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Dr. S.R. Sen Prize Endowment Award for the Best Book
Published during the years 1999 and 2000

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics has instituted in 1996, under Dr. S.R. Sen Prize Award Endowment Scheme, a biennial prize award of Rs. 15,000 for the best book/monograph on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development published by Indian authors under 45 years of age on the date of publication of the books. The selection of the best book for prize award is done by a Screening Committee and the Jury constituted for the purpose. The Society is pleased to announce that Dr. R. Maria Saleth, Senior Regional Researcher, International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka has been chosen for the Third Biennial Dr. S.R. Sen Prize Award for his book, "Strategic Linkages in Rural Diversification: Empirical Analysis and Policy Issues", adjudged by a Jury of eminent economists as the best book on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development published during 1999 and 2000. The announcement of the prize award was made at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Society held at Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar (Orissa) on December 21, 2003.

For the Fourth Biennial Prize Award in 2005, books that have made significant original contribution to theoretical and empirical studies in the field of agricultural economics and rural development and published by Indian authors during the calendar years 2001 and 2002 would be considered. Edited books are not considered for the prize award. Members of the Society and the authors of books are kindly requested to bring to the notice of the Society books published during the years 2001 and 2002, conforming to the eligibility criteria mentioned above. The authors/publishers of books are requested to send two copies of their books to the Honorary Secretary, The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, 46-48, Esplanade Mansions, M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001. A copy of the biodata fulfilling the above eligibility may be sent by email at isae@bom7.vsnl.net.in

Dr. D.K. Desai Prize Awards for the Best Articles published in the IJAE in 2002

Under Dr. D.K. Desai Prize Award Scheme instituted by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, ten articles published in the three regular issues of the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics during the year 2002 were considered for prize by the Prize Awards Committee. On the recommendations of the Prize Awards Committee, the Society awarded two prizes of Rs. 1,000/- each to the following full length articles which were adjudged the best under the Agricultural Stream and General Stream.
Agricultural Stream:


General Stream:

"Trends, Random Walks and Structural Breaks in Indian Agriculture" by Madhusudan Ghosh (published in the October-December 2002 issue of the Journal)

The announcement of these awards was made at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Society held at Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar (Orissa) on December 21, 2003.

64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics

The 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics will be held under the auspices of Department of Agricultural Economics, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore – 641 003 (Tamil Nadu) sometime in November/December 2004. Dr. (Ms) Kanchan Chopra, Professor and Head, Environmental and Resource Economics Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi has been elected to preside over the Conference. The following three subjects have been selected for discussion at the Conference.

1. Livestock Economy
2. Watershed Development
3. Fisheries

The Indicative Outlines of these subjects will be circulated to the members and member institutions. Research papers not exceeding 10 pages each (typed in double space – A4 size – on one side only) including tables, annexures, reference, etc., are invited for discussion at the Conference. Three copies of the papers along with Summaries (not exceeding 250 words) should reach the Society’s office not later than July 15, 2004. In the case of papers accepted for publication in full length in the Conference Number of the Journal, the authors should email a copy each of their papers at: isae@bom7.vsnl.net.in or send the floppies of their papers in Microsoft Word for quick conversion.
Guidelines for Organisation of Regional Seminars

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics has a scheme for organising Regional Seminars, from time to time, on topics of current importance. Senior agricultural economists working in agricultural universities/social science research institutions would be assigned full responsibility to hold such Seminars under the auspices of the sponsor University/Department of Agricultural Economics and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics. The organisers will need to submit a detailed synopsis of the subject selected for the Seminar and identify persons in the region who will be able to submit research-based papers on the subject. This preparatory work is essential before the Society could consider financial assistance. The idea is to promote analysis of region-specific issues supported by field level research ongoing in the region on selected subjects. The guidelines for the organisation of the regional Seminars can be had from the Honorary Secretary of the Society.

1. The scholars/institutions proposing to organise such Seminars are at liberty to select the subjects but the focus should be on aspects of importance to the region; and on giving an opportunity to scholars in the region to discuss their work among themselves and with select senior scholars.

2. The scholars proposing to hold such Seminars should submit to the Society well structured and focused synopses on regional themes along with a list of the proposed paper-writers from the concerned region(s). On the basis of this information the Society would be able to decide on the financing of the Seminar.

3. The number of papers invited for discussion at a Seminar should be restricted to about 10 to 12 and the number of participants be limited to about double the number of papers accepted for discussion but not exceeding 25. The duration of the Seminar shall be limited to 2-3 days. The organisers of the Seminar would have the freedom to decide about the selection of paper-writers from the region concerned as well as the participants.

4. Abstracts of the proposed papers on the subject selected for the Seminar should be submitted within three months after they are solicited by the organisers so that they can form the basis for selection of the paper-writers/participants. Besides, some invited papers may also be commissioned.

5. The scanning of the Abstracts, and the selection of paper-writers on the basis thereof will be the responsibility of the scholars/institutions proposing to organise the Seminar. Copies of the Abstracts and the list of selected paper-writers will be submitted to the Society by the Organisers. The Society will then publish the detailed synopsis of the proposed Seminar in the ensuing issue of the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics.

6. It is desirable to ensure that the invitation to paper-writers is issued well in advance, say about one year in advance of the holding of the Seminar.
7. A first draft of the paper should be submitted by the selected paper-writers to the organisers within three months of the approval of the Abstracts. The draft papers would be peer reviewed and returned to the paper-writers with the comments of the referees, if any, for revision. The reference of the first draft of the papers will be made to the senior scholars experts by the organisers.

8. The revised papers should reach the host institution before 2 months of the date fixed for holding the Seminar, so that they can be circulated well in advance to all participants. Copies of the revised papers will be sent to the Society by the organisers as soon as they are received from the paper-writers.

9. The Society would nominate a senior scholar from the region to guide the organisation and conduct of the Seminar. The organisers of the Seminar and the nominated expert should conduct, guide, and monitor the discussions at the Seminar, advise the authors to revise their respective papers in the light of the comments made at the Seminar and the comments offered by the nominated senior expert for possible publication by the Society.

10. The organisers of the Seminar should also prepare a summary of the Proceedings of the Seminar and send it to the President of the Society, immediately after the holding of the Seminar.

11. The Society would provide financial assistance to the host institution, the proposal of which is accepted by the Society, to the extent of Rs. 50,000 to meet the expenses of the Seminar. The organisers of the Seminar should send to the Society item-wise statement of accounts duly certified by the head of the Department of the host institution or its auditors.

12. The Society may consider publication of the papers submitted at the Seminar along with the proceedings. In such an eventuating, the editing of the papers and proceedings will need to be done by the organisers.

Information on Completed Ph.D Theses in Agricultural Economics

The Society publishes a list of Ph.D. theses in Agricultural Economics completed in Indian Universities/Research Institutions in the fourth issue of the Journal every year.

A proforma questionnaire is being canvassed by the Society to elicit information on Ph.D. theses in Agricultural Economics completed during the academic years 2002-2004. The Chairman/Heads of the Department of Economics/Agricultural Economics in Universities and other institutions in India are requested to kindly send us a list of completed theses during the calendar years 2002-2004, giving the details about the titles of the Ph.D theses, name of Ph.D. scholars and superiors, University to which the thesis was submitted and the year of acceptance for the Ph.D. award.