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To Members of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) and subscribers to the Journal.

In the past the International Journal of Agrarian Affairs has been published irregularly, the timing of issues being largely determined by the activities of the I.A.A.E. With a few exceptions the whole circulation went to those who also subscribed to the Proceedings of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists: - a volume of 500-600 pages issued every third year. The Proceedings Volume, the Journal issues and - usually - a bulletin of Keynote papers for the next conference were covered by a single subscription for the three year inter-conference period. For the 1973-6 three year period the subscription is £5 or \$12.

The irregular and infrequent publication has caused great difficulty in distribution through normal trade channels and this, together with rapidly increasing production and postage costs, has forced a change in arrangements. A further factor has intervened. The main bulk of papers for publication during 1973-6 consisted of 25 contributed papers presented at sessions of the 15th International Conference of Agricultural Economists but not published in the Proceedings. Their nature was appreciably different from the content of the previous journal articles, including a much higher proportion of mathematical and tabular material. Such material is both costly to set in type and offers opportunities for error. Moreover, in several cases the authors could not readily be contacted to check proofs. It was, therefore, decided to reproduce direct from the original versions of the papers. In a few cases the authors made minor revisions first and in a few cases it was necessary to edit the English.

To avoid difficulties for those who bind their issues of the Journal these are being issued as supplements to the Journal - the first 17 papers in a double number in mid 1975 and the remaining 8 in a single number in mid 1976.

These 25 papers represent a somewhat larger body of material than has been included in the recent past in a set of interconference issues and it is hoped that members of the I.A.A.E. and subscribers will accept this as replacing the issues of the Journal for the 1973-6 inter-conference period. If there is preconference publication of papers or reports for the 16th Conference it is expected that they will be circulated with the 1976 Supplement in mid 1976. It might be mentioned in this connection that, with the Proceedings, subscribers will receive over 700 pages for their £5 subscription which compares favourably with the cost of most academic publications at present. The subscription rates for the two supplements for those who subscribe to the Journal only will be:- £1.50 for the double number and £0.75 for the single one plus postage and packing.

It is intended to continue the publication of the International Journal of Agrarian Affairs when arrangements suited to current cost levels and distribution arrangements have been worked out.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

1976 CONFERENCE

Contributed Papers

As in the 1973 Conference, the Executive Committee of the Association has provided time in the 1976 Conference program for presentation of selected unsolicited papers. The Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has agreed to coordinate development of this portion of the program and, in collaboration with the Conference Program Committee, to select papers to be presented at the 1976 Conference.

The general theme of the 1976 Conference will be Decisionmaking and Agriculture. Although the program is still tentative, the Conference is expected to focus upon such issues as:

- (1) The agricultural decisionmaking process within the political, economic and social goals of the economy and society as a whole;
- (2) Formal decisionmaking models in various levels: Micro, macro, regional, international;
- (3) Conflicts and their solutions between policy problems of agriculture and the economy as a whole--national level;
- (4) Decisionmaking for development and in the development process of agriculture;
- (5) Decisions pertaining to agricultural reforms with regard to contributions of agriculture to the economic development process; and
- (6) Integrated (multi-package) rural development projects: The decisionmaking problems on a regional level;
- (7) Agropolitical discussions in a regional integration (ECM, COMECON, developing countries regional integrations);
- (8) International agrarian trade and agricultural adaptation processes;
- (9) Decisions about setting priorities on a world level: growth of population and food supply.

The following information is provided for the guidance of intending contributors.

Topics

Papers on topics in any field of agricultural economics will be accepted. The selection of papers for presentation at the Conference will be based upon their intrinsic quality with preference to those having the following characteristics:

- (1) Papers having relevance in a world context. Papers solely concerned with local issues in particular countries will not be favored unless they demonstrate some methodological approach or make some point of wider import.
- (2) Papers presenting new and original approaches to problems rather than reviews of the existing literature.
- (3) Papers likely to provoke or stimulate discussion at an international conference session.

Eligibility

Papers will be accepted from both members and non-members of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, but non-members presenting papers at the Conference will be expected to join the Association in the normal way.

Final Date for Submission of Papers

Papers to be considered for inclusion in the contributed papers session of the 1976 Conference must be in the hands of the Economic Research Service coordinator

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not later than February 15, 1976. Submission of papers prior to this deadline would be helpful. The use of airmail for the transmission of manuscripts is strongly recommended.

Given the difficulty of the selection process on an international basis, the above deadline for the receipt of papers will have to be strictly adhered to. It will be impossible to consider papers received after this date.

Length of Contributions

Papers submitted for consideration should not exceed 3000 words in length (including the text and all other material such as footnotes, tables and charts). Conciseness in the form and presentation of the paper is an obvious advantage.

Preparation of Manuscripts

All manuscripts should be typewritten in single space on one side of plain white paper. Please use black typewriter ribbon and limit the text dimensions to approximately 15 cm. by 20 cm. (6.0 in. by 8.5 in.) per page. Writers of papers should use recent issues of the Proceedings of the Association as a guide to the layout of their manuscripts.

Papers will be accepted in English only. It will also help the committee if papers are linguistically satisfactory, but no paper will be rejected for any deficiency of this kind.

The Presentation of the Selected Papers

How many contributed papers will be presented and how much time will be allotted for their presentation will be determined in part by the number and quality of the papers received in response to this invitation. It is likely, however, that successful contributors will be asked to present an oral summary of their papers at the Conference rather than read the original version.

Generally speaking, it is the Executive Committee's desire that those papers selected for presentation at the Conference should be presented by the author in person. However, acceptance of a paper for inclusion in a session of contributed papers will not imply any obligation on the part of the Executive Committee to provide any travel assistance to help the author to attend the Conference. Clearly, however, acceptance of a particular author's paper should considerably enhance his prospects of securing travel assistance from employers and other national sources of financial support. The Committee reserves the right to arrange for a paper, other than that originally selected, to be presented to the Conference, if it is apparent that the author of the paper first selected is unable to attend.

Publication

It will be presumed that papers submitted for consideration have not been published elsewhere and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere while in the hands of the reviewers.

Papers not included in the Conference proceedings may be considered for publication in the International Journal of Agrarian Affairs at the discretion of the Journal's editor. Publication in that Journal will, however, be subject to the author's agreement.

Advance Notification of Intention to Submit a Paper

It would be helpful for purposes of planning of those intending to submit papers for the Conference would send to Dr. Farrell, as soon as possible, the tentative title of the proposed paper.

Any requests for further details concerning the submission of contributed papers should also be directed to Dr. Farrell.

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Editor's Note

In connection with the 15th International Conference of Agricultural Economists held in São Paulo, Brasil in August 1973 papers on subjects within the field of agricultural economics were invited. Arrangements for dealing with these Contributed Papers were in the hands of Dr. Kenneth Farrell of the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Of the papers received 25 were selected for presentation in summary form and discussion in special sessions at the conference. Of these 17 are included in this double-issue supplement to the International Journal of Agrarian Affairs; the remaining 8 will be included in a further supplement in 1976.

Technical reasons, especially rapidly rising costs, make it impractical to publish these papers in the standard form of the International Journal of Agrarian Affairs and to minimise difficulties for those who bind their copies of the Journal these papers have been issued as Supplements. 17 papers are included in the present double number and the remaining 8 will appear in mid 1976. The Editor deeply regrets any inconvenience that this may cause.

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