany (formerly West) (*Theodor Dams*)
Germany (formerly East) (*Hans Schlicht*)
India (*V.M. Dandekar*)
Indonesia (*Habrin-Sinoh Dillon*)
Iran (*Mostafa Mohajerani*)
Ireland (*Alan Matthews*)
Israel (*Yoav Kislev*)
Italy (*Secondo Tarditi*)
Japan (*Saburo Yamada*)
Kenya (*Willis Oluoch-Kosura*)
Korea (South) (*Sung-Hoon Kim*)
Lebanon (*Joseph Chami*)
Mali (*Ousmane Nafolu Coulibaly*)
Mexico (*Julio Hernandez-Estrada*)
Namibia (*Diethelm Metzger*)
Nepal (*Bhola N. Pokharel*)
Netherlands (*C.L.F. van der Meer*)
Nigeria (*Aja Okorie*)
Norway (*Agnar Hegrenes*)
Pakistan (*Ahmad Saeed Khan*)
Peru (*Luis J. Paz*)
Philippines (*Pedro R. Sandoval*)
Poland (*J. Gorecki*)
Portugal (*Fernando de Faria Estacio*)
Spain (*Jose Lui Fernandez-Cavada*)
Sri Lanka (*H.M.G. Herath*)
Syria (*Yahia Bakour*)
Tanzania (*R. Mabele*)
Thailand (*Tongroj Onchan*)
Togo (*G. Kenkou*)
United Kingdom (*J.P. McInerney*)
United States (*Harold Riley*)
Venezuela (*Eduardo Mendoza*)
Yugoslavia (*Dusan Tomic*)
Zambia (*Fabian J.M. Maimbo*)

The IAAE is seeking active, vigorous, currently financial members to serve as country representatives in countries not listed above. Indeed, it may be possible to arrange for the payment of the required membership fee for some potential representatives from soft-currency countries. Interested participants are asked to discuss the matter with the President during the XXI ICAE.

IAAE and CAB International's WAERSA

World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts (WAERSA), the orange journal which arrives on your desk or your library shelves every month, is probably so familiar that you don't think about its origins and provenance.

Did you know, for example, that *WAERSA* dates back to 1958, and resulted from a collaborative arrangement between the IAAE and others to ensure that the profession had access to an abstract journal covering its field of interest.

The main mission of *WAERSA* since its inception, and with the encouragement of the IAAE and other professional bodies and individuals, has been to serve the needs of the international agricultural economics profession. Since 1964 we have been part of CAB International (formerly the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux), originally in Oxford, UK, but since 1987 centralized in Wallingford, near Oxford, with all the other former information bureaux serving the whole spectrum of agricultural disciplines.

Every year we compile 8000 abstracts from the world literature - scanning 1500 journals, as well as books, reports, monographs, conferences and other documents. The abstracts are written by our own professional staff, by freelance abstractors in the UK, and by IAAE contacts, around the world (notably India, Belgium, Hungary, Germany).

The subjects, and to a certain extent the clientele, have changed over the years, as have the methods of access to the abstracts through the advent of information technology. We are now concerned with biotechnology and the environment, as well as the traditional fields of trade and farm organization.

We are also available, through the wonders of information technology, in a variety of forms, from the printed journal, to floppy disc, online telecommunications, and, most recently CDROM.

You can assist us in several ways. First, and most important, ensure that your institution subscribes to *WAERSA*; second, that your publications are included; and third, that you let us have your comments on content, scope and quality.

We like to think of *WAERSA* as serving the needs of IAAE members worldwide, and would like to hear from you. Please write to:

Margot Bellamy
Head, Natural Res., Forestry and Econ. Division
CAB International, Wallingford, OXON
OX10 8DE, UK
Fax: 44-491-33508

or use the form on the back of the leaflet you will find in your registration satchel.

- M. Bellamy

Post Conference Tours: A Reminder

Participants booked on post-conference tours are reminded to "check-in" at the Post Conference Tours desk.

It is important to confirm your booking and, in most cases, to collect further information about your tour. This should be done to-day if possible.

Discussion Group/Minisymposium Program

A new discussion group format, the minisymposium, will be introduced at the XXI ICAE. In fact, 24 of the 32 planned discussion topics will be addressed using the minisymposium approach.

More than 90 different possible subjects for discussion have been suggested by scores of IAAE members since the 1988 meetings in Argentina. From these, the 32 topics listed in the program have been selected.

In total, 230 people from 41 different countries have accepted leadership roles in these 32 groups prior to the conference. The regional distribution is as follows: North America (80), South America (8), Europe (35), Africa (13), Asia-Middle East (85), and Australia-New Zealand (9).

Some Organizers/Chairpersons had not finalized who would be presenting papers, etc. so the number of people with major roles in this part of the program is likely to increase further.

All registrants have been asked to indicate their preferred discussion group/minisymposium on their registration form. This is another XXI ICAE innovation. At previous conferences, participants have been asked to "sign up" for a discussion group after their arrival at the conference site.

Should you wish to change from the DG/MS (Discussion Group/Minisymposium) to which you have been assigned and which is shown on your *Confirmation and Receipt Form*, please notify Charles Caudill at the *Discussion Group Desk* before 12 noon on Friday, August 23.

A final listing of all participants in each of the DG/MS (Discussion Groups/Minisymposia) will be posted before 8.30am on Saturday, August 24.

Meeting of DG/MS Organizers

Organizers/Chairpersons of all Discussion Groups and Minisymposia (DG/MS) are requested to meet with Charles Caudill in Room 611 on the 6th Floor of the Kogakuin University on Friday, August 23rd at 1.00pm.

Friends of Purdue and TUAT Evening

Date: 7.00pm, August 23, 1991

Place: RACONTEZ on the 4th floor

of Shinjuku Nakamura

Main Shop

(Tel:03-3352-6161)

26-13, 3 chome, Shinjuku,

Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

(Within walking distance.

Map available at Information Desk)

Fee: 5,000 yen

3,000 yen for spouse

Informal buffet style, with plenty of foods, beverages and friendship. Friends are welcome.

Authors, Discussion Openers and Rapporteurs for Plenary and Invited Papers

Authors of plenary and invited papers are asked to discuss their manuscripts with the Editor to check details. It is especially important for authors who have made changes to their papers subsequent to their original submission, to consult with the Editor.

The Editor may be contacted at the Office of the IAAE Executive in the Keio Plaza Hotel.

Discussion openers and rapporteurs are requested to submit their written reports for inclusion in the Proceedings to the Editor within 24 hours of the conclusion of the relevant session. Anyone unable to meet this deadline should contact the Editor and indicate when the report will be forthcoming.

The Editor may be contacted at the Office of the IAAE Executive in the Keio Plaza.

Discussion Group News

1. Anyone who has not registered for a Discussion Group should do so before 11.00am Friday 23rd August.
2. Those who have registered for a Discussion Group should check in at the Discussion Group Desk as soon as possible or by 3.00pm Friday 23rd to verify their choice.
3. Group Leaders (Chairpersons, Rapporteurs, Consultants), please check in at the Discussion Group (Registration) Desk if you have not already done so.
4. The first meeting of all Discussion Groups will be held August 24 (Saturday) at 4.00pm.
5. Check the Registration Desk for Group and Meeting Room assignments after 1.00pm on August 24 (Saturday).

Invitation to US Delegation

Members of the US delegation are invited to attend a briefing, jointly sponsored by the US IAAE Council and the US Embassy Agricultural Affairs Office, on US-Japan agricultural trade. The presentation and follow-up discussion will be conducted by the Foreign Agricultural Service and American agribusiness leaders in Tokyo.

Date: August 27, 1991

Time: 4.00 - 5.30pm

Place: US Embassy Auditorium

10-5, Akasaka 1-chome

Minato-ku, Tokyo 107

The best way to get to the Embassy from Shinjuku is by taxi, which will take about 30 minutes and cost about 2000 yen. Just tell the driver "Amerika Taishikan".

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the conference Bulletin Board in the Keio Plaza Hotel.