Update on Annual Meeting

The program for June’s annual meeting in Monterrey, CA is nearly complete. The program will have an informal beginning with a tour of the Salinas Valley during most of Wednesday, June 26th. There is still time to register for the tour if you haven’t done so yet! The cost is only $50 per person and can be paid for as part of the meeting registration process. Our annual board meeting will be held once the tour group returns or 4:30 pm, whichever is later. The board meeting will be located in the Los Angeles room, Mezzanine Level. The reception will begin at 7:00 pm in the Ferrantes Bayview room, located on the 10th floor.

The opening session will start at 8:30 on Thursday, June 27th with a Presidential Address by James W. Richardson, entitled “Policy Changes to Feed Nine Billion People in 2050.” He will be followed by the Keynote Address, given by John Loomis. John will be speaking on “Strategies for Overcoming Hypothetical Bias in Stated Preference Surveys.” I also want to draw attention to our first graduate paper competition, which will be held on Thursday afternoon. We have six students vying to win the top prizes in this competition.

Our conference will be held at the Marriott in downtown Monterrey. Please remember to register by June 5, 2013 to obtain the conference room rate of $199/night (single/double/triple occupancy). You can register by going through the portal on our new WAEA website at: [http://www.waeaoonline.org/meetings/waea2013/housing](http://www.waeaoonline.org/meetings/waea2013/housing). Shuttle transportation from airports to the Marriott in Monterey (350 Calle Principal) is available at Monterey Airbus [http://montereyairbus.com/ride/index.php?rates](http://montereyairbus.com/ride/index.php?rates) Cost is $35 one way from San Jose airport and $45 one way from the San Francisco airport. Register for the conference before June 12,
2013 to receive our regular conference rate of $275 for members and $175 for students. You may register for our annual meeting using the link http://www.waeaonline.org/meetings/waea2013.

Congratulations are due for all of our 2013 WAEA Award Recipients. All award winners are listed below. Thanks to Hikaru Peterson and Catherine Keske for chairing this year’s awards committee, plus all the committee chairs and members for giving of their time in the review process.

Our president-elect, James Richardson, recently informed me that he has concluded negotiations with the AAEA that will combine our 2015 WAEA meeting with the AAEA meeting. The meeting will be in San Francisco, CA July 26-28, 2015.

Greg M. Perry
WAEA President

2013 WAEA Award Recipients

Many thanks go to award chairs, Hikaru Peterson and Catherine Keske and all the award committee chairs and members for their time and diligence in selecting the 2013 WAEA Award Recipients.

Distinguished Scholars
Rich Sexton, University of California-Davis
Michael Boland, University of Minnesota

Outstanding Published Research Award

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project
“Building Farmers in the West” program. Le Adams, New Mexico Farm To Table; Blake Angelo, Adrian Card, Kellie Enns, Martha Sullins, Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University; Kynda Curtis and Bart Elevedl, Oregon State University; Kent Fleming, Mykel Taylor and Joann Warner, West Center for Risk Management Education; C. Wilson Gray, University of Idaho; and Hill Grimmett, Be Local Northern Colorado.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career
Norm Dalsted, Colorado State University

Undergraduate Teaching Award with Less Than Ten Years Experience
Christiane Schroeter, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

Undergraduate Teaching Award with More Than Ten Years Experience
Penelope Diebel, Oregon State University

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award
JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award


JARE Outstanding Reviewer Award

Sebastien Pouliot, Iowa State University

Graduate Travel Grant Recipients

Jean Dominique
Gumirakiza
Utah State University

Bhagyashree Katare
University of Minnesota

Muhammad Al Amin
University of Wyoming

Suparna Bhattacharya
University of Nebraska

William Ridley
Colorado State University

Zheng Li
University of Alberta

Federico García
University of Nebraska

Solomon Geleta
Colorado State University

Dereje Megeressa
University of Nebraska

Special thanks to the awards committee chairs and members.

Outstanding Published Research Award

Rachael Goodhue (Chair), University of California-Davis

George Frisvold, University of Arizona

Charles Sims, Utah State University

Outstanding Extension Program Awards

Jeff Johnson (Chair), Texas Tech University

Steve Amosson, Texas A&M University

Marsha Goetting, Montana State University

Mechel Paggi, California State University – Fresno

Undergrad Teaching Awards

Marshall Frasier (Chair), Colorado State University

Aaron Johnson, University of Idaho

Rhonda Skaggs, New Mexico State University

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award

Stephan Devadoss (Chair), University of Idaho

Peter Boxall, University of Alberta

Andrew Cassey, Washington State University

Marco Palma, Texas A&M University

Jeff Peterson, Kansas State University

Troy Schmitz, Arizona State University

Eric Schuck, Linfield College

Bruce Weber, Oregon State University

Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee

Russ Tronstad (Chair), Arizona State University

Andrew Barkley, Kansas State University

Susan Capalbo, Oregon State University

Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho

Jared Carlberg, University of Manitoba

Dustin Pendell, Colorado State University

Karina Schoengold, University of Nebraska

Lincoln Vince Smith, Montana State University

JARE Awards

Gary Brester (Chair), Montana State University

Joseph Atwood, Montana State University

Vincent Smith, Montana State University

Myles Watts, Montana State University