2017 AAEA Annual Meeting:
Abstract Submissions Now Open

AAEA is now accepting abstract submissions for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. There are a number of ways to participate and get involved in the 2017 program. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to present a paper or poster as well as organize a symposia. Please review the 2017 open calls for important criteria, submission information, and important deadlines. To submit an abstract, please visit the submission website.

2017 Call for Abstracts:
Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster-only. There is no paper-only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.

Abstracts must be received by Thursday, January 12, 2017, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online Abstract Management System. Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the
submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. To submit an abstract, please make sure that you are a 2017 AAEA member or be ready to pay the submission fee of $25. You can renew your AAEA annual dues via the “My Account” section on the AAEA website.

Review Process
All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as a poster. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email in March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

Posters
Poster authors should be available during their assigned interval during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by May 24, 2017. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions
Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 24, 2017. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the American Journal of Agricultural Economics style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online Abstract Management System

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting:
Award Nominations
Award Nominations are open for submission now through February 9, 2017. Award winners will be recognized at the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago during the AAEA Awards and Fellows Ceremony. Learn more about each annual award and how to submit a nomination at http://www.aaea.org/about–aaea/awards–and–honors/aaea–annual--awards.
Call for Proposals: 
**Organized Symposia**

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago](https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2017). Proposals are due by **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online submission system.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **Wednesday, May 24, 2017**.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Lauren Seward at lseward@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

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**New Section Announcement:**

**Specialty Crop Economics Section**

The Specialty Crop Economics Section has just formed! This new section’s objective is to bring together and offer a forum for AAEA members interested in the topical areas of marketing and consumption, trade, policy, farm and agribusiness management, sustainability and risk management for specialty crops (fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, floriculture, and nursery crops). The section will recognize outstanding economic research and extension contributions related to specialty crops.

The section fee is $10 for regular members and free for student members. We encourage you to join and help shape the focus of this section!
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

- New Appointment: Jeta Rudi, Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)

University of Connecticut

- New Appointments: Pengfei Liu, Assistant Research Professor; Rebecca Boehm, Postdoctoral Researcher
- Appointment Change: Richard Dunn, Associate Professor with tenure
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Omer Hoke, PhD, Economist, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Madiha Zaffou, PhD, Economist, Rhode Island Department of Revenues; Takero Saitoh, MS, Analyst, Louis Dreyfus Commodities
- Resignations: Yizao Liu; Adam Rabinowitz
- Visitors: Paulo Scalco, Professor at Federal University of Goias, Brazil, visiting scholar, July 2016–December 2016; Farhet Shaheen, Senior Assistant Professor, visiting scholar, September 2016–August 2017

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- Awards: Katherine Ralston, AAEA Quality of Communication–Honorable Mention; Charlotte Tuttle, AAEA Outstanding AJAE Article Award–Honorable Mention

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

- New Appointments: James Warner, Interim Head of IFPRI’s Eastern and Southern Africa Office; Samuel Scott, Associate Research Fellow
- Honorary Position: Eugenio Díaz–Bonilla, Academic Correspondent, Argentina’s National Academy of Agronomy and Veterinary

Kansas State University

- New Appointments: Jisang Yu, Assistant Professor; Edward Perry, Assistant Professor; Jesse Tack, Associate Professor; Gabriel Sampson, Assistant Professor
- Awards: Barry Flinchbaugh, ABA, the Blanchfield Award 2016; Art Barnaby, KSRE, Mentor Award 2016; Aleksan Shanoyan, Outstanding Teaching Award, Less than 10 Years of Experience, Western Agricultural Economics Association 2016

University of Maryland

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Mark Miller, PhD, Data Scientist, JP Morgan Chase; Romina Ordonez, PhD, Economist, Inter American Development Bank; Elina Tselepidakis, PhD, Economist, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

University of Missouri

- Appointment Change: Joseph L. Parcell, MFA Professor of Agribusiness
- Award: Judith Stallmann, University of Missouri Extension, Vice Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Achievement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- New Appointments: Jeffrey R. Stokes, Ronald J. Hanson Chair in Agricultural Banking and Finance; Daniela C. Manhani Mattos, Assistant Professor of Practice in Community Development
- Award: Felipe de Figuereido Silva, Widaman Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award, IANR–UNL, 2016
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Lee Kottmeyer, Visiting Researcher, CIAT, Hanoi

The Ohio State University

- Resignation: Matthew Roberts

University of Rhode Island

- Appointment Change: Simona Trandafir, Assistant Professor
- Award: Thomas Sproul, AAEA Applied Risk Analysis Section, Outstanding Contribution to Applied Risk Analysis 2015
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Andrew Bossett, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, University of Rochester; Julie Insinares–Santos, PhD, Energy Industry Analyst, Department of Analytics and Surveillance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Pratheesh Sudhakaran, PhD, Director of Operations, Full Circle Farms; Annette Bourbonniere, MS, Consultant, Mathematica Policy Research
- Leave: Hirotugu Uchida, University of Tokyo, Japan, July 2016–June 2017

Texas A&M

- Awards: Ed Rister, Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees, “Partner in Philanthropy” Faculty Award for 2017; Jeff Pate and Team, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, 2016 National Water and Energy Conservation Award; Vicky Salin, Association of Former Student, Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching; Tiffany Lashment, Member of the American Agricultural Law Association Board of Directors for 2016–2019; Luis Ribera, Director, Southern Agricultural Economics Association; Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University, 2015–2016 Regents Fellow Service Award

Virginia Tech

- Appointment Change: Gordon Groover, Associate Professor Emeritus
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Corina Clements, MS, Pre-Sales Consultant, Avolution; Jed Cohen, PhD, Postdoc/Lecturer, West Virginia University; Vanessa Carrion, PhD, National Election Council of Ecuador; Michael Barrowclough, PhD, Teaching Faculty, Illinois State University; Meredith Adams, MS, District Sales Manager Trainee, Monsanto; Sarah McKay, MS, General Mills; Alyssa Mark, MS, Program Associate, Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition Program; Savannah Block, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, The Russell Group
- Honorary Position: Kevin Boyle, Member of the Science Advisory Board’s Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, October, 2016 – September, 2019
- Return from Leave: Jeff Alwang
- Leave: Jeff Alwang, Jordan, August 2016 – December 2016
- Retirement: Gordon Groover, 33 Years of Service
Visitors: Majd Sayed Issa, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Aleppo, Syria, Visiting Scholar, August 2015 – August 2017; Jue Zhu, PhD Student, Nanjing Agricultural University, China, Graduate Student Fellow, October 2016 – September 2017; Pei Guo, Dean of the College of Economics and Management, Chinese Agricultural University in Beijing, Guest Lecturer, October 31 – November 2; Tim Beatty, Associate Professor, University of California, Davis, Guest Speaker, September 16, 2016; Ray Owens, Staff Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Guest Speaker, September 23, 2016; Amanda Countryman, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, Guest Speaker, September 30, 2016; Marc Hathaway, The Scoular Company, Guest Speaker, October 6, 2016; Derek Farnsworth, Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Guest Speaker, October 7, 2016; Jens Schubert, Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Guest Speaker, October 28, 2016; Dayton Lambert, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Guest Speaker, November 11, 2016; Pinka Chatterji, Associate Professor, State University of New York, Guest Speaker, November 18, 2016; Douglas Wrenn, Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University, Guest Lecturer, December 2016; Janet Perry, Co-editor of Choices Magazine, AAEA, December 2016; Kathryn Russ, Staff Senior Economist on the Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President, Guest Lecturer, November 2016; Roberto Garcia, Professor, University of Life Sciences, Norway, November 2016

West Virginia University

- New Appointments: Elizabeth Byrd, Teaching Assistant Professor; Jed Cohen, Post-doctorate
- Department Name Change: “Agricultural & Resource Economics” to “Resource Economics & Management”
- Award: Cheryl Brown, Associate Professor, West Virginia University IDEA Fellow, 2016–2017
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Chris Shultz, PhD, Quantitative Analyst, AVP, State Street Corp; Seth Wiggins, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Mines
- Honorary Position: Heather Stephens, Assistant Professor, North American Editor, Regional Studies, Regional Science, 2015–2018
- Leave: Mark Sperow, Associate Professor, Sabbatical, Fall 2016
- Retirement: Denny Smith, 38 years of service
- Resignation: Don Lacombe
Daniel G. Sisler
1929-2016

Daniel G. Sisler, Ph.D. '62, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics and a Cornell trustee emeritus, died November 23 in Ithaca. He was 87.

Born Sept. 25, 1929, Sisler grew up on a family farm that produced potatoes and other crops 25 miles southeast of Buffalo. As a teenager he took an interest in the family’s logging operations, selling timber to furniture makers and nearby companies like toy manufacturer Fisher-Price.

He enrolled at Purdue University with a football scholarship at the Big Ten school. After three years at Purdue, as the Cold War intensified, he took a leave of absence to enlist in the Air Force. There he became a survival and rescue specialist in an elite unit trained to parachute into mountainous areas and the Arctic to rescue pilots shot down in enemy territory. In 1952 he served in Korea before returning to the U.S. to teach survival techniques to aircraft crews.

An explosion during a training mission in March 1954 left Sisler blind in both eyes. After extensive rehabilitation in Chicago, he resumed his studies at Purdue in the summer of 1956. He recognized that his disability would impede a career in the physical sciences and so, after earning his bachelor’s degree, turned his focus to agricultural economics. After finishing his master’s degree in that field at Purdue in 1958 he joined Cornell, where his doctoral thesis on U.S. agricultural policy won him an outstanding dissertation award in 1962 from the American Agricultural Economics Association.

With many students in the early 1960s returning to school following Peace Corps service in developing countries in East Africa and Southeast Asia, Sisler shifted his research interests to economic development. For the rest of his career much of his work focused on world hunger and nutrition. Part of Sisler’s research focused on the impacts agricultural production has on the nutritional status of households in Africa and Asia.

During the final year of his doctorate in 1961 Sisler took over teaching Economics of Agricultural Geography. With Sisler at the helm, the course swelled in popularity, regularly drawing more than 600 students and requiring his lectures to be broadcast to two nearby classrooms from an auditorium at Warren Hall.

CALS Dean Emeritus David Call remarked that in addition to being a great teacher and trainer of graduate students, Sisler provided leadership to Cornell as a faculty-elected trustee and to the world at large through his service in numerous nonprofit organizations dealing with food and health. Sisler served on the Cornell Board of Trustees from 1979–84 and on the executive committee from 1982–84. He served as chairman of the general committee of the Cornell Graduate School from 1979–82, and in 1979 he also began to serve on the board of trustees at Helen Keller International, including as chairman from 1994–2006. In 2007, he earned the organization’s Spirit of Helen Keller Award for his work alleviating blindness, especially in underresourced countries and communities.

As an associate professor, Sisler won the college’s 1964 Professor of Merit Award recognizing...
excellence in undergraduate teaching. He accrued many other awards for his teaching, including the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1975; the Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1978; the Distinguished Educator Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, 1985; AAEA fellow in 1987 (the fellow’s statement is in the December 1987 AJAE); outstanding PhD thesis award in 1963; and the Outstanding Undergraduate teaching award in 1978. At least four of his graduate students received outstanding thesis awards from AAEA.

He is survived by his widow, Carol, and two sons. A public memorial service will be held Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. at Kendal at Ithaca.

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**Nataliya Plesha-Tereshchenko**

*1968-2016*

Nataliya Plesha, 48, of Storrs Mansfield, CT, died July 21, at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, after a sudden brief illness.

She was an instructor in the Agriculture Department at the University of Connecticut and was also a Visiting Assistant Professor in Economics at Eastern Connecticut State University. She was born Jan. 18, 1968 in Lviv, Ukraine, daughter of the late Lubomyra Smolnytska and Vasyl Plesha. In 1990, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Lviv Institute of Forestry and Wood Technology in Lviv.

In 1993, she earned a PhD from the Ukrainian State University of Forestry and Wood Technology in Lviv. In 2000, she came to the United States as a Fulbright scholar at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. In 2001, she was accepted at Yale University and graduated in 2003 with a Masters in Environmental Management. She met Ukrainian violinist Yaroslav Tereshchenko at the Ukrainian Festival in Stamford, CT in 2000. They were married in 2001.

At the University of Idaho, she earned a Masters in Statistics in 2006 and a Masters in Forest Products in 2008. After returning to Connecticut, she was awarded a Masters in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Connecticut in 2011. She was planning to defend her PhD dissertation in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut late this summer and had been invited to teach at Southern Connecticut University School of Business and Finance for the 2016-2017 academic year.

She leaves behind: her husband, Yaroslav Tereshchenko and their son, Dariy, both of Storrs Mansfield, CT, her father, Vasyl Plesha, of Lviv, Ukraine, and many cousins and friends.
Dr. Fabio R. Chaddad, 46, of Columbia, MO, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2016 in St. Louis, MO.

Fabio was born on December 27, 1969 in São Paulo, Brazil; the son of Reynaldo F. Chaddad and Thereza R. Chaddad. His father, Reynaldo preceded him in death and his mother, Thereza, who resides in São Paulo, survives. He was married on July 4, 1996, in Asuncion, Paraguay to Maria Rodriguez-Alcalá, a native of Paraguay, who survives of the home. Other survivors include their son, Rodrigo Chaddad (17, born in Columbia, MO) of the home and two brothers, Fernando Chaddad and Fabricio Chaddad, both residing in São Paulo.

Fabio was an academic, consultant, and mentor in the global agricultural sector. He was an Associate Professor in the department of Agricultural & Applied Economics at the University of Missouri, one the world’s top agribusiness programs. He also held a joint position at Insper, a leading center for education and research in the fields of business, economics, law and engineering in São Paulo, Brazil, where Fabio taught during summers.

His career began at ESALQ, ranked as the best agricultural college in Latin America, where he received his BS in Agronomy. Fabio earned a MS degree in Business Administration at PENSA – the University of São Paulo, an institution that shaped some of the most recognized agribusiness academic leaders in Brazil. Next, he completed his PhD in Agricultural & Applied Economics at the University of Missouri, where his research focused on organizational economics, primarily emphasizing on agricultural cooperatives. Co-ops are considered the most complex, but at the same time the most promising forms of organizations in the agriculture sector today. His first academic position was at Washington State University in Pullman, WA, followed by Insper Business School in São Paulo; and lastly his two current joint positions.

Fabio advised key players in the agricultural sector around the world, including: the United States, Brazil, India, Uruguay, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, South Korea, Australia, Ukraine, several other European countries, and Mozambique. Since very early in his career, he received various academic awards, including: the Edwin G. Nourse Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation at University of Missouri; the R.M. Wade Award for Excellence in Teaching at Washington State University; the Chafi Haddad Award for Excellence in Teaching at Insper Business School; and the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching at University of Missouri. Fabio’s most recent accomplishment is the book titled *The Economics and Organization of Brazilian Agriculture: Recent Evolution and Productivity Gains*.

Fabio was a passionate individual who lived a very intense life, constantly seeking to learn from different personalities and cultures. He enjoyed cooking, was a soccer fan, found comfort in listening to many different kinds of music, appreciated international cinema, and above all loved traveling, not just for work.

As a husband and father, Fabio will be missed the most. His struggle with cancer, although a very difficult experience for his son and wife, was also an opportunity to understand how much Fabio loved them above all. In July 2016 Fabio and Maria completed 20 years of marriage. Last year, Fabio
made sure they visited Paris, where they met in 1995 while attending a conference and a study abroad program. Until the very last minute of his life, Fabio kept supporting and also mentoring his wife so that she would continue and finish her PhD, even in the midst of such a difficult challenge.

Willard Fritz Mueller
1925-2016

MADISON – Willard Fritz Mueller, age 91, of Madison, died December 1, 2016. He was born Jan. 23, 1925, in Ortonville, Minn., the son of Fritz and Adele (Thormaehlen) Mueller. His beloved wife of 62 years, Shirley (Liesch), died December 8, 2010. Fritz is survived by three children, Keith of Madison, Scott (Ann Pfotenhauer-Mueller) of Middleton, and Kay (David Emerson) of Fall River; and two grandchildren, Nicole and Christopher Mueller of Denver, Colorado.

In 1940 Fritz moved from Wausau to Menomonie, Wis., where he attended high school. He was elected president of his junior class and was a member of the school’s stellar debate team that became state champions in 1942. In his junior year, at the age of 17, Fritz enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving until January 23, 1946, his 21st birthday. He served primarily with a Naval radar unit, Argus 21, as a Radar Technician 1st Class. Argus 21 directed Marine aircraft in the Asiatic Pacific battle areas. His airbase suffered one of the most destructive air raids of the Pacific war.

After his Naval discharge, Fritz attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received BS and MS degrees. In 1955 Fritz received a PhD degree in Economics and Law from Vanderbilt University. He became a faculty member at the University of California, Davis and University of California, Berkeley (1954–1957) and the University of Wisconsin–Madison (1957–1960).


In April 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mueller Executive Director of the President's Cabinet Committee on Price Stability, equivalent to an Assistant Secretary in a cabinet department, differing only as he reported to four Cabinet members and the President. In January 1969, Mueller returned to his position at the FTC.

In October 1969, Fritz received an appointment at the University of Wisconsin as William F. Vilas Research Professor in the departments of Agricultural Economics, Economics, and Law, where he played a leading role in creating a 15–University consortium to research the competitive performance of various industries. For 14 years Fritz served as the Chairman of the group's Executive Committee
and together with his friend, Prof. Bruce Marion and their graduate students, conducted many important studies, often at the request of Congressional Committees. From 1960 to 1996, Fritz was invited to testify 28 times before Congressional Committees.

For his scholarly achievements, Fritz was appointed a Fellow of the (former) American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), which captured the essence of his economic philosophy when it said: "Friends and Adversaries agree that Mueller is unintimidated by special interests, unafraid of controversial issues, and dedicated to making the American economic system perform justly as well as economically." The Association also honored Fritz with awards for Professional Excellence in "Policy Contribution" in 1980, "Quality of Communication" in 1985, and "Quality of Research Discovery" in 1988. In 2007, Mueller was honored as one of the major 'European and American Pioneers of Industrial Organization," his field of specialization.

Fritz started his own consulting firm (Argus Economics) in 1980. With help from his son Scott, daughter Kay and Frederick Geithman, Argus Economics represented clients for the next 15 years whose rights were infringed upon by companies violating Anti–trust laws. The only case Fritz lost was when a judge overturned the jury decision.

Fritz was a founding member of the Madison chapter of "Veterans for Peace," was elected president of two economic associations, served on the board of editors of four economic journals, and authored or co–authored 16 books, two of which were translated to Japanese and republished in Japan.

A memorial service will be held to honor Fritz's life and work at the FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MADISON, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison, Wis., on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. Visitation will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with services at 5:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the family for an establishment of a scholarship fund in Fritz’s honor.

Other News

Call for Submissions:

**2017 Economics and Managements of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Meeting**

The SCC–76 “Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources” Group is soliciting submissions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, taking place March 30 – April 1, 2017, in Pensacola Beach, FL.

The objective of the conference is to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of applied approaches to risk analysis, economics, and policy – both empirical and theoretical – as well as to nurture the development and application of dynamic and original research efforts related to agriculture and natural resources. Applied work in domains of government, industry, and academia are most welcome.

Abstracts should normally not exceed two double–spaced pages and should outline the research question, methodology, and results of the research. Authors are welcome to submit abstracts for finished papers as well as papers in the early stages of development. All papers relevant to risk in agricultural and applied economics and their constituent fields will be considered. When submitting a paper, please indicate whether you would like a discussant. Requesting a discussant means you agree to discuss another paper.
Abstracts should be submitted by email (PDF only) no later than December 15, 2016, to abstracts@agriskgroup.org. Authors will be informed whether their papers are accepted by December 23, 2016. If a discussant is requested, a draft paper will be due by March 1, 2017. The group’s website is: https://www.agriskgroup.org/

Call for Papers and Symposia

NAREA 2017 Annual Meeting

Washington, DC
June 11 – 13, 2017
Submission Deadline: February 10, 2017
Abstracts can be submitted starting December 12, 2016.

Annual Meeting: Selected paper sessions, organized sessions, and a poster session allow scholars to share their current research. We are also experimenting this year with discussion symposia. We welcome submissions in all areas of environmental, natural resource, and agricultural economics.


Selected Paper Proposals: Selected paper submissions should include: (i) the title of paper; (ii) names and institutional affiliations of the author and co-authors; (iii) name and e-mail address of paper presenter; (iv) an abstract of no more than 500 words; and (v) 2–4 keywords. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, clarity of writing, and fit within conference topics. Some abstracts may be invited to present as a poster in a poster session instead of in a paper session. If an author submits more than one abstract, he or she may be limited to one presentation. Selected paper proposals should be submitted through NAREA's submission system at http://www.narea.org/2017/.

If you would like to submit an organized session, please have each author submit his or her abstract as above. The organizer must also (by the submission deadline) submit through the “organized session” form: a list of all titles that belong in the session, a title for the session, and a brief (a sentence or two) explanation of the topical relationship among the papers in the session and why the session topic would be of interest to meeting attendees. The organized session may be accepted in whole, in part (and the accepted papers assigned to other sessions), or may be rejected.

Discussion Symposium Proposals: New this year! A discussion symposium allows a more fluid and multilateral format for engagement with works in progress or “hot topics” in the field. A symposium may include prepared questions for two or more panelists, a debate, a roundtable, or another format. Regardless, half of the time (out of a session of 85 or 90 minutes) should be allocated for discussion with or questions from the audience. To propose a discussion symposium, submit through the “discussion symposium” form: names of the participants, the title of the symposium, and a paragraph describing what you would do in the symposium and why it would be of interest to meeting attendees.
Submissions are invited to the XV EAAE Congress in Parma, Italy. The call for contributions is as follows:

**2017 EAAE in Parma, Italy: Call for Contributions**

Agri-food systems in Europe and elsewhere often face conflicting incentives and signals arising from markets and society, and need to make trade-offs. Sustainability advocacy groups are putting societal concerns like animal welfare, food safety, cultural heritage, food sovereignty, and carbon footprint on the agenda of policy makers and stakeholders in the food value chain. However, there are many challenges to overcome, especially when more sustainable food systems face conflicting goals, and households' purchasing decisions are mainly price-driven.

Policy makers, therefore, face increasing challenges in balancing these concerns. The nature of challenges has changed over time with new technologies becoming available, with the ongoing innovation and transition to the bio-based economy, with an increasing share of the population living in urban areas, and with many markets becoming global. Some of these changes are subtle as borders between rural and urban areas are gradually disappearing, and cities are integrating agricultural activities within their boundaries.

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) scientific community is key to providing insights into the economic challenges and opportunities arising from the changing expectations and requirements from markets and society on agriculture. The XV EAAE Congress aims to foster discussion and interaction among scholars with representatives from business, society and policy agencies.

The EAAE board has appointed the Program Committee to organize the scientific program of the Congress. The Local Organizing Committee and the Program Committee are striving to arrange a very stimulating and innovative Congress program consisting of organized sessions, organized panels, invited plenary presentations, contributed papers, posters, as well as field trips.

In particular, policy makers, societal stakeholders, and agribusiness representatives shall contribute to the program through organized panels which have an open format and do not require a scientific paper. Organized panels could be thought as sort of a "round table" discussion, moderated by an "external" figure to the presenting/debating panelists, which may also feature one or two presentations by academics. A formal scientific paper is not required to encourage the participation by NGOs, producer/industry groups representatives, or any other stakeholder who may not be accustomed to submitting a formal paper. A four-person panel, in which academia, industry, NGO/stakeholder/societal groups and policy representatives are present and deliver their presentation/speech for 15 minutes each, may be the best format. The remaining 30 minutes could be employed for discussion – solicited by the moderator – or for answering questions from the audience. In order to facilitate stakeholder participation to the organized panels daily
participation fees will be foreseen, in case a one day presence is anticipated. Hopefully, the XV EAAE Congress in Parma will provide an interactive platform for researchers and representatives from non–academic institutions.

**Call for papers, organized sessions, and posters**
Contributed papers and posters as well as organized sessions are welcomed from all fields of agricultural, food, environmental and rural economics, and related disciplines.

The *deadlines for submission* are:
- Contributed papers: **January 31, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **March 15, 2017**
- Organized panels: **March 15, 2017**
- Posters: **April 1, 2017**

*Notification of acceptance:*
- Contributed papers: **April 14, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **April 21, 2017**
- Organized panels: **April 21, 2017**
- Posters: **April 21, 2017**

Final versions of contributed papers and posters due: **June 5, 2017**.

Meanwhile, you can also **Stay in Touch** with the organization on the social media referenced throughout the website or via the Newsletter. Any help in spreading the word about the Call for Contribution and the Congress Social Media presence will be greatly appreciated!

**Contribution Submission and Registration**
Contributions submission and registration will be managed through ConfTool Pro, via the Congress website, or directly at [https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/](https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/).

Conference registration (at a later date) will be possible only by participants with a valid EAAE membership. Please note that this condition will be strictly enforced! To learn more about the benefits of and conditions for becoming an EAAE Member, please visit the Association [page](https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/).

The early opening of a ConfTool Pro account, besides the Congress Social Media and Newsletter, will guarantee you are up to date with any further detail on deadlines and the Congress itself.

The flyer containing the Call for Contributions, Deadlines for Submission, and other pieces of information related to the XV EAAE Congress is available for you to download and share here: [XV EAAE Congress Flyer](https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/).

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**Call for Applications:**

**IMMANA Fellowships**

The Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are pleased to announce the third of four planned rounds of Post–Doctoral Fellowships for Emerging Leaders in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research (IMMANA Fellowships), funded with UK aid from the UK government through the Department for International Development (DFID). For 2017–2018, IMMANA will award six 12–month post–doctoral fellowships to early career researchers who are using and developing or adapting these new methodological approaches with mentors in ongoing research programs in low– and middle–income countries (LMICs).
Eligible candidates will have completed a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DPH, MD, DVM or similar terminal degree) in any field related to agriculture, nutrition or health research and practice, and are seeking a career in research, education, and engagement at the intersection of two or more of these fields. Eligible candidates should have no more than three years of post-PhD experience prior to their proposed Fellowship start date. We anticipate that IMMANA Fellows will bring diverse perspectives to leadership in agriculture, nutrition, and health. IMMANA Fellowships will aim for equal representation of women and men, and we particularly welcome applications from citizens of LMIC countries.

Applicants must propose to conduct fieldwork or other research under the joint supervision of two mentors, one from the applicant’s current or previous employer or academic institution, and one from a host institution where the applicant proposes to advance their work. At least one of the two mentors must be physically located in Africa or Asia. The two mentors need not have equal roles in the project, but having both be involved should help accelerate research and sharing of ideas between the Fellow’s home and host environments. Selection will give preference to applicants who have research or faculty appointments in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, but applicants may be of any nationality and have earned their doctorate anywhere.

Applications are submitted in a two-stage process. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to submit a concept note to confirm eligibility and receive valuable feedback. Concept notes should be submitted as soon as possible, and will be accepted on a rolling basis until February 1, 2017. Applicants must submit a full proposal by February 28, 2017 and selected candidates will be notified no later than May 1, 2017. IMMANA Fellows must then begin their 12-month projects between the dates of June 1, and December 31, 2017. Both forms are available online at http://immanafellowships.submittable.com. Enquiries and other documentation should be sent by email to immanafellowships@tufts.edu