Dear AAEA Members,

We are continuing to plan for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting taking place July 26–28 in Kansas City, MO and look forward to seeing you there. Keep an eye on your inbox for up-to-date information, including Selected Presentation notification letters, which should come out by the end of the month.

The AAEA staff and Board are aware of the concerns and uncertainties related to the COVID–19 (coronavirus). Our top priority is the health, safety, and security of our meeting attendees. We are closely monitoring developments and staying abreast of updates from health organizations. While we are still 4 months away from our annual meeting we are prepared to respond to any issues that arise and will continue to keep you informed via www.aaea.org and email.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@aaea.org or (414) 918–3190.

Sincerely,
Keith Coble
AAEA President

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**Kansas City, MO Fun Fact Friday**

**March 20, 2020**
The Great White Arabia steamship sunk in 1856 when it hit a snag from a walnut tree just 6 miles west of Kansas City. In 1988, the steamship was recovered along with several of its belongings which are now on display at the Steamboat Arabia Museum! #AAEAKC20 #FunFactFriday

**March 27, 2020**
The Kansas City Royals got their name from the American Royal, the livestock show that’s been held in KC since 1899. #AAEAKC20 #FunFactFriday

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

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**2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop**

**Postponed due to COVID-19**

We are looking at rescheduling this workshop for the fall. Stay tuned for new dates.
Housing and Registration are OPEN
2020 AAEA Annual Meeting

About 1,400 participants are expected to attend the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting, which will take place on July 26–28 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Missouri.

Annual Meeting registrants will receive a name badge when they arrive in Kansas City. Attendees will also have access to all concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, Poster Receptions, the Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for luncheons and Pre-/Post-conference Workshops are not included with the registration cost, but can be purchased separately during registration. Registration & Travel for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting.

Registration Fees
Join AAEA or renew your membership to get the discounted registration rate by visiting http://www.aaea.org/membership.

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**Guests:** Attendees are encouraged to bring spouses, friends, and family to the Annual Meeting. All such attendees must register as guests in order to participate in meeting activities, at the cost of $60 per guest. Children under the age of 16 may attend the meeting for free. Guests include any interested party not professionally in the field of agricultural economics or applied economics, or a related discipline. Registered guests will receive a name badge and are invited to attend the Welcome Reception at no additional charge.

**Cancellation:** To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918–3190 or info@aaea.org. Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a $50 processing fee.
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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 Annual Meeting

On-site Childcare

AAEA will have childcare onsite at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Childcare will be available Sunday, July 26 – Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm each day for children 6 months to 12 years. You must pre-register for childcare. For additional information or to register for childcare visit [www.accentregister.com/register/aaea20](http://www.accentregister.com/register/aaea20) or download the PDF form.

REGISTRATION: To assure that your child has a place, please pre-register by **May 7, 2020**. The onsite childcare services will be provided by Accent on Children’s Arrangements, Inc. (ACCENT), which will design and run a children’s program called CAMP AAEA.

CAMP AAEA will offer age-appropriate activities for children ranging from 6 months to 12 years of age (separated into age-appropriate groups) including curriculum-enriched, hands-on, creative activities, arts & crafts projects, active games, and more.

ACCENT will staff CAMP AAEA with teacher professional childcare providers who have completed ACCENT’s specialized training program. In addition, ACCENT’s onsite supervisors are CPR and Pediatric First Aid certified.
CAMP AAEA will run for all three Annual Meeting days as follows:

- **Sunday, July 26**: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
- **Monday, July 27**: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
- **Tuesday, July 28**: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

The AAEA will cover the overall management fee to hire ACCENT to establish the onsite childcare facility. The parent is responsible for ACCENT’s standard rate for childcare is listed below:

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* A minimum of 4 consecutive hours

Advance registration for ACCENT’s services is available via the clickable link at the top or bottom of this page. Interested parents will also be able to sign their children via on-site registration, which will remain open throughout the Annual Meeting and will be located directly at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown at the onsite childcare facility. AAEA strongly recommends Advance Registration, to ensure that you have access to this service for the time slots you desire.

AAEA is pleased to make the investment in onsite childcare in response to the needs and requests of our members and profession. We look forward to making it possible for more families to participate in the AAEA Annual Meetings.

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2020 AAEA Annual Meeting

**Register for the 2020 AAEA Employment Center**

We invite and encourage you to register for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting Employment Center, taking place July 26–28 in Kansas City, MO. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

Employers who register may post open positions on the AAEA Job Board, view resumes of applicants who are participating in the Employment Center, and they may also utilize a table in the Annual Meeting Employment Center to conduct in-person interviews with applicants.

Applicant registration is FREE. Please note: Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting in order to participate in the Employment Center.
For more information, please visit the online Employment Center. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Vanessa Nicholas. We hope to see you in Kansas City!

Register Online

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**Announcing the 2020 Extension Competition for Graduate Students**

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides incentives and opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research for an extension (usually non–economist) audience. Entries can be based upon the graduate student’s research for a thesis, dissertation or other academic work. The competition is sponsored jointly by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

**Who is Eligible?**

- Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.
- Those who graduated from such programs in 2019 or later.
- Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

**Competition Application Information**

Applications should be addressed to Kate Fuller at kate.fuller@montana.edu and must include:

1. Student’s name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed/conducted extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, press releases, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, presentations, and training activities (4 page maximum). If the applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear.
4. A profile of the applicant’s background and research (1 page maximum).
5. The mentor’s name, address, and description of the mentor’s role in assisting the student with this project.

**Submission Deadline**

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than midnight MST on **May 15, 2020**.

**Finalists at AAEA**

Finalists will be selected to make a 15–minute extension/outreach presentation at the AAEA meeting in Kansas City, MO on Sunday July 26, 2020, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8 am. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed below. Finalists will be notified by June 1, 2020. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium.
Criteria for Selecting Finalists
Criteria for judging finalists and winners will include:
1. Identification of a target audience.
   a. An explanation of the issue/problem/opportunity being addressed.
   b. An explanation on how this target audience was identified.
2. Development of an extension program for the target audience that includes:
   a. An outline of the goals of the extension program, and a description of how the results will address the issue/problem/opportunity and benefit the target audience.
   b. A summary and explanation of the main elements of the research results to be included in the extension program.
   c. A summary or explanation of the program in an extension report, or extension presentation, or other appropriate extension communication media.
3. An explanation of extension team development and responsibilities in terms of program development and delivery should be addressed, if appropriate.
4. Plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the extension program.

Awards
Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:
   • First Place: $1,000 and a plaque
   • Second Place: $300 and a certificate
   • Third Place: $200 and a certificate
Other finalists receive finalist certificates.

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meetings.
Submit Entries to:
   Dr. Kate Fuller
   Competition Committee Chair
   Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics
   Montana State University
   Email: kate.fuller@montana.edu

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

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@aaea.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.

Participate in the survey HERE

**USDA 2020 Career Expo**

The Department of Agriculture is currently on a hiring sprint for multiple vacancies at the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Both agencies relocated to the Kansas City metropolitan area in the Fall of 2019 and are seeking qualified candidates for a variety of positions – from entry level to executive positions and administrative careers to scientific experts. The USDA is seeking a talent pipeline of qualified candidates to apply for openings on the usajobs.gov website as they become available.
USDA will be hosting a second Career Expo in Kansas City, MO in April 2020 (date to be confirmed soon!). Representatives from USDA and the Office of Personnel and Management (OPM) will be on hand to answer questions specific to USDA, provide insight on how to apply for a federal position, the different types of federal job postings, and the benefits of working for the federal government. Please continue to check workforusdakc.gov for current information on the Career Expo. You will also find direct links to both agencies and all current and available positions at both ERS and NIFA.

**REES Department News**

**NEW Experimental Lab**

Our REES Experimental Lab is up and running with UAlberta students earning cash while participating in research experiments!

Located on the 5th floor of GSB this lab is a dedicated research facility equipped with networked computers, private workstations, and audio and video systems that allow researchers to simulate a variety of social environments.

The Tracking Change project by Dr. Brenda Parlee was invited to the United Nations Global Knowledge Symposium in New York. Here Indigenous Chiefs, elders and REES students gave powerful presentations on local and traditional knowledge of Indigenous communities.

**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.

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11:25am–noon  
Panel Q/A from Audience


It will cost $10 unless you’re a student. Students may attend free by entering the student code of ECH202044.

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### 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 stipend 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). 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.

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

Agriculture and Economic Development
The 5th 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, 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.

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

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:

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
Pavlos Karanikolas (on behalf of the Organizing Committee): pkaranik@aua.gr
Ioannis Vardopoulos (Scientific Secretariat): 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
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).

With best regards,

ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of ICAFS

Email: icafs@apaset.org
Website: https://icafs.apaset.org/
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.waeaonline.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.

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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 agri-voltaic systems, new processes for creating or distributing agricultural and food products, and new markets for products or services such as agri-tourism 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

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International Food Marketing Research Symposium
Cancelled due to COVID-19

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 Agro-ecological 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 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 or Boris E. Bravo–Ureta, boris.bravoureta@uconn.edu.
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