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Introduction

David Orden, Virginia Tech

Welcome to this session in honor of Tim Josling. I am David Orden, professor at Virginia Tech, and will serve as moderator.

Tim was one of the six founders of the Trade Consortium and, along with Andy Schmitz, Alex McCalla and Jimmie Hillman, remained active throughout his career. Joined in organizing the first Consortium meeting in 1980 by Ed Schuh, Bob Thompson and Charles Hanrahan, this proved a highly-beneficial sustained interplay. Many of us have strong memories of Tim's mentoring and guidance and the Consortium became one of the principle venues for circulation of Tim's research and policy analysis, often in collaboration with other members.

The origins of this session are two-fold. In spring 2019 the Executive Committee decided a session should be held in Tim's honor. At around the same time, David Blandford and Stefan Tangermann, two of Tim's longest-term and deepest collaborators, set out to edit a book that would reflect Tim's work and current issues in areas where Tim made profound contributions. A decision was made to hold off the tribute so it could both build upon the book and provide members an opportunity to reflect on their relationships with Tim and his contributions. That is our purpose today. The book, *Current Issues in Global Agricultural and Trade Policy: Essays in Honour of Timothy E. Josling* was published by World Scientific in March. A display copy is with Missy at the Registration Desk.

If I may offer one reflection it comes as an unanticipated insight from the timing of this session. Never before have I felt much appreciation of the expression that a person "looms larger than life". But over the past two years I have continued to draw insights from Tim's work and even can say have envisioned conversations with him. Wishing that he were still here to engage with in the present—he looms larger than life.

Let me turn to organization of the session. David Blandford will provide an overview of the diverse topics Tim addressed and venues through which he communicated. David has twice been Trade Consortium Chairperson and at OECD played a vital role in turning the Producer Subsidy Equivalents that Tim pioneered into a systematic exercise for comparing agricultural support and protection across countries.

Stefan Tangermann will next highlight Tim's contributions in eight areas of trade and policy analysis: not just what Tim and his co-authors found but how Tim approached problems to draw insights. Starting in 1973 and continuing for decades, Stefan's collaboration with Tim resulted in more than 40 joint publications. For many years, including as Director of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate of OECD from 2002 to 2008, Stefan enriched the Consortium meetings with a European and internationalist perspective.

We anticipate the two presentations taking about 45 minutes moving directly from one to the next.

I am also pleased to welcome Tim's wife Anthea, their son John Mark and daughter Catherine, who have joined on-line for this tribute. When Stefan concludes I will call on Catherine who will say a few words on behalf of Tim's family. I will also call on Tim's long-time Stanford colleague Scott Pearson to share a few reflections on Tim's great spirit.

After this, we will open to hear perceptions and reflections, formal and informal, tangible and intangible from everyone who would like to share.

To wrap up as Introduction, I think we'd all agree this Tribute session is one Tim never would have asked for but would appreciate knowing had occurred.

So when we conclude let us raise a glass of beer or if you prefer champagne and say Three Cheers to Tim. A true global leader and wonderful person.

David Blandford, the floor is yours....