The Chair’s Welcome!

Thank you to all our members who submitted proposals for the AEM Section Track Sessions. We received 12 proposals! With only 4 allocated tracks, we were able to accept 6 proposals by co-sponsoring with other sections. I want to encourage all members to attend as many as possible, since future track allocations depend on attendance.

As you start planning your summer, consider attending the WERA-72 meetings, more information below.

**AEM Elections April 15 - May 15.** We will be electing a new chair-elect, secretary-treasurer and member-at-large for research. Your vote is important!

Have a great rest of the semester and hope to see you in Chicago.

Lia Nogueira  
*AEM Section Chair*

Section News, in brief

- As of December 2016, we have 373 members, of which nearly 22% are international members and 55% are graduate students.

- Our pre-meeting treasury account balance was $20,939.67.

- Once again, we have a very robust program at the annual meeting, including two “stand-alone” AEM track sessions and four jointly-sponsored sessions, the GSS-AEM case study competition, and we are co-sponsoring a pre-conference workshop.

AEM Highlights at the 2017 AAEA Meeting

**July 29**

Pre-conference Workshop: Econometric Methods for High-Dimensional Data

**July 30**

AEM/GSS Case Study Competition

**July 31**

Business Meeting  
Section Reception
2017 Track Sessions

- Agribusiness Theory and Research
- Attracting and Retaining Generation Y in the Agribusiness Industry
- Management in Tomorrow’s Digital Agriculture – joint with AFM
- U.S. Distillers’ Grains Industry Analysis – joint with AFM
- Analysis of Organic Supply Chains at the Retail, Production and Trade Levels – joint with FAMPS
- Food Fraud: Economic Analysis of Fraud in Supply Chains and Consumer Behavior Implications – joint with FAMPS

WERA-72 Annual Meeting
June 12-13, 2017
Boise, Idaho

The Future of Agribusiness Research, Teaching and Extension

Food and agriculture industries are in interesting times. If we as academics are going to be relevant for the industry going forward, it is imperative that we as a group stop to sharpen our saw. That is the intent of this year’s WERA 72 meetings. The leadership has devoted a full day of the annual meeting for participants to work through ideas on the future of the industries we serve and ponder how we might respond as academics involved in agribusiness programs. On the second day of the meeting, we will hear about work participants are doing, as well as another group discussion on funding possibilities.

More information and call for proposals can be found on the WERA-72 website at wera72.org

Featured Speakers:
KERRY LITZENBERG - Teaching
Regents Professor
Minnie Stevens Piper Professor
Texas A&M University

DAVE DOWNEY – Extension/Outreach
Professor Emeritus
Executive Director, Center for Food and Agricultural Business
Purdue University

STEVE SONKA – Research (Big Data)
Professor Emeritus
Agricultural and Consumer Economics
University of Illinois

AEM will provide a $250 registration subsidy per person for the first 10 AEM members who register for the WERA meetings.
GSS-AEM Case Study Competition

The Case Study Competition continues to be one of our “main events” at the AAEA meetings.

We owe a collective THANK YOU to James Sterns and Jeff Harvey for providing the case study for last year’s competition, Burgerville—Fresh out of Local and Sustainable.

The 2016 student team competition winners were,

- First Place: Oklahoma State University, Kelsey Conley, Jacob Manlove, Bart Niyibizi
- Second Place: Kansas State University, Pacem Kotchofa, Bowen Chen, Ralph Amah
- Third Place: GA-Purdue, Luis Moisés Peña-Lévano, Grace Rocio Melo

In Remembrance

Fabio Chaddad

Fabio passed away on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. 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. Previously Fabio held faculty positions at Washington State University and Insper Business School in Brazil. He was devoted to academic excellence in the area of using organizational rules to explain economic performance. During his 20-year productive career, he won numerous awards, published articles in the most notable journals in the field and authored the book “The Economics and Organization of Brazilian Agriculture: Recent Evolution and Productivity Gains”. Fabio was a valuable member of AEM, WERA-72, NCERA-210 and IFAMA. He will be greatly missed.

Pre-conference Workshop

Econometric Methods for High-Dimensional Data
Saturday, July 29, 2017

Speaker: Christian Hansen
University of Chicago

Christian B. Hansen studies applied and theoretical econometrics, the uses of high-dimensional statistical methods in economic applications, estimation of panel data models, quantile regression, and weak instruments. In 2008, Hansen was named a Neubauer Family Faculty Fellow, and he was named the Wallace W. Booth professorship in 2014.

Basic Info
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Registration: 7:30 am
Student Cost: $15
Professional Cost: $40
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MEMBERSHIP

The AEM Section provides a place for all AAEA members working in or interested in agribusiness economics and management. Our goal is to share ideas and perspectives, and collaboratively learn and advance agribusiness scholarship. We urge those with interest in management and the agribusiness sector to become a section member and to contact the Executive Committee to express your interest and program ideas.

AEM membership is open to current members of the AAEA. Once a member of AAEA, membership in AEM is $15 per year for regular member status, while graduate and undergraduate student membership is FREE. You can learn more about joining at the AAEA membership page,

http://www.aaea.org/membership

Mark your Calendar!

The 2017 AAEA meetings will be in Chicago, July 30 to August 1.

http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2017-aaea-annual-meeting/