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1996 Workshop/Meeting

By Judi Dow

REMEMBER TO REGISTER BEFORE THE MARCH 20 DEADLINE.

If you haven't yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. I need an accurate count of those attending before I can schedule meeting rooms and finalize the order of the program. The session schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY, April 20
Early Bird Meeting

SUNDAY, April 21
Free Day

MONDAY, April 22
Basic Reference Sources
ERS Update
Sharing Reference Experiences -Print Sources
Using PS&D Software

TUESDAY, April 23
Using FirstSearch for Ag Econ Reference
Sharing Reference Sources - Electronic
Creating your own Home Page on the Web.

Please join us on the beautiful campus at Michigan State for an information packed workshop.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact **Judi Dow** at **517-355-6650** or email **20676aec@msu.edu** .

(For information concerning travel funds, see page 3. The average amount per person for 1996 is expected to be about \$300.00)

AgEcon SearchUpdate

-Louise Letnes

AgEcon Search: Research in Agricultural Economics, the Internet site designated by the AAEA as the Web site of choice for electronically disseminated agricultural economics literature, is now fully functional and ready for all US and Canadian agricultural economics departments to begin submitting their publications. The first series to be put up on the database are the working/staff papers of the departments. Once the working/staff papers are mounted the scope of the publications accepted will be expanded.

As soon as possible after the papers have been sent to AgEcon Search they will be indexed and searchable online. At the same time the full text of the papers will be available to be read online or downloaded/printed upon request.

All US and Canadian agricultural economics department heads have been contacted and asked to establish procedures within their departments for submitting the papers. Instructions on how to submit papers and a request for a contact person in each department have been included with this letter. The instructions will also be available on the Web site.

The Web address is **<http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>**

If there are questions about this site or procedures established to submit the papers, contact one of the project leaders. Email addresses :

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ISIS on the Internet

Wayne Olson of the National Agricultural Library sends the following information on the Library's OPAC becoming available through the Internet.

The ISIS Online Public Access Catalog is now available via the Internet. The telnet address is "**opac.nal.usda.gov**". At the login prompt type "ISIS." Hours of access are 6 am to 9 pm EST, Monday through Saturday. ISIS is also available on the World Wide Web. From the NAL Home Page click on the ISIS logo or opac.nal.usda.gov to establish a search-only telnet session into ISIS. A link has

The NAL is the largest agricultural library in the world. It contains over two million volumes on a range of topics. One vehicle used by the NAL to provide for dissemination of information is ISIS. ISIS contains two databases: the NAL Online Catalog and the Journal Article Citation Database. The online catalog contains bibliographic citations for book, reports, maps, journals, audiovisuals, CD-ROMs and other materials added to the NAL collection. This is the default database when accessing ISIS. The Journal Citation Database consists of citations reflecting journal/periodical articles, book chapters, reprints, and other specialized materials indexed by NAL and its cooperators. This database is a subset of the AGRICOLA database and is the most current source of AGRICOLA records. Both the Journal Citation database and the NAL Online Catalog are updated daily.

To search the Journal Article Citation database, enter the command **/IND**. To return to the NAL Online Catalog, enter the command **/BIB**.

****WEB SITE OF INTEREST****

Grace Dote sends the following:

The Giannini Foundation Library has a Home Page accessible through the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics Home Page: **<http://are.berkeley.edu/>**

We have information about the library, lists of the Giannini Foundation publications lists, Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics Working papers list, Giannini Foundation member list and links to other resources on the WWW, e.g., AgEcon Search, other Economics working papers, Agriculture Fact Book, USDA agencies' home pages, and more. Have a look!

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ODDS & ENDS

The Association of American Plant Food Controls (AAPFCO) has assumed the collection and publication of the National Fertilizer Database which had previously been prepared by the TVA. "Commerical Fertilizers 1995" is now aailable in hard copy or on the Internet at <http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/RegulatoryServices/>

A new way to learn about new Internet resources is the "Scout Report," a weekly publication available at <http://rs.internic.net/scout/report> or by email. To subscribe to the email version, send email to listserv@lists.internic.net and in the body of your message type:

subscribe scout-report yourfirstname yourlastname

You can also subscribe to a html version by typing the message:

subscribe scout-report-html yourfirstname yourlastname

Wayne Olson, Reference Librarian at NAL, sends along the following "Thank you and very high honor" he received after helping a patron via email find information on cashmere goats. "Once again, thanks. My first cashmere goat will be called Olson..."

For a free copy of the "1996 Economic Report of the President," call (202) 395-7332.

USDA Agriculture Fact Book, 1996 is available on their web site:
<http://www.usda.gov/factbook/contents.htm>

Member Update

Please add Betty Kellogg to your member lists - she is Peiling's replacement at the University of Maryland.
The mailing address remains the same, her email address is:

bkellogg@arec.umd.edu

Mailing List Updates

Sue Anderson-Colorado State
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area code has changed to **970**

Judi Dow-Michigan state
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Ellen Reneke-Clemson
area code has changed to **864**

Min Fah Teo is no longer at Oklahoma State

AERO STATEMENT UPDATED

Members:

Please read the following and be prepared to discuss, vote on and, if necessary, modify the appended guidelines at the business meeting being held Monday night of the Workshop.

The Secretary/Treasurer's section of the AERO statement has been revised. The second sentence now reads "The Secretary/Treasurer shall communicate with the funding source for conference travel funding, and notify the President-Elect of the Amount received, if possible, before the registration packets are distributed in order to include travel funding information with the guidelines and procedures.

APPENDIX: TRAVEL FUNDING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Guidelines:

- Funds are available to reimburse travel expenses only. Keep all receipts.
- Airfare must be overnight Saturday to obtain the cheapest rate.
- Only one person per institution will be considered for funding. If more than one request is received, support will be provided to the person primarily in charge of the departmental library.
- Funds will be divided equally among those applying.
- An approximate maximum dollar amount will be stated in the registration packet, if known before the packets are distributed.

Procedures:

- The applicant will need to pay for their travel to the conference.
- At the business meeting, the applicants will be asked for a written estimate of the dollar amount to be reimbursed.
- At the meeting, forms from [funding source] will be given to applicants by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- The applicants will be responsible for submitting the completed form and receipts to the [funding source] which will reimburse them directly.