

ANNOUNCEMENT
GREGOR-JOHANN MENDEL COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

The Committee on Agricultural Statistics was formed by the International Statistical Institute in 1993. The primary purpose was to provide a forum within the International Statistical Institute for the exchange of statistical methodology among Agricultural Statisticians. The committee will meet in conjunction with the biennial meetings of the International Statistical Institute. The next such meeting will be in September 1995 in Beijing. The primary activities of the committee during the period leading to the Beijing Conference are as follows :

- Conduct an outreach effort of Agricultural Statisticians to foster their participation in at least one of the existing sessions of the ISI. The overall goal is to increase the level of participation of Agricultural Statisticians in the activities of the ISI and the sections and to provide them a focal point to address their questions and concerns.
- Seek a panel of experts concerning agricultural surveys, especially surveys involving crop cutting, to measure average yields and total production. These surveys results are extremely critical for Governments to determine export policies, as well as disaster and subsidy policies. This panel of experts would hopefully meet as a special topic session at the Beijing Conference. The panel of experts would be identified early enough so that participants could either prepare questions in advance or bring them to the meeting.
- Arrange an open meeting of the committee and all interested agricultural statisticians at the Beijing conference to discuss future activities.

Membership in the committee is open to all members of the International Statistical Institute or one of its affiliated sections. For further details, contact :

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The 48th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics will be held at College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Kerala Agricultural University, Mannuthy, Trichur from 15 - 17 December, 1994.

Prof. G.K. Shukla, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and Sessional President will deliver the Technical Address. The other programmes in the Conference are :

- Symposia on :
 - (i) Plantation Crops and their role in new economic scenario and
 - (ii) Utilisation of available data in Agricultural Research.
- 'Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture' by His Grace Mar Gregorious, Arch Bishop, Trivandrum.
- 'Dr. V.G. Panse Memorial Lecture' : by Dr. K.N. Raj, Chairman, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.
- Special lecture in the session on 'Statistical Computing' by Dr. N. Seshagiri, Director General, National Informatics Centre, New Delhi,

There will be a special session for presentation of papers by scientists/students considered for 'ISAS young Scientist Award'. The full paper with abstract should reach the Secretary, Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, IASRI campus, Library Avenue, New Delhi-110 012 before 29 October, 1994.

For presentation of contributed papers in the conference abstract (not exceeding 200 words) along with full paper may be sent to the Secretary, ISAS, IASRI Campus, Library Avenue, New Delhi-110 012 before 7 November, 1994.

For further details, write to the Secretary, ISAS, New Delhi - 110 012.

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