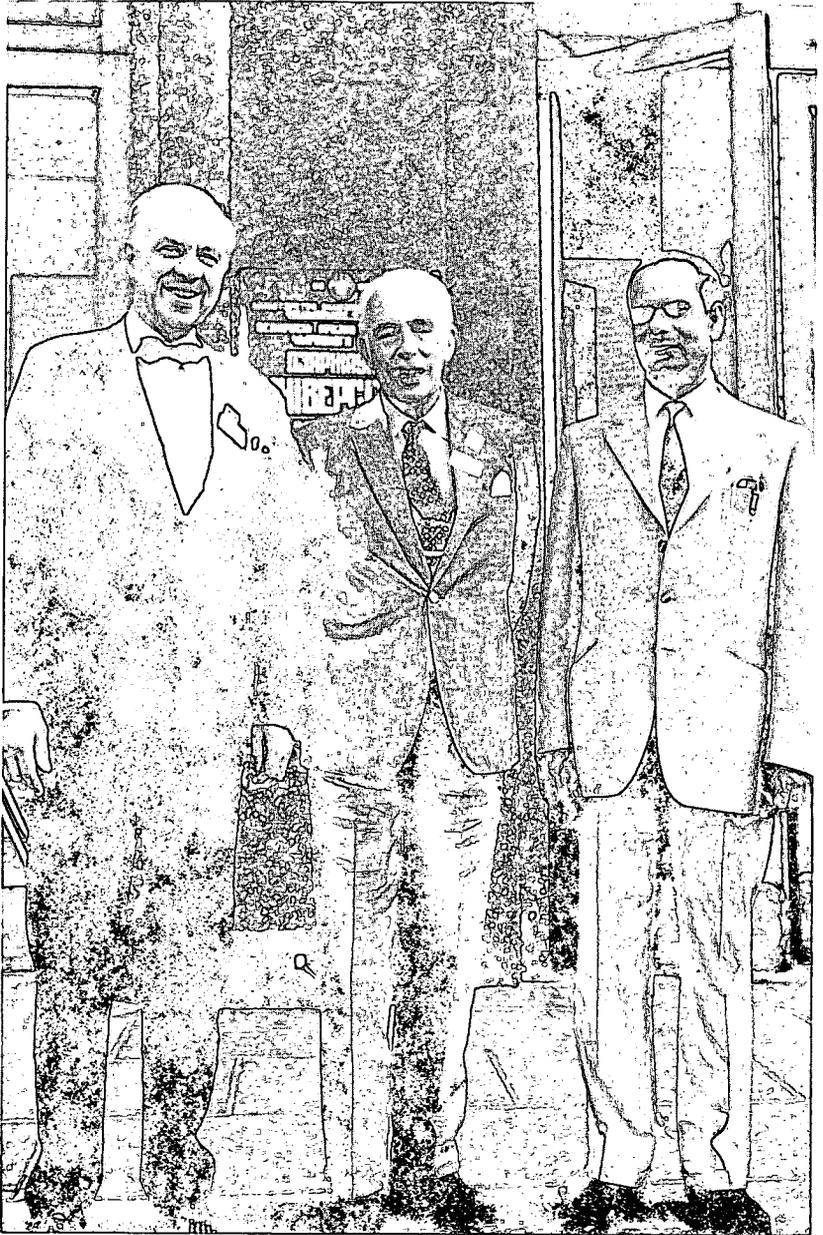


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## PREFACE

For the first time in the history of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) the 1970 conference was held in a country with a collectivised economy. The holding of the conference in the USSR was a reflection of the keen interest of Eastern European agricultural economists in international collaboration within the sphere of the International Association during the last fifteen years. The attraction for members of Minsk as a meeting place is shown by the large attendance of 699 participants from 59 countries. There were 12 representatives from Africa, 78 from Asia, 25 from Oceania, 30 from Latin America, 133 from North America, 414 from Europe and 7 from international governmental organizations. Of the Europeans 193 were from Eastern Europe and 221 from Western Europe.

On behalf of the USSR government the conference was addressed by the USSR Minister of Agriculture V. V. Matskevich. First Deputy Chairman of Ministers of Byelorussian SSR V. E. Lobanok welcomed the assembly to Byelorussia and the Academician P. P. Lobanov spoke at the opening ceremony as Chairman of the Soviet National Organizing Committee.

The arrangements for the Minsk conference were in the hands of a large Organizing Committee. The executive officers of this committee were P. P. Lobanov (chairman), G. I. Vorobjev, V. E. Lobanok, S. G. Skoroparov (deputy chairmen), N. P. Alexandrov (secretary general) and B. I. Pleshkov (deputy secretary general).

The women's hospitality programme was organized by a special ladies committee headed by Madame V. A. Chernyavskaya. The host country had for this occasion prepared a special book *Agriculture of Soviet Union* edited by L. Kolesnikov.

Amongst people at the Minsk conference who were of particular help I wish to mention foremost Dr. Victor Nazarenko and madame Kondratieva. Thanks to their able assistance a great many problems were overcome to our mutual satisfaction.

On behalf of IAAE it is my pleasant duty to express our sincere gratitude to the hosts for all their preparatory work to the benefit of our 14th conference and our worldwide assembly. We all know that to bring about a successful conference tremendous efforts are needed in advance. A conference serving such a wide range of people drawn from so many countries could scarcely be contemplated, let alone carried through, without generous support from many quarters. In addition to the help received from the Government of the Soviet Union in the form of subsidies to members attending the conference, financial assistance for travel grants was contributed by the American Agricultural Economics Association, Caterpillar Tractor Co., Deere & Company, The Ford Foundation, General Foods Corporation, IBM World Trade Corporation, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Kraftco Corporation, The Charles E. Merrill Trust, Robert R. Nathan Associates, Inc., National Milk Producers Federal and the William C. Whitney Foundation.

Direct assistance in support of persons attending the Conference was provided by many institutions in sending their staff members, and The Ford Foundation and Fundacao Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation provided funds for members in the countries in which their foundations are interested.

The Agricultural Development Council, Inc., once more provided a special grant for use by the secretariat office during the interim period. This grant was used to defray the expenses in planning for the 1970 Conference.

A grant made available by the Fundacao Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation was used to support a special seminar held in Warsaw, Poland, May 27–June 1, 1968, on 'The Human Factor in Agricultural Management.' The proceedings of the seminar were published and distributed. A portion of this grant was also used to defray travel expenses in planning for the 1970 Conference.

The Association also received assistance in various forms from the support of the Institute of Agrarian Affairs, Oxford, by the Dartington Hall Trustees', and from Aberdeen University, Helsinki University and the Farm Foundation, Chicago.

Assistance by The Agricultural Development Council to the IAAE made possible, among other activities, pre-conference visits to a number of countries in Europe and North Africa by the President and to Latin America by the Secretary-Treasurer.

A short history of IAAE written by Professor Max Rolfes West Germany was available to participants at the conference.

A conference makes heavy demands on the secretarial staff, interpreters and those who operate the recording apparatus. The state of peaceful co-existence between speakers, rapporteurs and those who transcribed owed much to the diplomacy of Mr Kenneth Hunt. Our Vice-President Professor John Raeburn, was in charge of building the programme and securing speakers, and he implemented his laborious and demanding task with great success. Mr J. S. Marsh, Reading University, U.K. helped him a great deal in the extensive correspondence. On behalf of IAAE it is my privilege to express our thanks to them both for all their work. We are also very much indebted to our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Joseph Ackerman as well as to Dr. R. J. Hildreth, Farm Foundation, Chicago, who assisted him.

The themes of the last four conferences had been 'Agriculture and its term of trade', 'The role of agriculture in economic development', 'Disparities in the pace and form of agricultural and rural development' and 'The economist and farm people in a rapidly changing world'. The theme of Minsk Conference was 'Economic policies, planning and management of agriculture development—national and international'.

The plenary sessions as well as the sectional meetings were simultaneously translated into English, French, German and Russian. Owing to the encouraging experiences received in Sydney 1967 several sectional meetings were arranged and 17 different discussion groups organized. In organizing the discussion groups Mr Emerson Brooks, Washington D.C. USA followed a similar procedure to that of previous conferences. On behalf of all participants in the various groups I wish to thank him for his neverfailing patience and burning enthusiasm in building up his special sector of the programme.

An innovation for this conference was the presentation of nine selected contributed papers. The papers had been critically prescrutinized and chosen by a special committee headed by Professor Keith Campbell, Sydney, Australia.

A series of post conference tours to various points of agricultural and general interest in the USSR followed the Conference. These gave the Conference representatives an excellent opportunity to study at first hand a portion of the world with which most of them were unfamiliar.

Two meetings of the Council were held during the Conference. Representatives concerned with the World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts (WAERSA) also met during the conference; the IAAE is represented on the Editorial Board.

The Council elected as President for the triennium 1970-73 Dr. S. R. Sen, India and as Vice President Mr Kenneth Hunt, United Kingdom. The undersigned and Vice President Professor J. R. Raeburn had declared that they would not be available for re-election. Dr. Joseph Ackerman was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Once again Miss Phyllis Hooke of the Institute of Agrarian Affairs, Oxford University has carried many responsibilities over the triennium in the distribution of publications and the handling of conference papers and transcriptions of discussion. We also wish to thank Mr Kenneth Hunt, Director of Agricultural Economics Institute, Oxford, who has been in charge of editing these proceedings.

Summing up, it gives me much pleasure to record the fact that the local arrangements and the services to the participants were in able hands and we wish to express our warm thanks to our Soviet hosts for their excellent hospitality and all their efforts to the benefit of the congress.

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