

AAEA News

Registration for 2020 AAEA Virtual Meeting is OPEN

2020 Registration Rates	
All 2020 Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regular</i> • <i>Student</i> • <i>Senior</i> 	<p>\$0</p> <p><i>Registration is required for all 2020 AAEA Members to obtain the FREE virtual Meeting.</i></p>
Non Members	\$100

Virtual Meeting content will be available through March 15, 2021.

Please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 with any questions.

[Register Online](#)

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Registration Fees

Join AAEA or renew your membership to get the FREE registration rate by visiting <http://www.aaea.org/membership>.

Presenters

An email was sent to Selected Presentation presenters on Thursday, July 23, 2020. Selected presentations and posters will be prerecorded through the Harvester speaker platform. The speaker platform has tasks for speakers to complete including speaker agreement, profile, biography and photo. The speaker agreement is the only required task before uploading and presenting your slides. You have the option to review each recorded slide before proceeding to the next slide. Uploading and recording slides deadline is **July 31, 2020**. We encourage you to watch the training video, which will walk you through uploading and recording your presentation: [Paper Presenters](#) as well as [Poster Presenters](#).

The Selected Presentations are prerecorded and will be shown on August 10 & 11 during the scheduled session time. We ask presenters to be available during their scheduled session time on these dates, to respond to any questions and for discussion through the chat box feature. The discussion will be after each presentation and at the end of the session. Virtual Meeting content will be available through March 15, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact the AAEA Business Office by emailing info@aaea.org.

Schedule

The entire listing of sessions are available to view on the 2020 AAEA Virtual Meeting website. This is subject to change.

[Full Virtual Schedule](#)

- [Plenary Sessions \(Live\)](#)
- [Invited Paper Sessions](#)
- [Paper Sessions](#) ([View Paper/Lightning PDF Schedule](#))
- [Lightning Sessions](#) ([View Paper/Lightning PDF Schedule](#))
- [Invited Case Study](#)
- [Poster Presentations](#)
- [Organized Symposia](#)
- [Workshops, Track Sessions & Other Events](#)

Monday, August 10

- Selected Poster Presentations – 9:00 am–10:00 am (CDT)
- [Gordon Rausser Keynote Address](#) – 10:00 am–11:00 am (CDT)
- Concurrent Sessions 1 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (CDT)
- [Presidential Address](#) – 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (CDT)
- Concurrent Sessions 2 – 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm (CDT)
- Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony – 5:00 pm–6:00 pm (CDT)

Tuesday, August 11

- Selected Poster Presentations – 9:00 am–10:00 am (CDT)
- [Fellows Address](#) – 10:00 am–11:00 am (CDT)
- Concurrent Sessions 3 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (CDT)
- Concurrent Sessions 4 – 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm (CDT)
- [Galbraith Forum](#) – 3:00 pm–4:00 pm (CDT)

Other Events

- [Committee & Journal Meetings](#)
- [Section Business Meetings and other activities](#)
- [Workshops, Track Sessions, Other Events](#)

Virtual: AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition

The Agribusiness Economics and Management/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least three weeks in advance of the competition.

Competition Rules: Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. The presentation must be recorded and submitted in advance for evaluation. Presentations lasting over 15 minutes will be penalized. Teams will meet the judges (virtually) and should be prepared to answer questions from the evaluators on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a

school that wants to participate, the student can compete on his/her own or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

Competition Prizes: The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- First Place: \$300
- Second Place: \$200
- Third Place: \$100

Specific Information for the 2020 Case Study Competition (Virtual): The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top four teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized in the AAEA Website.

- Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (Central time): First Round of Competitions
- Saturday, September 12, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm (Central time): Final Round (if needed)

This is an AAEA–AEM/GSS sponsored competition. Students are highly encouraged as early professionals to be part of AAEA (there is a special student rate) and the GSS and/or the AEM sections.

1. At least one team member should have an active AAEA membership for 2020 and be officially a member of the AEM or GSS.
2. Each team must also complete the Case Study [registration form](#) identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than August 6.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2020 AAEA Case Study Competition to Dr. Timothy Woods (tim.woods@uky.edu) or Carlos Fontanilla (cfontani@purdue.edu).

2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

Rescheduled dates: October 7-9, 2020

Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40

All previously submitted applications will be held for the October date. We will also accept additional applications.

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 to 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.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250–word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen.

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

Reserve rooms online for Hilton Palmer House at:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/aaea20>

Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321 and refer to group code: AAEA

Other News

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Section: Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World

In mid-March, all of us in K-12 and higher education had to retool our courses under the intense emergency circumstances of a global pandemic due to COVID-19. As we look ahead to the 2020/21 academic year, we begin to imagine how to successfully adapt courses for online delivery, while continuing to offer learning experiences for our students that are as high quality as possible. Similar challenges are also facing those of us working in extension. Building on the success of the 2020 *NSE* special issue, the 2021 special issue of "*Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World*" will explore our collective experiences with adapting to COVID-19. We encourage contributions on the following topics:

- Ideas, approaches and case studies on how to address the need to move courses online (relevant to both K-12 and higher education).
- Strategies to deal with various administrative challenges in higher education.
- Issues facing extension specialists in reaching out to farmers.

The overall goal is to share information that will allow institutions to build resilient programs that continue to meet learning outcomes necessary to prepare future generations of land managers and scientists.

Deadlines:

Letter of intent to write a paper to be sent to Bob Mahler (bmahler@uidaho.edu)

by Sept. 15, 2020

Submission deadline is Nov. 15, 2020

For more information please visit <https://acsess.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/21688281/specialsectioncall>

2020 Scholarship Awards for Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **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.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- One travel stipend to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation (\$1,500), best M.S. Thesis (\$1,500), and best M.S. Case Study (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to deliver a 10-minute research presentation during the FDRS Applebaum-Richardson Award Luncheon.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [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/case study

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

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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, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, outstanding undergraduate category, and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [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.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on page 2 and 3.

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2020 FDRS Virtual Conference

The Food Distribution Research Society annual conference is going virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDRS will host a virtual conference. **Save the date for Tuesday, October 13; tentatively 11:00 am – 4:30 pm EST.**

This conference will consist of two keynote speakers; recognition for award recipients; and invited, selected and research update presentations.

The fee for the conference is \$50 for members and soon to be members, and \$25 for students. By paying this fee, you will have access to the online conference, recorded keynotes, presentations, and a 1-year complimentary FDRS membership.

We also invite teams to participate at the Student Food Marketing Challenge; the registration fee is \$50/team. By paying this fee, students will participate at the Food Marketing Challenge and have access to the online

conference, which includes recorded keynotes and presentations. Recall cash prizes are offered to the first, second, and third place.

More information on the virtual conference in the coming weeks.

Free Commentary: Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Food and Agricultural Markets

This paper examines the many economic factors and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on the agriculture sector. In efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19, many states and countries shut down several economic areas such as tourism and entertainment venues, restaurants, personal services, and some manufacturing facilities. This has led many areas into a recession. The authors of this paper examine the effects this recession has on these topics: macroeconomics; trade; supply chain; consumer behavior; food service/grocery; meat processing; forestry and wood products; local food systems; food waste; food insecurity; major commodity crops; agricultural finance; agricultural labor; rural health care; and research and outreach priorities.

Co-chairs: Jayson Lusk, Purdue University and John D. Anderson, University of Arkansas

QTA2020-3, 44 pp., June 2020, Available free online.

<https://www.cast-science.org/publication/economic-impacts-of-covid-19-on-food-and-agricultural-markets/>

Introducing *Q Open*

Developed in collaboration between Oxford University Press, the European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation, and the European Association for Agricultural Economics, *Q Open* is an innovative new open-access journal, publishing applied research across agricultural, climate, environmental, food, resource, and rural development economics. The title is inspired by the Q category of the Journal of Economic Literature's subject classification system.

Q Open's editors are Iain Fraser, Erwin Bulte, Vincenzina Caputo, Phoebe Koundouri, and David Lewis, and they are dedicated to rigorous and fast peer-review, aiming to provide a first decision within 4-6 weeks. To help achieve this, authors have the option to share reports from a previous submission.

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Martin Green, Oxford University Press

Krijn Poppe, European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation

Announcing the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 am Central U.S. time. If you would like to register, join the OARES listserv [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

The Climate Solutions Community***Paths to Texas Zero GHG Emissions: Electricity, Transportation and Industry***

The Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston (ECH), and Climate Solutions for Texas, a local initiative of The Climate Solutions Community of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, invite you to a Climate Solutions Symposium. **This event is postponed to August 22, 2020.**

-9:00–9:10 am	Tom Rehm, Chair Climate Solutions for Texas Humble TX	Opening comments
9:10–9:30 am	Sylvia Dee, Climate Science Professor Rice University	Greenhouse gases warm us Human fingerprint of global warming Evidence of climate change Projections: What is coming
9:30–10:00 am	Jeremy Friesen, NET Power	A gas-fired power plant with zero emissions
10:00–10:30 am	Gene Preston, PhD Electrical Engineer Austin TX	Electrification of transportation Max renewables using gas to fill in the gaps Max renewables using nuclear and storage
10:30–11:00 am	Pavel Tsvetkov, Nuclear Engineering Professor, Texas A&M University	Nuclear energy: Zero emissions and safe
11:00–11:15 am	Larry Kremer, PhD Physical Chemist, Citizens Climate Lobby	The paramount importance of a price on carbon
11:15–11:25 am	Symposium Gold Sponsors	Our sponsors keep the cost of the symposium down and allow students free registration. Two minutes at podium per Gold Sponsor
11:25 am–noon		Panel Q/A from Audience

Registration: <https://stsaiche.regfox.com/ech-climate-solution-community-symposium>

The cost is \$10 unless you are a student. Students may attend free by entering the student code of ECH202044.

2020 The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th 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 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th 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](#)).

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020

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

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AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.