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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Would your agency like to sponsor one or more students to attend USDA's 2009 Agricultural Outlook Forum?

The USDA's Outlook Forum Diversity Program has created a sponsorship opportunity for agencies, corporations, and organizations. This competitive program yearly sponsors 18 to 22 students to attend USDA's annual 2-day event, promoting participation that educates students about agribusiness, the latest research, future trends, and policy in contemporary agriculture. These students represent the diversity of American agriculture and are the next generation of agricultural industry leaders.

The 2009 Agricultural Outlook Forum will be held February 26-27, 2009, in Arlington, Virginia, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel. World Agricultural Outlook Board and Cooperative State provide the students with complimentary registration. Sponsors provide expenses for lodging, meals and transportation for the students from their college or university to Washington, D.C., arriving February 25, 2009, and returning home February 27.

Sponsors receive appreciative mention in the Forum program and on the Forum Web site at www.usda.gov/oce/forum.

The Diversity Program targets agricultural economics, agriculture, ag. communication, agribusiness or pre-veterinary junior or senior undergraduate students.



CHS Foundation sponsored students through the Outlook Forum Diversity Program: Laura Sossamon, University of Arkansas; Johnie Jones, III, Prairie View A&M University (Texas); and Alanna Kmicikewycz, University of Illinois.

Participating colleges and universities submit letters of recommendation from the Dean of the Agricultural for up to two students, along with the students' one-page essays titled "Agriculture as a Career." A CSREES panel provides initial review of the submissions. Final selection is made by Dr. Ahmad Jilani, USDA Liaison Officer, University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Two positions are reserved for UMES students.

Participating students receive a USDA briefing and learn about the history of the Forum as well as current topics. On Wednesday evening, February 25, students register and attend an informal social gathering at the Marriott. They attend Forum sessions, including the Thursday evening dinner-lecture session. For information

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on the 2008 Agricultural Outlook Forum, see www.usda.gov/oce/forum.

To arrange agency sponsorship contact Brenda Chapin, Forum Coordinator, at 202 720 5447, or bchapin@oce.usda.gov. Sponsorship deadline November 14, 2008.

This is a great opportunity to further our profession, and to showcase your agency to potential future employees. Previous USDA sponsors have included the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; Economic Research Service; Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

JH Bahn, President

SEMINARS UPDATE

Craig Cox, Midwest Vice President, The Environmental Working Group. TBA

Bob Koopman, Director, Office of Economics, International Trade Commission. TBA

OTHER UPCOMING

Food Distribution Research Society Conference. [Entrepreneurship in the Food Chain when "Local" is King](#), Columbus, OH, October 11–15, 2008.

Industry Fall Outlook Conference. Double Tree Hotel, Chicago IL, October 21, 2008. www.lmic.info/About/IOCregistration.htm

2008 Program of Research on the Economics of Invasive Species Management Workshop. ERS, Waugh Auditorium, Washington, DC, October 23, 24, 2008. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/ConferenceCenter/InvasiveSpecies2008/>

UN Food and Agriculture Organization, and Conservation Technology Information Center. *Conservation Agriculture Carbon Offset Consultation*. Purdue Agronomy Center for Research and Education, West Lafayette, IN, October 28 – 30, 2008. http://www.conservationinformation.org/?action=event_s_events_carbonoffsetmtg

[Risk Navigator-SRM Workshop](#). San Diego, CA, November 12, 13, 2008.

Conversations with Campus Authors - Books published by Univ. of Maryland faculty. Howard Leathers, Agricultural & Resource Economics, *The World Food Problem: Tackling the Causes of Undernutrition in the Third World*. November 19, 2008, McKeldin Library, College Park. <http://www.umd.edu/fyi/index.cfm?id=19912>

International Summit on Agricultural and Food Truck Transport. Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC, Dec. 2 – 3, 2008. www.agandfoodtrucking.org

Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists 2009 Convention. Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, GA, January 31 - February 3, 2009. <http://www.saasinc.org/>

USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum. Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA, February 26, 27, 2009. www.usda.gov/oce/forum

CALLS FOR PAPERS

27th International Conference of Agricultural Economists. *New Landscape of Global Agriculture*. Deadline November 30, 2008. www.iaae-agecon.org/Conferences%5C2009Beijing-China.doc

International Water Association. *International Conference on Water Economics, Statistics and Finance*. Deadline November 30, 2008. http://www.iwahq.org/templates/ld_templates/layout_632897.aspx?ObjectId=632922

Research Committee on Commodity Promotion (NEC-63) & AAEA Food and Agricultural Policy Section Joint Conference, *Promotion through Consumer Information on Food Credence Attributes*. Deadline December 1, 2008. <http://commodity.aem.cornell.edu/nec63/meet.htm>

American Time Use Research Conference. Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for papers that address any question related to the collection or analysis of time use data. Deadline December 1, 2008. <http://www.atususers.umd.edu/wip2/>

Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Management, Hebrew University. *Rural Cooperation in the 21st Century: Lessons from the Past, Pathways to the Future*. Deadline December 31, 2008.



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<http://departments.agri.huji.ac.il/economics/en/events/call-for-papers-2009.pdf>

Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agadir, Morocco. *The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis, and Food Insecurity*. Deadline January 15, 2009. <http://2009-international-conference.synthasite.com/index.php>

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

AAEA is soliciting nominations for President-elect (3 yr. term) and two Executive Board Directors (3 yr. terms), all beginning August 2009. AAEA, 555 E. Wells St. Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202, or nominations@aaea.org. Deadline October 6, 2008.

RECENT RELEASES BY DC AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

Klaus Deininger, Daniel Ayalew Ali. Do Overlapping Land Rights Reduce Agricultural Investment? Evidence from Uganda. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 90(4) 2008: 869-882.

Mark W. Rosegrant, Tingju Zhu, Siwa Msangi & Timothy Sulser. Global Scenarios for Biofuels: Impacts and Implications. *Review of Agricultural Economics* 30(3) 2008: 495-505.

K. H. Coble, & Robert Dismukes. Distributional and Risk Reduction Effects of Commodity Revenue Program Design. *Review of Agricultural Economics* 30(3) 2008: 543-553.

Michele Ver Ploeg & Citro, C.F. Poverty Measurement: Orshansky's Original Measures and the Development of Alternatives. *Review of Agricultural Economics* 30(3), 2008: 581-590.

Gleason, R.A., Laubhan, M.K., and Euliss, N.H., Jr., Eds. 2008. Ecosystem services derived from wetland conservation practices in the United States Prairie Pothole Region with emphasis on U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve and Wetlands Reserve Programs. Professional Paper 1745, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC.

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/1745/pdf/pp1745web.pdf>

IN FOCUS: INTERNATIONAL FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Colleagues:

I was recently appointed Executive Editor of the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* (IFAMR). It is quite an honor, and I am filling big shoes in following Dr. Francesco Braga of University of Guelph. The Review is a wonderful publication and I look forward to building on Dr. Braga's efforts.

I am currently an associate professor of Agribusiness Management in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois. I hold the Soybean Industry Endowed Associate Professorship of Agricultural Strategy. I serve as the Executive Director of the National Soybean Research Laboratory, located on the campus of the University of Illinois.

I have exciting news to pass along. Citations are increasingly the currency of the promotion and tenure process as well as rankings among peer institutions. In May 2008, IFAMR was submitted to Thompson Scientific for inclusion in the Citation Index. This effort is lead by Dr. Greg Baker at Santa Clara University and is an important step for agribusiness scholars. Dr. Baker and the IAMA business office have registered the IFAMR with Google Scholar, Econ Lit, and Agecon Search. We will continue to work to elevate the impact of the Review by improving access to its articles.

In addition, the IAMA Executive Committee recently elected to eliminate the submission fee in which the journal charged authors wishing to send their manuscripts through the double-blind peer review process. It is also no longer a requirement that at least one contributing author belong to IAMA in order to submit a manuscript to the journal. This will not only increase the overall number of submissions but will help authors from outside the U.S. and Europe.

The Review is dedicated to publishing leading theoretical and applied research on management of the agribusiness firm. We are committed to an efficient and rigorous review process that focuses on helping authors become better writers. The Review reflects agribusiness scholarship world-wide with over half of its



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editorial board, managing editors, and article submissions coming from outside the United States. We welcome inquiries from scholars seeking to become more involved with the management of IFAMR whether as a Managing Editor, a special issue editor, a member of the Editorial Board, or as a reviewer. I would love to visit interested faculty in your department.

Join us at the 2009 IAMA Forum & Symposium in Budapest, Hungary, June 20-23, 2009. To learn more about the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, its publication philosophy and guidelines please visit us online at www.ifama.org.

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GOVERNMENT JOBS FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

<http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Agricultural Economist GS-0110-12/13
Vacancy Ann. #: ERS-2008-0043
Who May Apply: Public
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full Time
Closing Date: 10/31/2008
Salary: \$69,764 to 107,854/ yr

Financial Economist (OCC Fellowship Program)
Vacancy Ann. #: RAD-08-ECON-01
Who May Apply: Public
Appointment Term: Term
Job Status: Full Time
Opening Date: 12/31/2008
Salary: \$65,201 to 160,573/ yr

Agricultural Economist GS-0110-09/11
Vacancy Ann. #: ERS-2008-0057
Who May Apply: Public
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full Time
Closing Date: 10/31/2008
Salary: \$48,108 to 75,669/ yr

NSF Program Director - Social Scientist
Vacancy Ann. #: E20090001
Who May Apply: US citizens and non-citizens
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full Time
Closing Date: 09/30/2009
Salary: \$98,033 to 152,775/ yr

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