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DOUGLAS HEDLEY, PRESIDENT ELECT

Douglas Hedley has served IAAE as founding editor of its Journal, *Agricultural Economics*; as Vice President for Program, 1992-94, arranging the program for the triennial conference in Harare, Zimbabwe in August 1994; and as President Elect, 1995-97. He is the Director General, Industry Performance and Analysis Directorate, Agriculture Canada.

Doug is a native of the Province of Ontario and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph in 1965. He holds a Master's (1968) and PhD (1970) from Michigan State University. His doctoral chairman was the former President of IAAE, Glenn Johnson.

Hedley started his career in international agricultural economics as a Rockefeller Foundation scholar in Colombia while working on his doctorate. He subsequently worked as agricultural economist at IITA in Nigeria and as a visiting professor at Gadjara

University in Indonesia. He also served for a period as Chief of Party and Senior Policy Analyst for a Winrock Project in Jakarta, Indonesia advising the government on agricultural policy development.

He began work for Agriculture Canada in 1972 with a number of interruptions for overseas assignments. Virtually all of his professional work has centered on policy development and analysis for agriculture and the agri-food sector. He has served on a number of national task forces on agricultural policy. He is currently responsible for marketing policy including supply management, regulatory policy and all other similar issues affecting agriculture and agri-food industries. Most recently he coordinated the Department-wide effort for the Minister's Excellence Conference in June 1996 to formulate the policy agenda for the sector for the next several years. Hedley is married and has three children.

IAAE AND THE FAO

Since 1974, the year of the World Food Conference, IAAE has had Special Consultative Status, with FAO. It is recognized as an international non-governmental organization (INGO) with interests and objectives which fall within FAO's field of action. FAO therefore invites IAAE to send a representative as an observer, though not necessarily with the right to speak, to the principal meetings, that is: on a regular basis, to the biennial Conference and to the Council, which decide

FAO policy and programs; to the Regional Conferences; and to the Committees on Agriculture, Food Security, Commodity Policy, Forestry, Fisheries; and to periodic summit meetings which recently have been the International Conference on Nutrition (1992) and the World Food Summit (1996).

IAAE shares this right with many other INGOs which have varied interests - youth groups, trade unions,

religious organizations, women's associations and farmers' unions. Several of these INGOs have representatives stationed in Rome who together have formed an Ad Hoc group with the aim of coordinating their efforts.

The INGOs represented at FAO try to bridge the gap which can emerge between official government efforts for rural development and the needs and opinions of the otherwise-named "informal sector". They do this, essentially, by promoting an exchange of information about activities of mutual interest between FAO and the organizations they represent.

One important opportunity for this exchange of information is the one-day informal meeting of INGOs which is held during every session of the biennial FAO Conference, and for which the Rome Ad Hoc Group acts as coordinator, facilitating the participation of those recognized INGOs without permanent representatives in Rome.

Although the INGOs represented together with IAAE at FAO have such different purposes, they are united in emphasizing the importance of actively involving the local populations in programs and projects for rural development. This principle was recognized as long ago as 1979 at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development organized by FAO; it

was reiterated in the Plan of Action on Peoples' Participation, which was adopted at the 1991 FAO Conference, the procedural item having been initiated in 1987 on the action of the Rome Ad Hoc Group under the chairmanship of the IAAE Representative.

During the International Conference on Nutrition and the World Food Summit the Rome Group collaborated with representatives of INGOs active at the World Health Organization, the World Bank and at other UN agencies with written contributions to be taken into account in the drafting of the Plan of Action for Nutrition and the Rome declaration on World Food Security and the World Food Summit Plan of Action.

Although the policy of FAO continues to be decided ultimately by member governments, the Secretariat is receptive to constructive INGO opinion. An appropriate unit has been created within the new Technical Development Department with the objective of facilitating communications between the Organization and the heterogeneous reality of the INGO sector.

For further information, contact Margaret Loseby, IAAE Representative to FAO. She is located at DEAR, Facolta' di Agraria, Universita' della Tuscia, via S. Camillo de Lellis, 01100 Viterbo, Italy; Fax:++39-761-357295; E-mail: loseby@UNITUS.IT

WALTER J. ARMBRUSTER, IAAE SECRETARY TREASURER

Walter J. Armbruster became Secretary-Treasurer of IAAE at the close of the Conference in Japan in 1991 when his colleague at the Farm Foundation, R. J. Hildreth, retired after serving in this post from 1973-1991. Walt is the Managing Director of Farm Foundation, Oak Brook, Illinois; the office of the Foundation serves also as the business office of IAAE. As chief executive officer of the non-profit Farm Foundation, Armbruster works as a catalyst, facilitator and stimulator of research, education and dialogue on private sector and public policy issues related to agriculture and rural communities.

Before joining the Farm Foundation, Armbruster was staff economist, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Washington, DC. Prior to that he was an agricultural economist in the Economic Research Service, USDA, conducting research on marketing institutions and policies. Armbruster received his BS and MS degrees from Purdue University and PhD from

Oregon State University. His research focus continues to be on marketing efficiency, marketing institutions, government programs and market policy issues.

Armbruster has a leadership role in many organizations. He is currently President of the American Agricultural Law Association, President-Elect of the American Agricultural Economics Association, Board member of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Farm-City Council, and member of the Executive Committee of the National Policy Association's Food and Agriculture Committee. He has served on numerous regional research and extension committees of the land grant university system as well as committees of professional associations and national advisory boards. He takes an active role in his home community of Darien, Illinois where he serves in the homeowners association, youth club and church.

COPIES OF CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

If you are interested in any copy of the contributed papers please refer to the IAAE Web site (<http://www.ag.iastate.edu/journals/agecon>) to have

detailed information on the author's e-mail and postal address. The page will be available to provide information soon after the conference.

REVISED MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We have revised our membership records based on registrations received through 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12. Please stop by the Membership Information desk to check your membership file. Some records are incomplete. Please take this opportunity to verify the information in your record so the membership directory can be as accurate as possible. You may not receive future mailings if your address is incomplete.

The following members should make a special effort to stop by the Membership Information desk to resolve conflicting or incomplete information in your records.

Jean Marc Boussard, Alex De Pinto, Rachael Goodhue, Hyun Joon Kim, Sinniah Mahendrarajan, Shiva S. Makki, Juan Carlos Martinez, Christine McCracken, Eugenia Muchnik, Thomas Naledzani, P.S. Ramakrishnan, Mike Reed, Jeff Romm, Freddy Siahaan, Marteen Thobani, Stan Thompson.

Your ability to contact your colleagues around the world is dependent on the accuracy of this information.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS WELCOMES SUBMISSIONS

The 23rd International Conference program has provided a unique opportunity to link the Journal with the interests of the IAAE members. A number of high-quality papers were prepared for the Poster/Computer and Minisymposia sessions. The IAAE will not publish these papers as a part of the conference plan.

We welcome these Poster/Computer and Minisymposia papers as submissions to *Agricultural Economics*. If submitted, the papers will be reviewed following our usual Journal procedures. The special interest in these papers as contributions to *Agricultural Economics* follows from the opportunity we have to help carry on

the professional and scientific exchange that has been stimulated by the Conference.

Authors who wish to have their Poster/Computer or Minisymposia papers considered for publication in *Agricultural Economics* should submit an original and two copies of the manuscript to: Stanley R. Johnson, Editor-in-Chief, Agricultural Economics, Iowa State University, 315 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011, Phone: 515/294-6638, Fax: 515/294-5179 (Editorial Office) or 515/294-9781, Email: ecbalm@iastate.edu (Editorial Office) or vpforext@exnet.iastate.edu (Johnson)

CSABA CSAKI, PAST PRESIDENT, IAAE

Dr. Csaki is a native of Hungary and is Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences (BUES), as well as being the immediate past rector of BUES. From 1979-1995 he served as Dean of the Faculty of Production Economics. Currently he is Senior Agriculture Advisor in the Europe and Central Asia Region of the World Bank.

Dr. Csaki was born in Turkeve, Hungary in 1940. He is married and has two children. After completing graduate study in Hungary he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, Davis from 1971-1972. He developed the first country simulation model for a centrally planned economy and became a member of the agricultural research team at the International

Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Austria) from 1977-1982.

Dr. Csaki serves on the editorial boards of several international journals. His continuing research interests are in agricultural policy analysis and economic development. He is a widely known scholar of agricultural reforms in Central and Eastern Europe. Dr. Csaki is a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and of the International Policy Council for Agriculture and Trade. He received honorary doctorates from DePaul University (Chicago), State University of Gent (Belgium) and is a foreign member of the Ukrainian and Georgian Academies of Agricultural Sciences. He has held various consultancy positions with the Food and Agriculture Organization of

the United Nations, the World Bank, OECD, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He was Vice President of the European Association of Agricultural Economists from 1984-87. Dr. Csaki became the President of the IAAE at the final session of the XXI Conference in Tokyo, Japan, and served in this position from 1991-94.

Dr. Csaki has edited, authored or co-authored several books and more than 150 articles. The titles of some of

his books are: Farm Management Economics (1971); Operations Research and Systems Analysis in Agriculture (1986); Planning and Projections in Agriculture (1987); Hungarian Agriculture Policy in an International Context (1990); Agricultural Cooperatives in Transition (1994); Ukraine: Transition in Food and Agriculture (1995); and Armenia: The Challenge of Reform in the Agriculture Sector (1996)

FROM MEMBER TO MEMBER

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Change in Contributed Paper Session

Session CPS8-2 on "Agricultural Sector Modeling Methods" has been rescheduled. Originally planned for Saturday morning at 8:30-10:00, this session will now be held on Friday, August 15 at 14:00-15:30 in the Carmel Room.

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Attention: Grant Recipients from the Rockefeller Foundation

Letters of thanks should be addressed to Robert Herdt, Rockefeller Foundation, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2702.

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A summary report from the IAAE Council Meeting, Thursday evening will be reported in Issue # 7 on Saturday, August 16.

Discussion Groups/Mini-symposia Leaders

Please turn in the participant sign-in sheets from the first days session to Larry Siverson at the speakers desk no later than 10 am on Saturday, August 16.

Rapporteur's reports may be turned in at the same time, otherwise they need to be e-mailed or faxed to Larry Siverson *no later than September 2*.

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Discussants for Contributed Paper sessions are reminded to provide a copy of their written comments to Peter Hazell, or leave them at the Speakers' Desk in the Registration area. A brief questionnaire will also be provided to each Discussant at the beginning of their session, which should be completed for each paper and returned in the same way.

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RAPPORTEURS!!

All those who have volunteered to act as rapporteur please report to speakers desk if you have not yet done so.

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Continuation of Agricultural Research Panel

Lunch time Friday

The Panel on agricultural research will continue discussions of emerging policy issues on Friday, 15th August at 12:45-2:00 PM in room Carmel A/B. This session will focus on the private sector and the international agricultural research system. Background papers and short opening statements will be provided by: Carl Pray and Dina Umali, "*Private Agricultural Research: Will it Fill the Gap?*" Jock Anderson, "*Selected Policy Issues in International Agricultural Research: On Striving for International Public Goods in an Era of Donor Fatigue*"

Derek Byerlee

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COMPETITION!! WANTED!!

Who is the most frequent conference attendee?

Who is the most frequent „accompanying Person“ at IAAE Conferences?

If you feel, it is you, pop in at the Cowbell office, Capitol Board Room, and tell us how many IAAE-conferences you have been attending before Sacramento!!!

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PANEL ORGANIZERS

Before the end of the conference please submit write-up of your panel (max. 5 pages) to Joachim von Braun (copy to George Peters).

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Cards requesting publications from the Taylor/Phillips poster session on Monday requested a publication from this poster presentation please recontact us by email 'daphne@uoguelph.ca' or write to Daphne Taylor at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W.

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