

## President's Column

### February 2020



I will begin by thanking those who have given comments on the [draft AAEA strategic plan](#). This is an opportunity to develop important priorities for our association. This will guide programming and budget decisions in years ahead. Our board will review the input from members to develop a final version that will be shared with the profession.

Our sessions at ASSA were well-received and the T.W. Schultz lecture by Susan Athey gave our members a fascinating insight into her work on causality in machine learning contexts. I encourage our profession to pursue these applications to enhance the opportunities in both academia and in the private sector.

Plans are coming together for the summer meetings with a variety of posters, papers, and organized symposia. Several pre/post conferences are being prepared for your consideration. New events and student competitions are coming together to lead me to be excited about the program at this year's conference. A pre-conference workshop in particular that I will mention is one that Ashok Mishra and others have gone to great lengths to develop a workshop regarding careers in the private sector. Ultimately, I hope that we can attract those who work in the private sector to maintain members and engage in our professional meetings.

Finally, I want to speak to you regarding engagement on policy issues. Our tradition of policy engagement is robust and has been impactful. For those of us in the scientific community, we must staunchly defend our right and responsibility to be objective and avoid the appearance of partisanship. Our value is in our unbiasedness. However, we increasingly confront a policy environment that asks us to pick sides or may provoke us to have a preference. One of the experiences that taught me is a conversation with a congressional staffer who simply could not comprehend our aspiration to be objective. Being relevant also demands we engage with policymakers and thought leaders in language they can understand. The graduate student section is organizing a new contest for

### Kansas City, MO Fun Fact Friday

#### February 21, 2020

How much fun is KC? Worlds of fun. In 1973, KC finally got its own theme park, Worlds of Fun--based on Jules Verne book "Around the World in 80 Days."  
#AAEAKC20 #FunFactFriday  
#WorldsOfFun

#### February 28, 2020

Kansas City has a place for everybody... even your furry friends! Enjoy a nice afternoon at one of KC's popular off-leash dog parks: Shawnee Mission, Stoll Park, Penn Valley Dog Park, Gregory O. Grounds Park, and Wayside Waifs Bark Park.  
#AAEAKC20 #FunFactFriday  
#DogParkLife

*Catch all of the #FunFactFriday on Twitter and Facebook.*

graduate students that will engage them in presenting policy analysis to policymakers. I applaud the initiative the graduate section has shown to prepare themselves for this important professional role.

**Keith Coble**  
***AAEA President***

## AAEA News

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### **AAEA Strategic Plan**

The AAEA Board has developed an updated Strategic Plan for the association. This plan will be a framework that will help guide the Board's decision-making over the next 5–10 years. A draft of the Strategic Plan is available online [here](#).

The AAEA Board welcomes any comments and suggestions for edits to this plan from AAEA members. Following this comment period and final Board review, this plan will be implemented within the next couple of months.

Please send any comments and edits to the Strategic Plan to AAEA Executive Director, Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by **Friday, February 28**.

We appreciate your comments and feedback!

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### **2020 AAEA Annual Meeting**

#### ***Travel Grants***

2020 Travel Grant submissions are open. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, on July 26–28. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The deadline for the 2020 Travel Grants is **May 15, 2020**. Notifications will be sent in June.

[Domestic  
Travel Grants](#)

[International  
Travel Grants](#)

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**2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop*****Save the Date***

Chicago, IL

*Reception May 6 at 6:00 pm*

**May 7–8, 2020**

**Registration fee: \$40**

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach and develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250 word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to [mannen@aea.org](mailto:mannen@aea.org). If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414–918–3190. The deadline for applications is **March 17, 2020**. For additional information and initial agenda, visit the webpage: <https://www.aea.org/membership/mentorship-programs/2020-aea-mentoring-research-workshop>

All events will take place at:

[University Club of Chicago](#)

76 East Monroe Street

Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:

[The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel](#)

17 East Monroe Street

Chicago, IL 60603

The group rate is \$179 per night. The deadline for our room block is **April 15, 2020**.

[Reserve your group rate room at \\$179 per night HERE.](#)

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**Call for Submissions: AAEA Invited Paper Sessions*****2021 ASSA Annual Meeting***

President-Elect Dawn Thilmany McFadden is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA Invited Paper sessions at the 2021 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, January 3–5, 2021.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that

1. Cover issues of national and international importance,
2. Expand capabilities and tools for economic research, and
3. Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceeding issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction. Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting. Please send proposals by **May 28, 2020**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at [mannen@aea.org](mailto:mannen@aea.org).

### **CWAE & COSBAE 2020 Survey**

The Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) and the Committee on the Opportunities & Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE) are undertaking a survey of all individuals within the agricultural and applied economics profession. Your input is critical so that results can be used to identify meaningful ways to strengthen our profession and start new initiatives that will benefit all members. We appreciate your participation in this survey. It should not take more than 20 minutes. For more information or for any questions, please contact [CWAE.COSBAE.survey@gmail.com](mailto:CWAE.COSBAE.survey@gmail.com).

[Participate in the survey HERE](#)

## Other News

### **International Food and Agribusiness Management Review**

#### ***Call for Applications for Executive Editor***

The International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA) publishes the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review (IFAMR) to serve the academic and managerial interests of IFAMA members. The IFAMR objective is to be recognized as the leading global agribusiness journal. It publishes research papers built on sound methodology, that are relevant, clearly written, easy to read, and emphasize the broad discussion of empirical findings to create managerial value for the agribusiness community. IFAMR also publishes quality agribusiness teaching cases. IFAMR is published through Wageningen Academic Publishers.

IFAMA seeks applications for a four-year term as Executive Editor of the IFAMR starting **July 1, 2020**. The major responsibilities include managing the review process for approximately 200 papers per year. Approximately 50 papers are published each year in four quarterly issues. In addition, IFAMR publishes

approximately two special issues each year, typically under the leadership of one or more guest editors. A team of Managing Editors assist the Executive Editor with the review process, including assigning papers to reviewers, soliciting and selecting reviewers, and making editorial decisions. A coeditor with a four-year term will be added starting **July 1, 2022**.

IFAMA will provide an annual stipends to the Executive Editor

Applications will be accepted from either an individual or a team of two or more individuals. All applicants must have a history of IFAMA involvement and be currently active members of the Association or have a demonstrated equivalent experience. The application should include 1) a letter indicating why the applicant(s) believe(s) he/she/they could fulfill the duties of editorship; 2) a statement of editorial philosophy and how it furthers IFAMA members interests; 3) evidence of institutional support, which might include a letter from each person's administrator or supervisor; 4) a curriculum vita for each person applying for the position; and 5) contact information. Applications should be sent in confidence by e-mail to: Kathryn White, Executive Director, IFAMA ([mkwhite@ifama.org](mailto:mkwhite@ifama.org)). Applications will be reviewed starting **March 20, 2020**, and the search will continue until a successful applicant is identified. The top candidates will be interviewed by the Executive Editor Search Committee.

The selected Executive Editor(s) will assume responsibility **July 1, 2020**, following a mutually agreed transition overlap with the current Editor. All applicants will be notified of the decision shortly after an appointment is confirmed.

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## **Winter School 2020 in Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics** ***New Scholarships***

This one-week [Winter School](#) will be held Monday, March 16–Friday, March 20, at the Agribusiness Center on the Arizona State University Polytechnic campus. The school, run by leading applied and agricultural economists, will provide an in-depth introduction to basics of survey design, experimental methods, and data analysis.

### [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Scholarship](#)

The AAEA Trust of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association is providing \$5,600 for Winter School scholarships. Seven students will receive scholarships in the amount of \$800 each. To apply for the scholarship, submit your CV and a maximum of two pages as PDF, no more than 800 words, Times New Roman, 12pt, 1 inch margins, 1.5 space, explaining why you should be considered for an AAEA Trust Winter School Scholarship to Carola Grebitus: [carola.grebitus@asu.edu](mailto:carola.grebitus@asu.edu)

Deadline for submissions is **February 25, 2020**. <https://research.wpcarey.asu.edu/fab-lab/winter-school/scholarships/>

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**The Argentinean, Chilean, and Uruguayan Agricultural Economics Associations, and the International Association of the Agricultural Economists (IAAE) Invite you to the 2nd Inter-Conference Symposium and 6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria**

**“The Role of the Agribusiness Sector in the Sustainable Development of Latin American Economies”  
Montevideo, October 7–9, 2020**

The abstract submission site for the Inter-Conference symposium will open February 10, 2020 and the deadline for reception will be **April 30th, 2020**. However, young professionals applying for partial support need to submit no later than **April 20th, 2020**.

Further details including guidelines and topics for the submission of abstracts can be found at <http://iaae-montevideo2020.com>

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**Agriculture and Economic Development**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> International Workshop in Memory of Yair Mundlak**

Rehovot, Israel, June 18–19, 2020

**Keynote Speaker: Dean Karlan, Northwestern University**

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Environmental Economics and Management of the Hebrew University and the Center for Agricultural Economic Research will host an international workshop on "Agriculture and Economic Development" in memory of Professor Yair Mundlak. The workshop will take place on the campus of the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment in Rehovot, Israel, during June 18–19, 2020.

The program of the workshop will include both invited and contributed presentations. We solicit cutting-edge papers in the broad area of the theme of the workshop, including the Economics of Food, Agriculture, Development, Natural Resources and the Environment.

Those interested in presenting a paper at this workshop should submit an extended abstract or a complete paper, and include the name, position, and affiliation of the proposed presenter, to [mundlak.workshop@gmail.com](mailto:mundlak.workshop@gmail.com), before March 31, 2020. Preference will be given to those submitting complete papers.

There is no registration fee for presenters, but participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Information on local accommodations will be provided.

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### **The Food Distribution Research Society – Extended Deadlines**

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **2020 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing & Richardson–Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**.

Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

#### **Richardson–Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**

##### Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed degree between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered and 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year.

##### Award

- One travel stipend for each of the following categories: best PhD Dissertation (\$1,500) or best MS Thesis (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2020 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX, October 9–14, 2020.
- The PhD recipient is invited to present his/her research during the FDRS Applebaum–Richardson Award Luncheon.

##### Application steps

Submit the following as one PDF file in the following order to [KathyKelley@psu.edu](mailto:KathyKelley@psu.edu) by **February 28, 2020**. When labeling your PDF files, please include your first and last name and name of your university.

- Statement of Intent form.
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis.

#### **Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**

##### Eligibility

- The competition is open to all undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered and 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year.

#### Award

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper.
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2020 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX, October 9–14, 2020.

#### Application steps

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- Statement of Intent form.
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- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper.

For more information and to access the Statement of Intent forms please visit the FDRS website at <https://www.fdrsinc.org/fdrs-awards/#apple> or contact the FDRS's Vice President of Education; Dr. Kathy Kelley at [KathyKelley@psu.edu](mailto:KathyKelley@psu.edu).

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#### **16th Conference International Section**

October 9–10, 2020, Athens, Greece

*Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy*

[www.etagro.gr/2020](http://www.etagro.gr/2020)

#### **The Aim of the Conference**

The Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economics (ETAGRO) is pleased to invite contributors across the globe to attend the *International Section in Agricultural Economics* which is going to be part of the *16th Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association*, held in the historic and lively city of Athens during October 2020. The main theme of the *International Section* of the Conference is *Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security, and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy*.

Modern agriculture is both causing and being affected by radical transformations in agri-food systems as well as acute climate change-related risks. Various health issues caused by globalized diets, as well as the persisting problems of hunger and malnutrition, bring food and nutrition security to the forefront of scientific and political discourse. On the other hand, extreme and unpredictable adverse climatic events already affect agriculture, exacerbating the long-standing problems of resource



depletion and environmental degradation. Therefore, profound economic, social, and environmental impacts are expected, thus rendering the quest for sustainability even more complicated and demanding.

In this context, Bio-economy can make a decisive contribution in tackling often contradicting issues such as climate change or terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem degradation on one hand, and the growing demand for increased production of agricultural products and foodstuffs on the other.

Bio-economy is a vast and important sector in the European Union and includes agriculture, silviculture, fishery, foodstuffs, bioenergy, and bio-based products. It has an annual turnover of about two trillion euros and employs nearly 18 million. Moreover, it is a key factor for boosting the development in rural and coastal areas, and it can create 1 million new green jobs by 2030.

**The International Section in Agricultural Economics of the 16th Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association** expects leaders, policymakers, academics, scientists, producers and political bodies to attend and share their work experiences and thoughts in various subjects related to the bio-economy such as sustainable agri-food systems, sustainable food security, climate change mitigation, and new technologies, and others.

#### **Target Audience**

All interested scholars or representatives among governmental entities, institutions, industries, NGOs, etc. are invited to contribute with up-to-date approaches on the meeting.

The specific objective of this meeting is to become the bridge in terms of communication and collaboration between science and research as well as the bodies and the stakeholders in agriculture, thereby facilitating the transfer of research data and expertise.

The participation in the conference of young scholars and students with the presentation of relevant research papers is considered significant and strongly recommended and encouraged. A series of parallel sessions will be organized in the International Section of the conference and a well-recognized international scholar will address the participants on a topic related to the theme of the International Section of the Conference.

#### **Scientific Committee:**

Alessandro Banterle, Vera Bitsch, Herve Dakpo, Robert Finger, Jarkko Niemi, Fabio Santeramo, Ioannis Skevas, Justus Wesseler, Anthony Rezitis, and Alfons Oude Lansink (chair).

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

Alfons Oude Lansink and Fabio Santeramo

#### **Conference Venue:**

Agricultural University of Athens, Iera Odos 74, Athens 118 55

#### **Information:**

Anthony Rezitis (on behalf of the Scientific Committee): [arezitis@aua.gr](mailto:arezitis@aua.gr)

Pavlos Karanikolas (on behalf of the Organizing Committee): [pkaranik@aua.gr](mailto:pkaranik@aua.gr)

Ioannis Vardopoulos (Scientific Secretariat): [ivardopoulos@hua.gr](mailto:ivardopoulos@hua.gr)

**Important Dates:**

- April 15, 2020: Submission of extended abstracts
- July 15, 2020: Abstract evaluation
- October 9–10, 2020: Conference
- November 15, 2020: Full paper submission for possible publication in collaborating journals

Submit extended abstracts or posters by email: [submission.etagro@gmail.com](mailto:submission.etagro@gmail.com)

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**2020 The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4<sup>th</sup> ICAFS2020)  
ICAFS2020, October 28-30, 2020, Istanbul Turkey**

<https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate in The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4<sup>th</sup> ICAFS 2020) to be held in Istanbul, Turkey during October 28–30, 2020.

For more details, please visit <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

***Organizers***

The conference is organized by Asia–Pacific Association of Science Engineering and Technology; Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute, in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

***Topics & Themes***

It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agriculture & Plant Biotechnology, Medicinal Plants; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Soil & Environmental Science and Microbiology; 5. Food Science and Nutrition; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Agricultural Engineering, Economic & Management, etc.

***Program & Event***

The full conference days will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

***Previous***

Previous ICAFS were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2019), Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

***Venue***

Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center.

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Istanbul, Turkey. Please kindly help to bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#)).

With best regards,  
ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the  
Organizing Committee of ICAFS  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Email: [icafs@apaset.org](mailto:icafs@apaset.org)  
Website: <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

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### **Food and Health Economics Workshop CALL FOR PAPERS**

The second Food and Health Economics Workshop will take place at the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) June 18 and 19, 2020. The Food and Health Economics Workshop brings together researchers from around the world working in the field of Food and Health Economics.

The workshop provides a forum that encourages the development, critical appraisal, and dissemination of methodological research related to food and health economics. In this regard empirical, theoretical and experimental papers will be selected on the basis of their contribution to the advance of the knowledge on the topic.

Contributions would address and answer key policy questions through rigorous economic analysis. Possible topics include obesity, in particular children obesity, malnutrition, non-communicable chronic diseases, nutritional transition, ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of food and/or nutritional policies, strategic role of food firms, and food safety.

**DATES and VENUE:** June 18 and 19, 2020, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), France.

**LOCAL ORGANIZERS:** Céline Bonnet (TSE-R, INRA), Catarina Goulão (TSE-R, INRA), Vincent Réquillart (TSE-R, INRA).

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:** Timothy Beatty (U.C. Davis), Pierre Chandon (INSEAD), Helmuth Cremer (TSE-R), Pierre Dubois (TSE-R), Fabrice Etilé (INRA, PSE), Stephanie von Hinke (U. Bristol, UK), Jayson Lusk (U. Purdue), Franco Sassi (Imperial College), Luigi Siciliani (U. York, UK), and local organizers.

**TO SUBMIT A PAPER:** The deadline to submit a research article is **February 29, 2020**. Preliminary versions of papers are accepted, but full papers will be given priority. Young researchers are especially

encouraged to apply. Papers have to be sent to the following email address in PDF format:

[fhw2020.conf@tse-fr.eu](mailto:fhw2020.conf@tse-fr.eu).

**NOTIFICATION of ACCEPTANCE:** March 31, 2020

**REGISTRATION:** April 30, 2020

**FORMAT:** The workshop is run over two days and comprises around 15 papers. The number of participants will be limited to around 50. Participants are expected to attend the whole of the meeting and play a role as author, discussant, or chairperson.

**FEES:** Fees amount to 250 € VAT included. Lunch and dinner are provided by the conference.

**INFORMATION:** All relevant information will be made available on the conference website in due time;

<https://www.tse-fr.eu/fr/conferences/2020-food-and-health-economics-workshop>.

If necessary, you may also contact the local organizers at [fhw2020.conf@tse-fr.eu](mailto:fhw2020.conf@tse-fr.eu).

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## **Fall 2020 Issue of the Western Economic Forum**

### ***Submission Guidelines***

**Guidelines for Submitting Manuscripts:** All submissions to the Western Economics Forum must be submitted electronically in MS Word format. Author and institutional identifications will be removed from MS Word submissions by the editorial team prior to being sent to reviewers. Receipt of manuscripts will be acknowledged by email.

**Authors' Identification and Title Page:** To protect their anonymity in the review process, *authors should not identify themselves on the title page or in any headers. A separate title page must be sent as an attachment to the editors* via email, and should include: (i) title; (ii) author names; and (iii) name, phone number, and email address of the corresponding author.

**Text Preparation and Style Guide:** Regular Articles: Final published length of regular articles for the WEF is targeted for 8–12 pages in final form or 2,500 words in length, with a maximum length of 15–20 pages in final form or 3,500 words in length – including reference list, tables and figures. There may be flexibility to accept more pages if appropriate – at the discretion of the editors. Double-space all text, including the abstract, acknowledgments, footnotes, and references. Place each table and figure on a separate page following the references. Make sure that the manuscript follows the style and formatting requirements outlined in the [JARE Style Guide](#). (<http://www.waeonline.org/publications/jare/submission-guidelines>).

**Case Studies:** For the Fall 2020 issue of the Western Economics Forum there will also be a case studies section – with the case studies targeted for 3–5 pages in length in final form, and approximately 6–9 pages in length as initially submitted or 1,000–1,250 words in double-space text, including abstract, acknowledgements, footnotes, and references. The [JARE Style Guide](#) style and formatting requirements will also be followed for Case Study articles. See the [Call for Papers and Case Studies for Fall 2020](#) for more information.

### Article Submissions

All documents must be submitted in MS Word format and will undergo double-blind peer-review before being considered for publication. Submit articles for the Fall 2020 WEF Journal to Editorial Team member Daniel M. O'Brien by email attachment at: [dobrien@ksu.edu](mailto:dobrien@ksu.edu).

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The final versions of accepted papers should follow standard *WEF* submission guidelines, paying particular attention to the [JARE Style Guide](#). Authors should also upload the native file in MS Word format. The final manuscript file should include a title page with the title, running head, authors' names and affiliations, abstract, keywords, JEL codes, acknowledgements, conflicts of interest, and short description (250 characters maximum).

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### Western Economics Forum (*WEF*)

#### Call for Papers and Case Studies for Fall 2020

Topical Focus of Special WEF Issue:

#### *Adding Economic Value – Increasing Farm and Community Prosperity in the Western U.S.*

The Western Economics Forum (*WEF*) focuses on interdisciplinary issues relevant to the Western United States. Western state economies continue to be impacted by highly variable returns to key commodities; policies that influence the availability of labor, water and other critical inputs; as well as weather patterns that affect the quantity and quality of agricultural production. In response, agricultural producers, researchers, community organizations and educators are seeking strategies to smooth variability in rural incomes, create new sources of employment, reduce use of increasingly scarce inputs to production, and develop markets for new services and products.

The Western Economics Forum organizes peer-reviewed economic research and cutting-edge thinking and ideas about contemporary issues affecting the Western United States. The papers and case studies

in this special issue for fall 2020 are meant to inform community practitioners, technical assistance providers and policy makers as well as academics and agency personnel working and involved in increasing farm and community prosperity.

For its Fall 2020 issue, the Western Economics Forum welcomes authors to submit **papers** or **articles** for peer review addressing both validated and emerging tools and strategies that contribute economic benefit to Western agricultural value chains. We seek papers exploring how innovations in production, processing, marketing and policy are creating new opportunities for agricultural producers to improve their financial wellbeing and create positive spillover effects in their communities. Papers might analyze the value created by the introduction of new specialty crop and livestock products, new production methods such as indoor and agrivoltaic systems, new processes for creating or distributing agricultural and food products, and new markets for products or services such as agritourism or farm to school programs. These papers are intended in general to be 10–12 pages or 2,500 words in final form, with up to 15–20 pages and 3,500 words maximum.

This issue also includes a **case study section**. We encourage community organizations, entrepreneurs and collaborative ventures to submit case studies or briefs (final form) about innovative projects addressing issues related to food production, processing, marketing and/or distribution issues with economic implications. These case studies can be preliminary reports and may include less quantitative analysis than what is in a conventional research paper. The article should include the project objectives, steps taken, quantitative and/or qualitative evaluation methodologies and project outcomes. It can include online links to supplementary content. These case studies are intended to be 3–5 pages in final form (i.e., 1,000–1,250 words).

All submissions, including both submitted papers and case studies, will be peer reviewed.

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

Authors are required to provide WEF editors with suggestions for at least 2–3 reviewers for each article submitted. See complete submission guidelines for Fall 2020 WEF issue on the Western Economics Forum website, part of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, i.e., WAEA, <http://www.waeaonline.org/>.

#### **Submission Timeline:**

Deadline for Submission: **April 1, 2020**

The **Western Economics Forum** is sponsored by the **Western Agricultural Economics Association**. For past issues of the Western Economics Forum, visit the following web address:

<http://www.waeaonline.org/publications/western-economics-forum>.

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## **International Food Marketing Research Symposium**

### **Call for Papers**

**San Antonio, TX, June 17–18, 2020**

We are now accepting submissions for the International Food Marketing Research Symposium to be held on June 17–18, 2020 with Texas A&M University, in San Antonio, TX.

In the months to come, details will follow regarding programs, accommodations, and local food related activities and events.

After a successful 2019 conference co-hosted with the University of the Sunshine Coast, AU, we expect a large international group to join us again at the 2020 conference co-hosted by the Agribusiness, Food, & Consumer Economics Research Center at Texas A&M University.

There will be a welcome reception on Tuesday, June 16 and two full days of conference programming on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 & 18, 2020.

We again will host a special session for PhD students to present and discuss their work with senior faculty and peers.

### **Registration**

You may send abstracts and papers for peer review and register online at [www.institutefpm.com](http://www.institutefpm.com). The submission deadline is **April 15, 2020**.

The 2020 proceedings will contain only extended abstracts (5 pages). Only extended abstracts will be considered for best paper awards.

### **Conference Co-chairs**

Mark Lang, Department of Marketing, The University of Tampa, and Gary W. Williams, Agribusiness, Food, & Consumer Economics Research Center, Texas A&M University.

### **Partnering Journals**

The Conference is partnering with the *Journal of Food Products Marketing*, the *Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Marketing*, and *Economia Agro-Alimentare/Food Economy*. A selection of the best articles will be considered for publication in the journals.

### **Conference Information**

The Institute of Food Products Marketing hosts this 2-day research symposium as a forum for discussion and communication of food marketing research. This is a peer reviewed academic conference for food marketing articles and student papers. The session topics have included:

- Consumer Behavior
- Marketing Strategy

- Retailing/Merchandising/Private Label
- Product Development/Innovation
- Advertising/Promotion
- Pricing
- Technology/E-Commerce
- Agribusiness & Marketing
- Health/Nutrition/Organic
- Channels/Supply Chain
- Global Issues/Perspective
- Sustainability/Ethics

Abstracts of accepted presentations will be published in a Conference Proceedings.

We encourage graduate students to submit their work. There will be certificates awarded for the best student and overall papers.

The conference fee includes conference materials, a welcome reception, lunch and coffee breaks each day, and a closing dinner at a nearby location.

Information about travel, hotels, restaurants, and tourist activities will be available at [www.institutefpm.com](http://www.institutefpm.com) in February, 2020.

You can email questions to [mlang@ut.edu](mailto:mlang@ut.edu).

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### **Fulbright Specialist Program Engineering Education Project Open Call**

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) is seeking a highly qualified professional to serve as a Specialist for the approximately 2-week project “Automation Processes of the Uses of Natural Resources” to take place in Bogotá, Colombia beginning in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020.

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP), part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. Grant benefits include international round-trip economy class airfare, transit allowance, all applicable visa fees, a daily honorarium, enrollment in a limited health benefits program, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

**Host Institution:** Fundación Universitaria Konrad Lorenz



**Proposed Timeframe:** Approximately two weeks, ideally between mid–November and December 2019. *Please note that dates may be flexible between March and April 2020, based upon the chosen candidate's availability.*

**Location of Project:** Bogotá, Colombia

#### **Project Activities**

Fundación Universitaria Konrad Lorenz and Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios (UNIMINUTO), two private higher education institutions, work together to develop and promote scientific research to address social problems in Colombia. They seek a Specialist who can provide insight on developments in the automation of food production and farming in order to enhance Colombia's competitiveness in regional and international markets.

During the approximately two–week visit, the Specialist will engage with activities that include but are not limited to:

- Leading workshops for students, researchers, and professors on the innovations in automation of agricultural production, and the role of these technologies in natural resource transformation
- Advising on pedagogical methods for enhancing training in this topic at academic and professional levels
- Reviewing and evaluating current undergraduate curriculum addressing this topic across several programs, such as Engineering, Systems Engineering, Technology of Automation, and Agroecological Engineering and providing recommendations to ensure alignment with international standards
- Participating in a closing conference for participants to share insights gained through the project with other institutions of higher education and the public.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

The Specialist must possess knowledge in environmental and sustainability issues, particularly expertise in agricultural engineering, and demonstrated interest in social engagement projects. They should also have substantial experience in curriculum development and academic advising. Specialists with some proficiency in Spanish are preferred, however all applicants who possess the relevant expertise are encouraged to apply.

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### **6 Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium**

#### ***The Role of the Agribusiness Sector in the Sustainable Development of Latin American Economies***

*October 7–9, 2020, Montevideo, Uruguay*

The Inter–Conference Symposium seeks to provide an expanded regional network for agricultural and applied economists from all over Latin America and beyond focusing on the role of the agribusiness sector in the sustainable development of our rural economies. Providing a platform for discussion, exchange and networking, we are looking to strengthen our profession in the region.

The Argentinian, Chilean, and Uruguayan national associations in collaboration with the IAAE will invite the authors of the best presentations at the Inter-Conference Symposium to prepare full papers for possible publication in a special issue of *Agribusiness: An International Journal*.

The newly formed ISEPA, affiliated with the *Journal of Productivity Analysis* (JPA), encourages all of its many Founding Members and regular membership to participate in this Inter-Conference Symposium. The best presentations will be invited to submit a paper for possible publication in a Special JPA Issue on Latin American economic issues relating to efficiency and productivity.

The website for abstract submission will open on January 15, 2020. This website will also provide information on the venue in Montevideo and the organization of the Symposium. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be **April 30, 2020**.

Partial funding to participate in the Conference will be available to a limited number of PhD students and young professionals. Details will be forthcoming in the website.

If you need additional information at this time, please contact: Federico García, [fedegarcias@gmail.com](mailto:fedegarcias@gmail.com) or Boris E. Bravo-Ureta, [boris.bravoureta@uconn.edu](mailto:boris.bravoureta@uconn.edu).

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