Update on Papers for Annual Meeting

If you submitted a selected paper or symposium for our WAEA annual meeting in Monterrey, you should have recently received notice on the status of your submission. Many thanks to everyone that reviewed selected papers and to WAEA Directors Kellie Raper (chair) and Jay Noel for coordinating the double-blind review process. Please contact Jay Noel (jnoel@calpoly.edu) if you have not received any notice on your selected paper submission. Out of 113 submissions, 92 were accepted for presentation in 23 sessions plus 6 more accepted in the graduate student paper competition, which will be split into two sessions. In order for selected paper and symposia presenters to be included in the final program, on or before May 1, 2013, the presenting author must be identified, registered for the annual meeting, and a current member of the WAEA. After the presenting author has been determined and registered, please send Kellie Raper an email with this information no later than May 1, 2013, so that the program can be put together in a timely manner.

Annual Meeting Information Update

Our upcoming June 26-28 annual meeting in Monterrey, CA is coming up quickly. James Richardson (Texas A&M University) will be delivering the Presidential Address and John Loomis (Colorado State University) is providing the keynote address on “Strategies for Overcoming Hypothetical Bias in Stated Preference Surveys.”

Graduate Travel Scholarships

Travel scholarships for graduate students to our annual meeting will be offered again this year. Applications are due April 15, 2013. Please fill out the graduate travel fellowship application included in the last newsletter and submit the form electronically (scanned copies okay) to greg.perry@colostate.edu.
New Website and Meeting Registration
In September, the WAEA board approved investing in a new and improved website to serve as the public face for our association. Included with this redesign is the ability to handle registration fees for our professional meetings, starting with our meeting in Monterrey. The website should be accessible in the next week. When it is ready, an email will be sent out that provides the new address. Registration fees will be the same as last year: $275 for members, $325 for non-members, and $175 for students. Registrations after June 12th require an additional $50.

Hotel Registration
Hotel reservations at the can be made at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/waea2013 or can be made by phone at 877-901-6632. The room rate for single/double/triple occupancy is $199 per night plus 10% tax and $2.16 per night city tax. The cutoff date for this rate is June 5, 2013. The conference rate is also available 3 days prior to or after the conference, pending availability.

Sincerely,

Greg M. Perry
WAEA President
Special WAEA Pre-Conference Event Wednesday June 26!

Agribusiness Tour of California’s Salad and Fruit Bowl

Take the opportunity to get an inside view of some of the largest and most innovative fresh produce grower/packer/shippers in the world, all in the historically and agriculturally rich Salinas Valley. Our stops will include Ocean Mist Farms, the world’s largest fresh artichoke producer; Driscoll’s, one of the nation’s largest berry growers; Monterey Mushrooms, a company that grows and packs fresh mushrooms all over the U.S.; and Taylor Farms, one of the largest fresh salad packers in the country. If you’ve purchased berries, mushrooms, bagged salads or fresh artichokes at your local grocery or warehouse store, they were probably grown, packed and shipped by these companies. All of these agribusinesses have both conventional and organic programs, and grow products year-round in various U.S. and international locations. Lunch will be provided by Driscoll’s on their patio overlooking the berry fields.

The tour bus will depart the Monterey Marriott at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, returning by 4:30 p.m. The cost for the tour is $40 per person, and spouses/partners are welcome to attend. The companies can only accommodate one tour bus of 45 people, so register early to ensure your spot! If you have any questions about the tour, please contact Lynn Hamilton at lhamilto@calpoly.edu or at 805-783-0420. The WAEA meetings and reception will commence in the early evening (see WAEA conference schedule), so no one will miss out on WAEA events by attending this tour. Hope to see you on the bus!
Update from JARE Editors

The April issue is in the process of being finalized and is nearly ready to send to the printers. We are currently working on papers for the August 2013 issue. I speak for the entire editorial team in saying that it has been a challenging and rewarding experience to edit the Journal over the past year. I would like to thank the WAEA membership for allowing us to serve in this capacity, and to especially thank Amy Bekkerman for her efforts on behalf of the Journal.

During the past several months we have discovered a fraudulent “Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics” that has apparently been operating since about 2005. To my knowledge this fraudulent journal was active mostly in the Middle East and published PDF files online for unsuspecting scientists while collecting page charges. They were using the name and ISSN number of the JARE along with the names of current and past editors in their communications with authors. We have taken action to stop this. As of this writing their web page is showing “account suspended”. We hope that this will be the end of it.

The real JARE continues to operate as it always has and the FastTrack system is secure. We hope that you will continue to consider JARE as your primary publication outlet.

I wish to thank the members of our editorial council for their willingness to provide insight and extra reviews when needed. Lastly I want to thank all authors who have submitted their research for review, and those who have served as reviewers. The quality of the JARE rests on the quality of submitted manuscripts and your selfless contributions to the review process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. McIntosh, Managing Editor
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