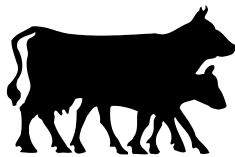




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Deceased since Berlin Conference

Council notes with regret that the following Honorary Life Members have passed away since the Gold Coast Conference in 2006.

Zhang Xinyi (CC Chang)
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From Member to Member

The world's wine markets by 2030

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society in collaboration with the **American Association of Wine Economists** is calling for papers for a workshop on

The world's wine markets by 2030

Adelaide, Australia, 7-9 February 2010

Why this topic?

Much has been written about wine's globalization over the past two decades, during which time the share of global wine production exported more than trebled, to around 30%. But other dramatic changes are in store for the next two decades, both in production (climate change, concentration and multinationalization of firm ownership in winemaking and retailing, emergence of Asian wineries) and consumption (income growth, population ageing, westernization of diets, environmental and health and concerns of consumers, wine taxation and regulation). Together these forces are altering national and regional comparative advantages, inter- and intra-national trade, and investment patterns.

Why Adelaide?

- Capital of the state of South Australia, where nearly half Australia's winegrapes and two-thirds of Australia's wine exports originate;
- Has four major wine regions within an hour's drive (Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek/Southern Fleurieu) and Clare Valley and Coonawarra just a little further away;
- University of Adelaide is the nation's premier wine research and teaching university and is part of the adjacent Wine Innovation Cluster which includes the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Why February 7-9?

- Late summer, vintage is about to happen; Sunday 7th will be a fieldtrip to nearby wine regions.
- Workshop precedes the Annual Conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES, <http://www.aares.info/>) on 10-12 February 2010, which will have a strong food and wine theme (in addition to resource & environmental economics).
- Wine economics papers that cannot fit into the plenary or parallel sessions of the workshop or are not consistent with the workshop theme will be forwarded to the receiver of abstracts of Contributed Papers for the AARES conference.

Publication of papers?

A selection of the best/most appropriate papers will be considered for inclusion in a special issue of a journal or possibly in an edited volume.

Deadline and address for paper proposals

Send a 1-page abstract to kym.anderson@adelaide.edu.au by 27 July 2009. Selection decisions will be notified by 31 August 2009. Organizers will cover the Workshop registration fee for one author of each accepted paper. Authors of other papers are encouraged to submit to the Contributed Paper section of the AARES Conference.

Further information

Available from the co-organisers, Kym Anderson (kym.anderson@adelaide.edu.au) and Julian Alston (julian@primal.ucdavis.edu). They particularly welcome participation from members of the American and European wine economics associations.

AgEcon Search

AgEcon Search welcomes papers from these IAAE 2009 sessions:

- * Invited panels
- * Mini-symposia
- * Discussion groups
- * China focus session

We will be officially soliciting any papers from these sessions from the organizers, chairs, and conveners, but authors may submit their papers directly, by e-mailing a PDF copy to aesearch@umn.edu

Plenary papers from IAAE 2009 will be added to AgEcon Search, <http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/> shortly after the meeting.

Free access to China Agricultural Economic Review

For Free access to China Agricultural Economic Review log on to www.emeraldinsight.com/caer.htm

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AARES Conference

Annual Conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) on 9-12 February 2010, Adelaide, South Australia, preceded on 8-9 Feb with 3 workshops covering food value chains, wine economics, and environmental economics. A call for submissions of Contributed Papers and for information will be available shortly at <http://www.aares.info/>

Handbook of Agriculture in India

My book "Handbook of Agriculture in India" is published by Oxford University Press in 2007. It is widely available in English speaking countries in the libraries and bookshops. New and used copies are there in most places including amazon.com. You may google it or write to OUP in case of difficulty. It is also republished as Oxford India Paperback in 2009 which is considerably cheaper (Rs. 349 or so) but I am not sure of its availability outside India. This is in response to several inquiries in the IAAE Conference.

Shovan Ray, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India

MACE Conference: Challenges of Education and Innovation 13th and 14th of January 2010 International Green Week, ICC, Berlin (Germany)

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO) together with its partners will conduct within the Marie-Curie Programme the Fourth Green Week Scientific Conference titled: Challenges of Education and Innovation on the 13th and 14th of January 2010 at the ICC International Congress Centre in Berlin.

The conference will concentrate on innovation processes in agriculture linked to the spread of knowledge in rural areas. The conference will provide a special forum for early stage researchers to build contacts with their peers from across Europe and leading researchers. Especially young scientists are expected to play an active role at the conference. For further information please refer to the call for papers available on the conference website: <http://www.mace-events.org/greenweek2010/3698-MACE.html>. Submission and registration forms are also available on this website.

Agropolis

More information on the activities of the "Montpellier : Agriculture- Environnement- Biodiversité- Food science and Social sciences on development" campus called Agropolis can be found on the following site :http://www.agropolis.org/publications/thematic_files.html and the landscape of "social sciences on development issues" can also be found by downloading the file.http://www.agropolis.org/pdf/sdd_eng.pdf

And we do hope the three opportunities presented below will allow you to visit our community that shares common concerns about development issues.

Cheers to all participants

IAALD XIIIth World Congress, organized by Agropolis International on 26-29 April 2010, Montpellier, France

'Scientific and Technical Information and Rural Development: Highlights of Innovative Practices'

The renewed worldwide interest in agriculture and in issues relating to food crises in different parts of the world has highlighted the need for providing quality information to actors in rural development. Scientific and Technical Information Specialists can help provide this information by sharing and pooling their knowledge and know-how. This Congress, organized by IAALD and Agropolis International, will promote fruitful exchanges between information specialists and the actors of rural development who face key challenges in agriculture.

[Download the Congress Flyer](http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr/images/iaald/iaald-eng.pdf) : <http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr/images/iaald/iaald-eng.pdf>

Contact: iaald2010@agropolis.fr This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

Web site : <http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr/>

Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD)

March 28 - April 2nd, 2010, Montpellier, France

Montpellier will welcome the first Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD) from March 28 to 31, 2010. This conference, which will be held every two years, is meant to be the apex of a broad multi stakeholder's consultation. It aims at structuring program strategies for Agricultural Research for Development at the global level by mobilizing the main contributors of the International Agricultural Research System.

The GCARD is a real opportunity to introduce the assets of the regional research cluster to world decision makers (international research centers, funding agencies for development, government representatives, international organizations, foundations...) and to make a significant contribution to the building of possible futures and associated priorities.

Partners mobilization and the GCARD general organization are in the hands of GFAR (Global Forum for Agricultural Research). Agropolis International is in charge of the Local Organization Committee, chaired by Yves Savidan.

Contact: gcard@agropolis.fr

Web site : www.egfar.org/egfar/website/gcard

First announcement

Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food

Facing the crisis and growing uncertainties, can science and societies reinvent agricultural and food systems to achieve sustainability?

Montpellier – France
28 June – 1 July 2010

Scientific Committee

Chair: B. Hubert (Agropolis International, France), F. Aggeri (ENSMP, France), C. Almekinders (WUR, Netherlands), J. Berdegue (Rimisp, Chili), R. Buruchara (CIAT, Colombia), P. Caron (CIRAD, France), B. Chevassus-au-Louis (Ministry of Agriculture, France), O. Coomes (MacGill Un, Canada), S. Dubuisson Quellier (CNRS, France), M. Fonte (Un Napoli, Italy), A. Hall (UNU, India), S. Hisano (Un Kyoto, Japan), K. Hussein (OECD), P-B. Joly (INRA, France), J. Kirsten (Un Pretoria, South Africa), J-M. Meynard (INRA, France), D. Requier Desjardins (IEP Toulouse, France), P. A. Seck (ADRAO, Bénin), R. Teulier (CNRS, France).

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For more information

Want to know more about the symposium?

How to register and submit an abstract?

Please visit the website (French, English and Spanish): www.isda2010.net

Contact: isda2010@supagro.inra.fr

Deadlines

1 July 2009: Opening of pre-registration

15 September 2009: Deadline for abstract submission

1 December 2009: Notification to authors

31 March 2010: Deadline for early-bird registration

31 May 2010: Deadline for full papers

The ISDA Symposium will be held at the Corum Convention Center situated in the heart of the old city of Montpellier. Founded in 985, Montpellier has become a renowned University Center. It is the perfect place for an enjoyable stay, with hundreds of restaurants and bars in the narrow streets of the 18th century town center, as well as with the impressive Neo-Greek neighbourhood Antigone created by the Spanish architect Ricardo Bofill.

With more than 420.000 inhabitants, today Montpellier is the dynamic capital of the Languedoc-Roussillon, a renowned wine region located at the confluence of the Mediterranean and of the Massif Central mountains. You'll enjoy an excursion to the nearby Roman city of Nimes, the Medieval towns of Aigues-Mortes and Carcassonne, and the Camargue, Cévennes and Pyrenees Natural Parks.

Two New Books from Earthscan, London by IAAE Member K N Ninan from India

Conserving and Valuing Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity - Economic, Institutional and Social Challenges
Price £70

The Economics of Biodiversity Conservation-Valuation in Tropical Forest Ecosystems Price £ 55

For orders check www.earthscan.co.uk or contact author at: ninankn@yahoo.co.in

Agro-industries for Development – a new book from FAO, UNIDO and IFAD

FAO is announcing the launching this week of the book “Agro-industries for Development”, published by CAB International. Edited by Carlos da Silva (FAO) and a team of professionals from FAO and UNIDO, the book presents contributions from agro-industry specialists, academic experts and UN technical agencies, all addressing strategies and actions required for improving agro-industrial competitiveness in ways that can create income, generate employment and fight poverty in the developing world.

“Agro-industries for Development” highlights the current status and future course of agro-industries in the world and brings attention to the contributions this sector can make to international development. The lead chapter authors are Ralph Christy, Carlos da Silva, Alain de Janvry, Collin Dennis, Spencer Henson, Mark Pftizer, Bill Vorley and John Wilkinson.

Organic produce supply chains in India- organization and governance, Allied publishers, New Delhi, 2009

Price: Rs. 720

by Sukhpal Singh, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), INDIA

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About the Book:

Organic produce has emerged as an important area of research interest both globally as well as a domestic policy option due to various problems in the conventional agro-food chains like chemical residues, environmental pollution, and rising costs of cultivation. This book examines the production, procurement and marketing aspects of each of the organic commodity/product sectors i.e. Basmati rice, cotton, and processed foods from a value chain perspective with agency (processor/exporter) and primary producer level primary data. It analyses the various institutional arrangements like contract farming, networking, and producer level co-ordination prevalent in this sector from small producer and governance perspectives, besides an analytical review of organic agricultural policies in India and Asia.

Programme changes

The Contributed paper (oral) session S-12 "Agricultural Trade and Liberalisation" will be chaired by Augustine Langyintuo instead of Akin Adesina

The paper "Exchange Rate Sensitivity of Fresh Tomatoes Imports from Mexico to the United States" (ID #739) by José Luis Jaramillo-Villanueva and Rakhil Sarker could not be presented at the originally scheduled time on Wednesday. It will be moved to session S-06 on Saturday, room 308.

Jokes of the day

Talk is cheap. Supply exceeds Demand.

Bentley's second Law of Economics: The only thing more dangerous than an economist is an amateur economist!

Berta's Fundamental Law of Economic Rents: "The only thing more dangerous than an amateur economist is a professional economist."

Q: What do economists and computers have in common?

A: You need to punch information into both of them.

A man takes a balloon ride at a local country fair. A fierce wind suddenly kicks up, causing the balloon to violently leave the fair and carry its occupant out into the countryside. The man has no idea where he is, so he goes down to five meters above ground and asks a passing wanderer: "Excuse me, sir, can you tell me where I am?"

Eyeing the man in the balloon the passer-by says: "You are in a downed red balloon, five meters above ground."

The balloon's unhappy resident replied, "You must be an economics professor.

"How could you possibly know that?" asked the passer-by.

"Because your answer is technically correct but absolutely useless, and the fact is I am still lost".

"Then you must be a University Administrator", said the passer-by.

"That's right! How did you know?"

"You have such a good view, and yet you don't know where you are and you don't know where you are going. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now your problem is somehow my fault!"

Special thanks

The Editors of the Cowbell would like to use this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the support of the Local Organizing Committee for the 27th IAAE conference. Special thanks are also due to our two volunteer assistants, Dr Jing Liu (CAAS) and Mr Hao Luan (CCAP), for the time and effort they put in to maintain the smooth operation of the editorial office.