

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)

and

the the Swiss Society of Agr Economics and Rural Sociology ¹

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the SGA/SSE share a common interest in promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession, to foster analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and to promote the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.

This memorandum of understanding specifies the kind of activities the two Associations agree to perform with the aim of expanding cooperation and generating synergies, particularly with reference to the dissemination of information regarding their activities among each other's membership.

1. EAAE and SGA/SSE agree to disseminate through the means they routinely use to inform their respective memberships (e.g. websites and newsletters) information regarding relevant activities promoted by the other Association, including congresses, symposia, seminars, courses, publications and award programs. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from the other Association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and SGA/SSE agree to investigate possible common actions that may serve the goals of both Associations.
3. To facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding the SGA/SSE will propose one of its members, possibly a member of its Board, who is also a member of EAAE, to serve as the Liaison Officer (LO) with EAAE. The proposed LO will become operational once agreed by EAAE.
4. The main duties of the LO will be:
 - (a) to represent SGA/SSE with EAAE for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and to act as the contact point with SGA/SSE for EAAE;
 - (b) to act as a contact point with EAAE for the membership of SGA/SSE;
 - (c) to forward information on developments in the profession in his/her country that may be relevant for the short and medium term planning of EAAE activities;
 - (d) to facilitate the flow of information on the activities of SGA/SSE among the membership of EAAE and of those of EAAE among the membership of SGA/SSE.

¹ Abbreviated in the rest of the text as SGA/SSE

5. The SGA/SSE website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of EAAE.

SGA/SSE may decide to provide the LO with the opportunity to briefly address its membership on relevant matters related with the activities of EAAE at the time of its periodic general meeting.

6. The Secretary General of EAAE will act as the contact point with EAAE for SGA/SSE.

The EAAE website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of SGA/SSE.

The LO will be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of EAAE as an observer when this meets in his/her country.

At the request of the LO, EAAE will provide logistic support for the organization of a meeting of the members of SGA/SSE at the time of its triennial Congress.

7. At every EAAE Congress, a meeting will be organized between the LOs and the Board of EAAE to discuss passed activities and plans for the following triennial period. The meeting will also be used to explore the possibility of expanding cooperation activities jointly involving more than one National Association and the EAAE.
8. EAAE and SGA/SSE agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding three years after the start of its implementation, revising it as agreed by both parties.

Approved by the Board of the EAAE on March 14th, 2016.

Approved by the SGA/SSE on March 11th, 2016.

For SGA/SSE



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