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From the President

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This is the last presidential address before the ISA Congress of Gothenburg. After that event, central to the life of our research committee, new officers will replace the outgoing ones. The results of the election for the new officers, held last March, signal a clear willingness to proceed in the process of making RC40 a truly international association. I address my best wishes to the new officers, who I am sure will face with competence and energy the new challenges of the next years.

In the last four years the themes of food and agriculture have arisen at the top of the concerns of public opinion.

The crisis of 2007-2008 has generated a profound reflection on the way food security is conceived of and addressed by policies. During the crisis, many countries have restricted trade, and many countries have accelerated neo-colonialist strategies, based on long term lease of land in countries – mostly in Africa –

with least bargaining power. This shows that the crisis has broken down universal claims based on free trade and market liberalization as the keys to peace and prosperity, and has shown the tough reality of increasing inequality between and within countries and intensified attempts of national elites to secure their internal legitimacy by trying to dump vulnerabilities of food systems elsewhere.

The crisis has revealed the dependence of conventional agriculture from scarce resources (land, water, energy, fertilizers) so that agriculture has become one of the most relevant case studies of the limits to growth. The ‘biofuel delusion’ has also demonstrated that there are not shortcuts for the ecological restructuring of the economy.

During the last years we have also witnessed a unprecedented growth in public opinion’s awareness of the inadequacy of the dominant food systems to satisfy social demand, and on the ways to reform them. The sustained growth

of organic farming and of alternative food networks, the development of food planning and attention to public food procurement in cities, the increasing dissatisfaction with concentration in agriculture and in the food sector, the convergence between health, environmental, ethical, quality concerns in the public opinion show how food is gaining a central position in the political arena.

Since its foundation, RC40 has developed a fresh and critical view on food and agricultural

issues, providing food movements, public administration, the scientific community with empirical evidence and theoretical frameworks. It is a small association, but its impact is much wider than the number of members would make one expect. I am sure that the new challenges will also make our association grow in numbers and will make its reputation improve.

[Insights around the Globe]

Food Safety and Football in South Africa

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In approximately one month from now people from all over the world will descend upon South Africa to watch the 2010 FIFA World Cup (soccer for those in North America). The World Cup is the most watched sporting event in the world. In the lead up to the event, much of South Africa's attention has been focused on the logistical arrangements of hosting the tournament – transportation, lodging, and venue construction. Less discussed is the connection between this international sporting event and food safety. Having World Cup spectators get sick from steaks that they consumed would be an embarrassing outcome to such a well-televised event. Therefore, similar to China's preparation for the Olympics (e.g., Beck 2009), South Africa's hosting of the World Cup has inspired a renewed emphasis (increased resources and political will) on the improvement of food safety in the South African meat supply. In order to understand this renewed emphasis, it is important to understand a little of the history of meat safety regulation in South Africa.

During the apartheid era in South Africa, all processing facilities' (e.g. slaughterhouses, facilities for further processing) standards were extremely rigid. The standards generally focused more on the structure of the slaughterhouse than on the safety of the product. Politically this attentiveness to the structure of processing facilities was used as a

control mechanism by the state to regulate who owned and operated a processing facility.

With the fall of apartheid and the closing of most agricultural control boards (done in an effort to liberalize the South African economy, reduce the amount of power and authority concentrated within the boards, and reduce concentration in the industry) in the 1990s, the South African government attempted to implement more flexible hygiene standards. This was a part of a larger process of deregulating the meat industry and it was done primarily to integrate previously disenfranchised Black South Africans. Farmers were no longer assigned to specific slaughterhouses, and guidelines for building and owning a slaughterhouse were relaxed during deregulation. (Officially, the guidelines of the Abattoir Hygiene Act of 1992 remained in place, but most new owners were unaware of the guidelines.) As a result there was an explosion in the number of operating slaughterhouses, with a total of 450 registered slaughterhouses operating in 2000, as compared to 281 slaughterhouses in 1990. As of 2009, there were 452 registered slaughterhouses, and they range in size from operations that slaughter one animal per week, to operations that slaughter one-thousand seven hundred animals per day.

With the increased number of slaughterhouses, an overall decline in

government resources for hygiene inspection, and South Africa's adoption of neo-liberal economic policies, the South African government responded, in cooperation with industry actors, introducing the Hygiene Assessment System (HAS) to slaughterhouses in 2000. In addition, the Meat Safety Act was passed in 2000 by the national government, which replaced the Abattoir Hygiene Act of 1992. The Meat Safety Act and HAS were viewed by South African government officials and some industry actors as a first step towards improving food safety and hygiene, while also empowering the industry to become more self-regulating with government only conducting audits of processing facilities.

HAS shifted regulations to more objective and measurable criteria for the maintenance of hygiene standards and was less expensive to implement than other hygiene management systems. As has been discussed by many other scholars, larger firms have more capital needed to invest in meeting standards and unlike small to medium processors, large processors do not experience new regulations as a major increase in the cost of production (Dunn 2003). According to Koolmees (2000), 200 of 780 slaughterhouses in England and Wales were forced to close in the 1990s because they were too small to be able to afford the required changes of the new EU hygiene legislation. Similarly, many small and medium processors in the United States have struggled to adopt the new meat hygiene regulations. For the South African government their hygiene requirements were an important consideration, because they had a vested interest in maintaining small to medium processors as a way to offset the extreme income inequality and severe unemployment in the formal sector.

Despite efforts to advance hygiene standards in South Africa over the past ten years, there is a wide and growing disparity in the maintenance of hygiene standards at processing facilities in South Africa. Generally, the largest processors in the South African industry have moved forward and become HACCP compliant. (HACCP refers to Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points and is a food safety management system whereby meat plants identify "critical control points" where contamination is likely to occur.)

By gaining HACCP compliance the largest processors effectively gain access and secure contracts with international customers (export markets), high-end retail chains, and tourist resorts. Meanwhile, the South African government has struggled to ensure basic enforcement of the Meat Safety Act. The struggle to ensure enforcement is due to fragmentation and lack of specificity within the Meat Safety Act (e.g. technically there can be multiple companies offering meat inspection services), a lack of uniformity in hygiene standards across the different provinces within South Africa, and by allowing slaughterhouse facilities to pay their own hygiene inspectors (thereby ensuring a conflict of interests) (personal communication, 2007).

Therefore, many involved with the red meat industry are excited that with the arrival of the World Cup there is a renewed emphasis on the part of government to improve meat hygiene regulation and enforcement in South Africa. Unfortunately, much of the context that surrounded the implementation of HAS and the passage of the Meat Safety Act in 2000 remain the same for South Africa in 2010, specifically the problem of extreme income inequality and high unemployment rates. In addition, in the past ten years, new challenges have emerged within the meat industry in South Africa, notably increased concentration in production (eighty percent of beef comes from fewer than fifteen feedlots) and the retail sector (which has led to a dramatic decline in small, independent butcheries). Thus, by being host to the FIFA World Cup there is a short-term positive externality, which is the improvement of meat hygiene regulation and enforcement in South Africa. Regrettably, the World Cup will last only one month, and it is unclear if food safety, specifically meat safety, will continue to be a high priority on the part of government once the World Cup concludes.

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Report from the Editors of The INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (IJSAF)

1. Number of Issues since the last RC-40 Newsletter

Since the last newsletter one issue of the journal has been published online

- Vol. 16, Issue 2 – Special Issue: Sources and Expressions of Power in Global Food Coordination and Rural Sites: Domination, Counter-domination and Alternatives. See <http://www.ijsaf.org>

The next issue will be published in May.

2. Visibility and Impact of the Journal

The low visibility and impact of the journal remains a key issue. We do not receive enough good papers for guaranteeing three issues per year and this is the main problem for applying to ISI to be monitored and have our impact factor calculated. Basically, we will not get a chance to have the journal's impact factor calculated until we manage to publish regularly three issues per year for several years in a row. The trend in submissions is not promising. We reject 70-80 per cent of the papers submitted – most are not social science papers. We need to make ever more explicit on our webpage that we are interested only in social science papers. RC-40 members are urged to consider IJSAF as a place to publish their research or that of their graduate students.

The IJSAF web page has recently been revamped to improve navigation and make it more user-friendly. However, more work is

needed to make the web page more appealing and attractive. This issue will be addressed by the editors in 2010.

3. Proposed Special Issues

Future planned special issues include:

- Financialisation of Food and Agriculture. Guest edited by David Burch Griffith University, Australia) and Geoffrey Lawrence (The University of Queensland, Australia).
- Climate Change. Guest edited by Marta Rivera-Ferre (University of Barcelona), Reidar Almas and Hilde Bjorkhaug (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim).

The editors would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in guest editing a special issue, especially if it covers one of the following topics:

- Organic, Fair Trade, Slow Food, Veganism: Food as a New Arena for Ethical Consumerism.
- Animal Technologies: Cloning, Transgenic, Compositing and the Transformation of Animal Farming.
- Food Security and the Global Food Crisis.
- Neoliberalism, De-peasantisation and Peasant Mobilisation.
- NGOs and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Labour Processes in the Global Agri-Food System.

Vaughan Higgins

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Result of the 2010 Election for the Next Office of RC40

As I have already circulated on the e-list, the following is the result of the election for the next office of RC40. Thank you very much again for your participation and continuous support to the RC40 activities.

The new officers will begin their duties after the ISA congress this July.

President

Marie-Christine Renard (Mexico)

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ISA RC40-organized session

World Agriculture and Food in Search of New Paradigms

XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology

(July 11th -17th, 2010)

Venue (provisional): Handels, The School of Business, Economics and Law
University of Gothenburg, Vasagatan 1, SE-405 30 Göteborg (Gothenburg), Sweden

Session Program as of May 4, 2010

Monday (12 July, 2010)

15.30-17.30

Joint Session with RC47/40

[Grassroots movements for sustainable, local and convivial consumption]

- Degrowth into political practice. Wellbeing and sustainability as intrinsic effects.
Michela Guerini and Marco Boffi, (U. Milano)
- A grassroots perspective on the environmental movement motto « Think globally, Act locally » : World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms
Frederic Nicolas (U. Laval)
- What is critic in critical (or political) consumerism? Grassroots and subjective action
Paola Rebughini (U. Milano)
- The dilemma of reconciling discourses with practices. How utopias shape political consumerism
Sophie Bossy (European Institute Florence)
- Politicising climate change: the case of the Transition Towns movement in Flanders (Belgium)
Kenis & Mathijs (K.U.Leuven)
- What do they grow in a collective kitchen gardens (jardins partagés)? Responsible consumption, ecological issues and alternative sociabilities in a metropolis.

Luis Lopez et Gayet (CADIS et ENSAPLV)

- Voluntary simplicity. Challenge of a new global movement
De Bouver Emeline (University of Louvain)

17.45-19.45

[The challenge of Alternative Food Systems to Existing Food Paradigms]

Chairperson: Marie-Christine Renard

- Between food ethics, solidarity and the social construction of alternative markets. Exploring the dimensions of grassroots food movements in Spain
Henk Renting et al.
- 'Accumulation by Enclosure' and the Alternatives of the Counter-Enclosure Movements of Our Times
Farshad Araghi
- "The Global Ingredient": 'Organic Hummus' and Cultural Glocalization in Israel
Rafi Groslik
- The Characteristic analysis of Members' Needs for Community Supported Agriculture
Hiroaki Murase and Takashi Maeno
- Participatory Organic Guarantee Systems: supporting alternative agrifood paradigms
Mamen Cuéllar Padilla
- Exploring Rural Social movements: the experience of alternative farmer coalitions in Turkey
Asli Öcal

Tuesday (13 July, 2010)

10.45-12.45

[Choice in the Agri-Food Sector: Needs, Values, Dilemmas]

Chairperson: Raymond Jussaume, Jr.

- Individual Choice and Social Values: Choice in the Agrifood Sector
Lawrence Busch
- Rhetoric and Realities of Social Equity with Respect to Agri-Food Systems
Justin G. Smith and Raymond A. Jussaume Jr.
- Redefining Organic Agriculture through a Postmodern Lens
Bernhard Freyer and Jim Bingen
- Reconceptualising food ethics in Australian and South African deciduous fruit supply networks
Libby Hattersley
- The path towards sustainable consumption styles: Analysing citizens-consumers' life world
Adanella Rossi and Gianluca Brunori

15.30-17.30

[RC40 Plenary: New Directions in Analyzing the Global Food System and its Alternatives]

Chairperson: Gianluca Brunori

- Transitioning the Food Regime

- Philip McMichael (Cornell University)
- Power, Dominance and Constructed Marginality in the Global Food System – from System Transformation to Reflexive Governance
Peter H. Feindt and Terry Marsden (Cardiff University)
- Postcapitalist Politics' or Multi-variant Capitalism? Competing Understandings of Diverse Food Sub-systems
Jane Dixon (Australian National University)
- Alternative Food Networks and the Political Investment of the Consumer
Roberta Sassatelli (University of Milan)

17.45-19.45

[Rural Development and the Changing Role of Agriculture]

Chairperson: Manuel Belo Moreira

- The Uplands after Modernism – small farms' role in rural sustainability
Mark Shucksmith and Katrina Rønningen
- Peoples' Participation for Effective Watershed Development
Basavaprabhu Jirli and Pushpendra Kumar
- The Dissolution of the Peasantry and the Rise of Agrarian Capitalism in Rural China
Q. Forrest Zhang and John A. Donaldson
- The Role of Social Factors in Changing the Traditional Rural Landscapes
D. Marino and A. Cavallo
- "Transformation of Agricultural Relations in Turkey after 1980: The Case of Çukurova
Özgür Çetinkaya and Atakan Büke
- The Importance of Management for Agricultural Success in the Context of EU Policies: A Case Study in Eastern Germany
Joachim Singelmann
- New Paradigm of the Rural Development in Russia
Zemfira Kalugina, Olga Fadeeva
- Agriculture and Production Process: A Comparative Study of Three Villages of Marathwada Region of Maharashtra
Bishnu Charan Barik

Wednesday (14 July, 2010)

10.45-12.45

[The Politics of Food Security]

Chairperson: Elizabeth Ransom

- Adoption Potential and Consumers Acceptance of biofortified rice in West Bengal
S.K. Bardhan Roy
- Rethinking Food Security Paradigm in Africa: the Polycentric Planning Perspective
S. R. Akinola
- Food Security Policies in Brazil: an Analysis from the Rural Settlements
Sonia Maria Pessoa Pereira Bergamasco, Taísa Marotta Brosler and Lourival de Moraes Fidelis
- Control over Food Producing Resources: Looking for Resilience and Autonomy
Alessandra Corrado

- Conceptual Perplexity of Food Security: A Critical Examination of Alternative Food Discourses
Mustafa Koc

15.30-17.30

[Sustainable City-Regions: The Role of Food]

Chairperson: Roberta Sonnino

- Sustainable rural-urban linkages: the role of bamboo in China
Andrew Flynn and Yu Li
- Journeys of apples: how does an apple enter the city?
Poppy Nicol
- How to feed the city? Competing paradigms in perspective
JSC Wiskerke , JW van der Schans, PHM Derkzen & BB Bock
- URBAN AGRICULTURE, SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: TOWARDS A PROPOSAL OF INDICATORS
Soler, M. and Rivera-Ferre, M.G.
- Sustainable Urban Food Systems in Africa: the Case of Lusaka, Zambia
Caryn Abrahams
- Spaces of Sustainable Trade? Street food in Latin America
Peter K. Mackie
- Street Markets in Hamburg: Potentials and limitations of an alternative system of food distribution
Dietmar Weiß

17.45-19.45

RC40 Business Meeting

Thursday (15 July, 2010)

10.45-12.45

[Understanding New Trends in Food Governance]

Chairperson: Wynne Wright

- Food Quality and Labor: Corporate Retailers and Fresh Fruit Production in Brazil
Alessandro Bonanno and Josefa Salete Barbosa Cavalcanti
- Market-driven regulation towards sustainable development: the case of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil
Laura Silva Castañeda
- Agri-Food Governance and Expertise: The Production of International Food Standards
Richard P. Lee
- Governing Seafood: A Case Study of Movements, Markets, and Technoscience in the Global Agrifood System
Maki Hatanaka and Jason Konfal
- Adapting to a Depleted Environment: Myths, Monsters and Multinationals
Elisabeth A. Abergel

15.30-17.30

[Food Safety and Change in Agrifood: Causes, Processes, and Consequences]

Chairperson: William Friedland

- Local Food: from neo-liberalism to new food communities
Maria Fonte
- "¿Sleeping with the enemy?: Alliances between Fair Trade and coffee corporations
Marie-Christine Renard
- Driving Forces for Alternative Agrifood Movements: Deconstructing Food Horrors
William H. Friedland
- Dynamics of and conflicts in paradigm change on diet in modern Japan
Michiko Kida
- Human rights and animal welfare: civilizing religious slaughter?
John Lever and Mara Miele
- Greater Control or no Control of Nutritional Choices: Food Safety Debates on
Functional Foods
Tomiko Yamaguchi

17.45-19.45

**[Food Safety and Change in Agrifood: Causes, Processes, and Consequences]
(continued)**

Chairperson: William Friedland

- Local Food Systems, Shorter Value Chains and Food Safety: The Conundrum of
Good Food
Cornelia Butler Flora and Mary Emery
- The Rise of Corporate Governance and the Demise of Small-scale Agri-food
Producers through Private Regulation
Carol Richards, Geoffrey Lawrence and Hilde Bjørkhaug
- “Got Raw Milk?: New Forms of Associationalism in Response to Regularity
Failure in the U.S. Case of Unpasteurized Milk”
Wynne Wright
- The labeling of transgenic organisms in Brazil: the relation among companies,
experts and lay people
Bianca Scarpeline de Castro
- U.S. EPA's pesticide review under the Food Quality Protection Act: a phronetic
assessment
Ryan E. Galt
- The Pufferfish and the Paneid Shrimp: Assuring the Safety of Commercial
Seafood
Craig Harris
- FOOD SAFETY AND CHANGE IN AGRIFOOD: Could agricultural co-operatives
represent an alternative?
Manuel Belo Moreira
- Safe Meat for Whom? An Exploration of the Consequences of Food Safety
Regulations in Southern Africa
Elizabeth Ransom

Friday (16 July, 2010)

10.45-12.45

[Local Food as a Driver of Agri-Food Change]

Chairperson: Tomiko Yamaguchi

- A Comparative Analysis of Food Consumption in United Kingdom and Spain
Cecilia DÍAZ-MÉNDEZ (U of Oviedo, Spain), Isabel GARCÍA-ESPEJO (U of Oviedo, Spain), Javier CALLEJO (UNED, Spain), Dale SOUTHERTON (U of Manchester, UK), Alan WARDE (U of Manchester, UK), Antonio BLANCO (U of Oviedo, Spain).
- Consumer Trust in Animal-Farming Practices: the Case of Finland 1980-2009
Pekka Jokinen, Markus Vinnari, and Saara Kupsala
- The Rocha pear 'quality battles' in Western Portugal
Monica Truninger
- Is transnational corporations' contribution to the sustainable development of local agro-food systems possible ? : A Case Study of Dole Food Company in Japan and France
Kae Sekine, Jean-Pierre Boutonnet, and Shuji Hisano
- Geographical Indications and Local Development: The Social Construction of the Markets for the Kobe Beef and Limousin Beef
Louis Augustin-Jean, Kae Sekine, and Jean-Pierre Boutonnet

15.30-17.30

[Comparative perspectives on agricultural regimes and policy responses to the food crisis, increasing energy prices and climate change]

Chairpersons: Reidar Almas and Hilde Bjørkhaug

- Productivism, Resilience and 'Foods From Somewhere': Emergent Politics in Global Agri-Food Chains
Hugh Campbell
- Multifunctionality and neo-productivism: Dynamic tensions in agri-environmental policies in US and UK
Steven Wolf and Clive Potter
- Multifunctional agricultural policies: A comparison of Norwegian and EU-approaches, interpretations – and some implications of climate change and a possible neo-productivist turn
Katrina Rønningen
- The Scottish vision for agriculture: using discourse to maintain the status quo
Andrew Midgley and Alan Renwick
- Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization and a Globalized World
Bruce Muirhead
- The challenge of climate change and new policy responses: Sustainable development for Norwegian agriculture?
Hilde Bjørkhaug and Reidar Almas

17.45-19.45

[Comparative perspectives on agricultural regimes and policy responses to the food crisis, increasing energy prices and climate change] (continued)

Chairpersons: Katrina Rønningen and Hugh Campbell

- Rural development policies and agriculture in Germany: Future challenges and opportunities in the context of changing global land use drivers
Gerald Schwarz
- Increasing food and energy prices: what are the causes and who is to blame?
Reidar Almas and Jostein Brobakk

- **Between Commodity Competition: Divergent Trajectories in the NZ Pastoral Farming**
Paul Stock, Sue People, Rob Burton, and Hugh Campbell
- **Biofuels, Climate Change, and Local Environmental Vulnerabilities**
Carmen Bain
- **Governing Energy Landscapes in the American Great Plains: Global Environmental Benefits, Local Environmental Burdens ?**
Theresa Shelfa

Saturday (17 July, 2010)

13.45-15.15

[Grassroots movements for sustainable, local and convivial consumption]

Chairperson: Geoffrey Pleyers and Masashi Tachikawa

- ***Alternatives locales à la consommation et économie solidaire***
Laville Jean-Louis (CNAM Paris, France)
- ***Grassroots movements and critical consumption***
Luisa Leonini (U. Milano, Italy)
- ***The Rise of Local Food Movement in South Korea***
Chul-Kyoo Kim (Korea University)
- ***Grassroots movement for alternative food: a social movement perspective***
Geoffrey Pleyers (U. Louvain & CADIS, Belgium)
- ***Aesthetics as Politics? The Slow Food Way to Critical Consumerism***
Federica Davolio (U. Milano, Italy)
- ***Exploring sustainable food consumption: a conventions and practice perspective***
Monica Truninger and David Evans (U. Lisboa & U. Manchester)
- ***Identity and gastronomy in the community of Bom Sucesso, Várzea Grande, Mato Grosso, Brazil***
Maria Clara Vieira Weiss, Claudia M^a. Ourives Figueiredo de Souza, Karoline Martins Moreira dos Santos, Patrícia Helena do Amaral Dias (U. Federal de Mato Grosso, Brazil)

Upcoming Events

[2010]

- Agriculture, food and Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of food and Society (ASFS) with the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
June 2-6, 2010
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA
<http://www.afhvs.org/2010mtg.html>
- Innovation & Sustainable Development in Agriculture and food ISDA 2010, Montpellier, France
28 June - 1 July 2010
<http://www.isda2010.net/>
- XVII World Congress of Sociology "Sociology on the Move"
July 11th -17th, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden
<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress>

[2010/](#)

- Rural Sociological Society, USA
August 12-15, 2010
Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
<http://ruralsociology.org/>
- AGRI-FOOD XVII
Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Agri-Food Research Network
29 November - 1 December 2010
Monash University- Gippsland Campus, Churchill, Victoria, Australia
- 4th Conference of the Asian Rural Sociological Association (ARSA)
September 6 -10, 2010,
Legazpi City, The Philippines
<http://www.arsa1996.org/html/index.php>

By-Laws of the RC-40

I. MEMBERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

I.A. Members are those who pay RC-40 dues and participate in the scientific activities of the committee. Dues are set by the Executive Committee of RC-40.

I.B. Members of RC-40 have the right to

I.B.1. Run for office

I.B.2. Vote in all RC-40 elections

I.B.3. Participate in RC-40 business meetings

I.B.3.a. To participate in the quadrennial business meetings, individuals must be members of the International Sociological Association

I.B.4. Have priority status for participation in any of the scientific activities of the committee

I.C. Members are strongly urged to maintain membership in good standing in the International Sociological Association

I.D. Officers of the RC-40 are

I.D.1. The President

I.D.2. The Secretary

I.D.3. The Executive Committee, which consists of

I.D.3.a. The current president and secretary-treasurer

I.D.3.b. The immediate past president and secretary-treasurer

I.D.3.c. Four elected representatives

I.E. Officers are elected in the year prior to the quadrennial World Congress and take office at that Congress

I.E.1. Officers can not succeed themselves

I.E.2. All Officers must be members in good standing in the International Sociological Association

I.F. Duties of the President

I.F.1. The president has executive authority to organize the scientific and administrative work of the committee in consultation with the secretary-treasurer and members of the executive committee

I.F.2. The president convenes and organizes the quadrennial business meeting as well as any meetings of the executive committee

I.F.3. The president appoints the editorial committee of the International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food

I.F.4. The president, with the assistance of the secretary, organizes the publication and distribution of the semi-annual newsletter

I.G. Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer

I.G.1. The secretary assists the president in the coordination of the scientific and business activities of RC-40

I.G.2. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a record of all committee business and executive meetings, and maintain the financial records

I.G.3. The secretary shall make a yearly financial accounting to the executive committee and a quadrennial financial accounting to the membership at the quadrennial business meeting

I.G.4. The secretary shall be responsible for conducting the elections of new officers

I.H. Duties of the Members of the Executive Committee

I.H.1. Advise the President and Secretary on all scientific and business matters pertaining to the activities of the Research Committee

I.H.2. Review the secretary's annual financial report

II. SCIENTIFIC WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

II.A. To promote and encourage scientific analysis of the social organization of agriculture and food systems

II.B. Organization of the substantive content of the RC-40 session of the quadrennial meetings of the World Congress of Sociology

II.C. Organization of additional international meetings, including those that are held in conjunction with the World Congress and other scientific meetings

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE JOURNAL

III.A. The International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food is the official scientific journal of RC-40

III.B. The editor(s) are appointed by the president in conjunction with the executive committee transmit a complete record of journal finances to the secretary of RC-40, who shall add those records to the yearly financial report that is to be submitted to the executive committee and the quadrennial report submitted to the business meeting

III.D. The president of RC-40, in consultation with the editor and the members of the executive committee, shall appoint the members of the editorial board

III.E. The content of the journal shall reflect the scientific interests of the Research Committee, which is the sociological study of agriculture and food

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

IV.A. Amendments to the by-laws can be submitted by any member in good standing of the Research Committee.

IV.B. Amendments must be initially approved at RC-40 business meetings

IV.C. Amendments must then be ratified by mail ballot of members by a majority of those voting

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