



Fourth International Conference on Agriculture Statistics

Advancing Statistical Integration and Analysis

22-24 October 2007, Beijing, China

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee and the Scientific Programme Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the Fourth International Conference on Agriculture Statistics (ICAS-4) which will be held from 22 to 24 October 2007 in Beijing, China. The Conference is open to all producers and users of agricultural statistics such as statisticians, researchers, analysts and decision-makers from government agencies, academia, business and private sector, as well as the development community, including international organizations. Detailed and updated information can be found at the Conference website <<http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/icas/>>. Two copies of the ICAS-4 brochure, which can also be downloaded from the web site, are attached for your information. We would appreciate it if you could help us distribute the brochure and the information on the Conference as widely as possible.

The theme of this Conference, Advancing Statistical Integration and Analysis, highlights many new directions and areas in agricultural statistics. The Conference promises a truly diverse and exciting programme consisting of plenary keynote speeches delivered by prominent speakers in this field, round table discussions and parallel sessions led by outstanding organizers from all over the world. These are supplemented by poster presentations and exhibitions. The detailed programme is available at the Conference website.

In addition to the wide variety of technical presentations, the Conference participants will see traditional Chinese performances of Beijing opera and acrobats on the first evening while tasting the genuine and delicious Chinese cuisine at the official dinner. Commercial services for pre- and post-Conference tours and social activities are also available at the Conference site at favorable discount rates. October, known as the beautiful "Golden Autumn Season", is the best month to visit Beijing.

Prospective participants interested in contributing to the Conference should submit the abstracts of their papers to the session organizers, whose names and addresses can be found at the Conference website, before 1 April 2007. The template of standard format for preparing abstracts and papers can also be found at the Conference website.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fourth International Conference on Agriculture Statistics in Beijing, China.

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