

AAEA News

2018 AAEA Annual Meeting

Thank you

AAEA would like to thank everyone who traveled and participated in the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. We had over 1,700 attendees and over 700 presenters. Please take some time to complete the brief online survey. An email was sent out on Friday to all attendees.

We hope to see everyone at the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA July 21–23!



AAEA/AARES Heading South Award

Call for Applications

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to attend the 2019 AARES Conference in Melbourne. It is available to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in North America. Applicants for the award can be a member of either AARES or AAEA but must be a member of AARES to participate in the conference.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of \$3,000 USD to be used to assist the winner's participation in the 2019 AARES Annual Conference to be held in Melbourne, Australia from February 12–15, 2019.

Selection Process

The 2019 Heading South Selection Committee will be chaired by the AAEA President, David Zilberman.

Other members will include the President of AARES, Suzi Kerr, Phil Pardey, President of the AARES North America Branch, and another member of AAEA.

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AARES Annual Conference in Melbourne, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Kristen McGuire by Friday, September 14, 2018 (for travel in February 2019).

Obituary

Seamus Sheehy **1935- 2018**



Prof Seamus J Sheehy, who died in Dublin on July 20th aged 83, had substantial influence over the evolution of agricultural policy and development for close on 40 years. Over the years he advised many government ministers directly or indirectly on relevant matters, and he participated in many departmental groups dealing with commodity issues. He carried out a number of studies for and served as an adviser to several State bodies.

He also advised farming organizations and was very well known and respected for his frequent press, radio and television contributions. Whenever there was any new development or crisis in the agricultural policy arena or in the farm economy, Sheehy's opinion would be among the first to be sought.

One of his main strengths was his knowledge of the impact and evolution of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). In that context, perhaps his best-known contribution was his work on justifying the introduction of the dairy quota in 1984, much against the wishes of the agricultural establishment, and it indicated his astute reading of the market realities and budgetary situation facing the dairy sector at that time.

His correct reading of the situation was further illustrated when, 30 years later, and acknowledging the new realities, he recommended the ending of that policy. In all his professional activities he was very protective of his professional integrity and independence, a stance which never prevented him from having his opinion sought by those who might previously have been the subject of his criticism.

Famous Cartoon

He often incurred the wrath of politicians. There was a famous cartoon in a leading farming newspaper depicting Charlie Haughey expressing his displeasure at Sheehy's comments on a farming issue of the day, with the caption: "How can we get rid of this turbulent Professor!"

Sheehy was born in Ballyporeen in south Tipperary, the second-youngest of seven children, and brought up on a small dairy farm. He was educated at Mitchelstown Christian Brothers School and, after graduating from UCD with a first class honors degree in Agricultural Science in 1957, he worked in the Department of Agriculture in Johnstown Castle for two years on crop research. He received an assistantship in Pennsylvania State University, from where he graduated with a PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1964.

He then returned to Ireland and was the first agricultural economist appointed to the staff of UCD. In 1969, he was appointed statutory lecturer and head of the newly created Department of Agricultural Economics, and was made professor some years later. It was during these early years in UCD that he met and married Síle O'Neill, a research economist in An Foras Talúntais.

In his teaching role he took particular interest in the performance and welfare of his students

After taking up his appointment in UCD his main function was the organization and teaching of agricultural economics. His own special area of interest was agricultural policy, but he also taught statistical analysis, price

theory and production economics. He managed to allocate about one-third of his time to research, which was generally of an applied nature, addressing the practical problems arising in Irish agriculture – mainly focused on the livestock sector, and largely conditioned by the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

Major Studies

He carried out major studies along the way, including a cost/benefit analysis of the controversial Bovine TB Eradication Program, another on the implications for Ireland of the McSharry reform of the CAP, and reviews of ongoing developments in the agricultural sector for State bodies.

In his teaching role he took particular interest in the performance and welfare of his students. In the earlier years he might have had some hundreds of papers to correct from the summer undergraduate examinations, and this exercise caused him particular anxiety. He would be disappointed and concerned that some students didn't do as well as he wanted them to do, and became self-critical about the content of the course or the manner in which it was taught.

In this respect it was a constant concern of his to achieve the best possible outcomes for his students. In 1989 the remit of his department was extended and became the Department of Agribusiness, Extension and Rural Development. In the administration of his department he was a tough but fair taskmaster and fought for and ably represented his department in college affairs. His record as a competent and progressive educator is reflected in the quality of his graduates and the many who have achieved senior positions of responsibility in the world of banking, commerce, the media, politics and State organizations.

In 1987 he was invited to become a director of AIB and served in that capacity until 1995. He received much acclaim for his surefooted chairing of a critical board meeting where major issues were dealt with in an efficient and decisive manner.

World Population

A second area of interest was the Third World, in relation to which he taught a course on world population and food, embracing the interaction of developed with developing countries. These interests were wide and varied, and included being Chairman of a Gorta project committee, visiting Sudan and Tanzania on missions for the Agency for Personal Service Overseas (APSO) and the Higher Education for Development Cooperation (HEDCO), and acting as a consultant on a UN Food and Agriculture Organization livestock development project for Turkey. He also participated in a World Bank project on policy analysis in Uganda and Malawi.

He took a very active interest in the development of agricultural economics as a profession, being a founder-member of the Agricultural Economics Society of Ireland and a member of the respective international societies. He was a joint author of three books on agricultural economics and author of an extensive array of articles and research papers.

Agricultural economics was his passion but his love of gardening at home and in his holiday retreat in Brittany provided a welcome and enjoyable respite.

He is survived by his wife Síle, his children Ruth, Kevin and Garret, grandchildren Oscar, Cuan, Emilia and Juliette, and brother Maurice.

Other News

2018 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science

Istanbul, Turkey

AAEA Members receive a 15% discount on Registration

[2018 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science \(ICAFS 2018\)](#) in Istanbul, Turkey on October 28–30, 2018. (>>[General Information](#)). The conference is co-organized by Asia-Pacific Association of Science,

Engineering and Technology, [Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute](#) and Celal Bayar University.

Topics – It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agronomy, Agriculture and Plant Biotechnology; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Forestry Science and Wood Research; 5. Food Science; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related

Engineering, Economic & Management, etc. (>>[More topics](#))

Conference Book and Program – All accepted abstracts will be published in conference abstract book after register. The conference will last two days, detailed [program please refer here](#).

Venue – Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center. (>>[More about venue](#))

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Istanbul. (>>[Register here](#))

Please also bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#)).

Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program at UCLA Law

Thanks to generous funding from Bob Barker, UCLA Law School is pleased to offer the Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program ("UCLA ALP Program"). The UCLA ALP Program exists to encourage new research, with the goal of developing better empirical bases from which to understand, evaluate, and pursue animal law reform. Applicants from a variety of academic disciplines – including economics, sociology, demography, social psychology, moral psychology, medicine, plant-based nutritional science, cognitive science, law, public health, and public policy – are encouraged to apply. The UCLA ALP Program has two goals:

Fostering sound empirical – quantitative or qualitative – knowledge related to human uses of animals, alternatives to uses of animals, and humans' relationship to animals, which animal law and policy academics and practitioners could use to develop animal law and policy reform applications.

Supporting empirical research that enables animal law and policy academics and practitioners to develop increasingly more sophisticated understandings of the impact of public policies and laws that affect animals

directly or indirectly. Read more here: <https://law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/animal-law-grants-program/about/> For questions, please contact the UCLA ALP Program through email: alp@law.ucla.edu.

2018 FDRS Student Food Marketing Challenge Call for Participation

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Food Distribution Research Society will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia, from September 14 – September 18, 2018. The conference will be held in conjunction with United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Credit, Farmers Market Coalition, and National Value-Added Conference under the umbrella of the “2018 Direct Agricultural Marketing Summit.”

The Student Food Marketing Challenge Competition will be held on September 15. The competition will provide students with the opportunity to play the role of consultants for an industry client, as they apply their knowledge of food distribution, marketing, management, economics, and merchandising to a real world problem. Details about the client and case challenge will be disclosed to teams two weeks in advance of the competition.

Representatives from the company will give an overview of the challenge and conduct team interviews on the day of the competition. The first round of presentations will occur on Saturday afternoon (September 15), in which teams will compete to give a bid presentation to the company’s executive team during the final round on Saturday evening. Teams can consist of 3 to 5 undergraduate and masters-level students, however the majority of the team members must be undergraduate students. Registration fees are \$350 and teams should register for the competition by August 17, 2018.

Registration includes attendance to all FDRS case events. For more information, please contact the VP of Student Programs, Lurleen Walters, at lurleen.walters@msstate.edu, and Assistant VP of Student Programs, Elizabeth Canales, at elizabeth.canales@msstate.edu or visit <https://www.fdrsinc.org/> and <https://localfoodeconomics.com/agsummit/>.

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