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From the President

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2014 has been an exciting year in terms of international food and agriculture debates. Our past president Marie-Christine Renard wrote about the International Year of Family Farming in her letter to RC40 members earlier this year and focused on the debates over what can be considered a family farm or a small-scale producer. I want to take a quick moment to further reflect on these international questions as this year also marks a series of international events dedicated to furthering debates over the future of agri-food systems.

In September, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with support from the French government, organized the largest ever scientific symposium on Agroecology.¹ The purpose was to promote dialogue at the intergovernmental level about the role that agro-ecological techniques can play in achieving sustainable agri-food systems. In October, the Committee on World Food Security approved the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, despite Oxfam's public statement that these principles are "too weak, vague and in a number of areas are actually worse than the standards that already exist. Unscrupulous investors could find ways to use the principles to cover irresponsible deals."² In November, the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)³ was held twenty-

two years after the first one. Here, governments (including the Pope), private sector and civil society representatives made commitments, captured in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition, to transform food systems towards providing more nutritious diets for all citizens. Each of these three events maintained a focus on the social aspects of agri-food systems.

These high-level discussions reflect changes in public debates around agri-food systems that have begun to take into consideration the positions promoted by grassroots and international social movements. At the same time, the types of commitments and the terms of debate at these high-level discussions also reflect the fact that the politics of agri-food systems are deeply embedded in their technical discussions. For example, FAO's Director General José Graziano da Silva stated in his address to the UN Secretary General Climate Summit that: "Climate-smart agriculture and Agro-ecology as well as the Genetic Modified Organisms could be complementary options and need to be considered under a real scientific approach – not in passionate ideological discussions."⁴ As a result, the issues at stake – such as what will be considered sustainable agriculture, who will be able to 'own' the land where it should take place, and who will have access to nutritious food (however it will be defined) – have not been resolved in these recent public debates.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/afns/en/>, accessed 30/11/2014

² <http://www.oxfam.org/en/grow/pressroom/reactions/oxfam-response-un-committee-world-food-security-endorsement-principles>, accessed 30/11/2014

³ <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/en/>, accessed 30/11/2014

⁴ <http://www.fao.org/about/who-we-are/director-gen/faodg-statements/detail/en/c/247970/> accessed 30/11/2014

It is important to see when and how the international scientific community is increasingly being called upon to resolve these fundamentally social conflicts over the future of agri-food systems. While not the most often called upon publicly, RC40 members have been studying and debating these issues for almost as long as they have been on the table in rural villages, in research institutes, in urban community centers and in policy arenas. Indeed, this past summer in Yokohama, where the theme of the ISA conference focused on inequality, RC40 members discussed questions of alternative agri-food systems based on agroecology and sustainable practices, land grabbing, labor relations, food security and agricultural modernization. We found that inequality is often insidious and much care should be taken to ensure that entrenched power structures that have institutionalized inequalities in each of these areas are challenged with our propositions for alternative futures. Our rich discussions and particularly sociological insights have done much to forward public understanding of agri-food systems and how we might advise the multiplicity of actors involved in making changes for the future.

These questions remain a scientific priority for RC40 and the incoming Executive Committee (for the 2014-2018 mandate) are keen to keep these issues on the table both within our committee and within the broader public arenas. Following the business meeting in Yokohama, the Executive Committee has adopted a rather ambitious agenda that should help to strengthen and grow the RC40 community.

First, following the vote at the business meeting, we have revised the RC40 bylaws in order to comply with the ISA requirements. Maki Hatanaka will be sending out a request for ratification of the new RC40 Statutes. With this request for ratification, we will provide detailed information about the changes that were approved by the Executive Committee. The key change is found in our clarification of the membership options, which allow for regular and affiliated members. Regular members have all rights and responsibilities and must be members of ISA. Affiliated members do not have to be members of ISA and therefore do not have the right to vote in the elections of the RC governing body; however they do have the right to participate in other decisions of the research committee. This point about membership was debated and approved at the

business meeting in Yokohama. We would like to keep the option of affiliated membership open in order to widen our scientific reach by being inclusive of those who are working on agriculture and food, but who may not be sociologists.

Second, we will begin work on strengthening RC40's journal (the International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food). We feel that the RC40 community has important insights to share with the broader scientific community and there is a need to strengthen the reach and impact of our journal. A 'Journal Professionalization Committee' (JPC) is to be established, with participation from the Executive Committee and the IJSAF Editorial Committee, which will guide this process. This committee will prepare a proposal for professionalization, based on an exploration of the possible options, which will be presented to the Executive Committee for a vote, based on member consultation. We are therefore requesting nominations from the RC40 membership to fill 2-3 spots on the committee. We are looking for members who have experience negotiating with professional publishing houses and can contribute to representing RC40's particular interests in keeping the access to our scientific work as widely available as possible. Please contact Maki Hatanaka (maki.hatanaka@shsu.edu) if you are interested in nominating someone.

Third, we have an exciting year of conferences coming up before we meet again officially in 2016. Given our history of supporting the International Rural Sociology Association (IRSA), we will hold our official mid-term business meeting in Toronto in 2016. In keeping with tradition, RC40 would like to ensure that one session is labelled as a RC40 session, please contact Maki if you are interested. However, given the increased attention ISA is paying to Research Committees, we have also decided to participate in the ISA Forum in Vienna in 2016. Please see the section on upcoming events in this newsletter, as deadlines for session proposals are fast approaching.

Finally, we would like to thank the outgoing Executive Committee, particularly Marie-Christine Renard and Carmen Bain, for their excellent work over the past four years. We are looking forward to carrying forward the RC40 agenda.



XVIII ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

FACING AN UNEQUAL WORLD:
CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY

13-19 July 2014



Report back from the Japanese RC40 Members...

First of all, as Japanese members of RC40, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all participants of ISA Congress in Yokohama. The total participants of the ISA exceeded 6,000 and this is a record-breaking number for the past ISA Congresses. This large number of participants was just beyond the organizers' expectations because they were very aware of the overall concerns related to the Fukushima disaster. However, partly because of this kind of "global" disaster and problems we are facing, the ISA Yokohama had given a great opportunity to sociologists in the world to exchange their views and future agenda in various areas of sociological inquiry. Anyway, we really appreciate your active participation into the Congress.

RC40 convened 14 sessions with 72 papers and a business meeting. This means that RC40 has succeeded in maintaining its membership and keeping active in the field of agriculture and food issues. The first day started at one corner ("booth") of the exhibition hall, and many found the environment of the space was not suitable for academic discussion. Luckily enough, negotiation to change the room was accepted by the local organizer, and from the 2nd day, we could have meetings in another room which was more comfortable.

On the final day, of the RC40 session, July 17, Yoshimitsu organized a short field trip to the suburb of Kanagawa prefecture, and visited two sites: a farmers' market and a natural food restaurant serving local produce. Thirteen people had participated in this field trip and enjoyed local food and a rural atmosphere of Japan.

Taking the opportunity of the ISA, the Japan Consortium of Sociological Societies, which consists of nearly 30 associations, published a book and CR-ROM, "Message to the World." The book is downloadable from the following website (<http://www.socconso.com/message/messageworld>). Masashi contributed a chapter on the "Japanese Association for Rural Studies" to this book. Editor-in-chief, Dr. Kokichi Shoji, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo, wishes to know the impact and critical reception of this book. We really appreciate it if you could let us know your feedback.



Thank you so much, and see you again in
Toronto in 2018!!

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Minutes RC40 Business Meeting

July 14, 2014

XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama

Recorded by Maki Hatanaka

20 Members Attended

1. **Opening from President:** Marie-Christine Renard
 2. **Introduction of newly elected officers**
 3. **RC40 Status Report from Secretary/Treasurer**
 - 77 members are in good standing
 - RC 40 e-list: 354 people
 - Finances and Budget: \$5,985. We are still expecting information on expenses and budget from the journal. ISA registration grants: 4 participants in total were allowed and all from RC 40 were approved.
 4. **By-law Modification (Marie-Christine)**
 - We have to add the full members category to our by-law. As currently written, we have only an affiliated members category and not a full member category.
 - Affiliated: Financial members of the relevant RC only.
 - Full: Financial members of both the ISA and RC.
 - **1st Motion:** RC 40 accepts the notion of two types of memberships. Regular and affiliated.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Financial implications for having these two memberships?
 - When you pay the fee to ISA, ISA will give the RC fees back to respective RCs.
 - **Vote:** Motion passes 20 to 1.
 - **2nd Motion:** Affiliated members do not have right to vote and cannot run for office.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Affiliated members cannot receive travel funds?
 - Everybody should be able to participate in voting. If not, this will be against our original philosophy.
 - Pointing out the gap b/w the number of the members and the e-list members. Internally we want everybody to be able to vote, but ISA is pushing us. We should amend and let the affiliated members vote. But not run for the office.
- Questioning the significance of voting.
 - My proposal was not to curve the internal democracy. It's just to be aligned with ISA's concerns of creating two types of memberships. We are simplifying the structure.
 - If we do not keep the rights to vote, we are no longer RC40.
 - Clarification is necessary: who can be the affiliated members? To whom affiliated members pay? Full members will pay to ISA. Affiliated pay to RC40? How?
 - **Motion Amended:** Affiliated Members do not have the right to vote.
 - **Vote:** Motion passes (18 Agree; 3 Disagree, 1 Abstain).
5. **Election method for secretary and treasurer one person. Question of election method.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - The outcome of the election was not shared last time. Only the results were.
 - It was discussed among Council members. We decided that giving out the exact voting numbers could be humiliating and thus unnecessary.
 - Allison and Maki: Come up with the new bylaw. (Edit the entire bylaw.) Implement the vote and send them out electronically.
 - Transparency of the voting procedures needs to be shared. Need to change the bylaw as such.
 - The new committee needs to revise the bylaw and send out to the members to vote.
 - **Vote:** To amend the bylaws and send out for a vote. Unanimously passes.

6. Report from the IJSAF by (Elizabeth Ransom on behalf of Mara)

- The journal is overspent by 1,200 ponds for copyediting and the webpage.
- IJSAF request some funds from RC40
- IJSAF needs to have the funds they need.
- We need the budget before providing any funds.
- Joek Roex prepares the budget and he must have all the info.
- The vote to spend \$2,000 for the journal in Lisbon was not binding. But the recommendation was for the journal to submit the budget first. It was voted at that time.
- Executive committee needs to ask the journal to submit the budget before providing any funds.
- If we have a capacity to make a proposal to the publishing house...
- Selling the journal to a publishing house is not Mara and Joek's job but the entire society's.
- Remembered whether we are going to continue the open access or not in Lisbon.
- This is what the leadership (elected officials) should manage. This is an opportunity.
- Executive committee should take over this issue. Agreed by Allison.

XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology

Sustainable and Just Rural Transitions: Connections and Complexities

Toronto, Canada
August 10-14, 2016

Global environmental changes, shifting resource scarcities, deepening social inequalities, both innovation and crisis in urban centers, and new patterns of voluntary and involuntary migrations are among the conditions and dynamics now shaping the futures of rural places and people. Intensifying and intertwining forces of commodification, industrialization, neoliberalization and globalization over the last several decades have produced uneven and arguably illusory gains, given evidence of the increasingly precarious position of labor and livelihoods throughout the rural world and the widespread distribution of environmental harm and ecological degradation. Within these general patterns and trends, circumstances can vary greatly across rural contexts within and between continents.

Rigorous analysis of the interconnected challenges now experienced by rural people and places, as well as comprehensive assessment of

the proposed solutions and diverse experiments now underway will increase our understanding of the pathways which may be open, blocked or yet to be created for movement towards more sustainable and just rural futures. Sociologists and other social scientists addressing rural concerns play indispensable roles in identifying, analyzing and assessing the forms and consequences – both intended and unintended – of the diverse transition aspirations and experiences of rural people and places.

We invite proposals for sessions that invoke the overarching theme of the Congress: the connections and complexities shaping prospects for sustainable and just rural transitions in the present era of crisis and change.

Submissions drawing on one or more of the following sub-themes and linked to the overarching theme are encouraged.

- Peasantries in a changing world
- Food & nutrition security
- Seed systems and intellectual property
- Neo-productivism in agriculture
- Concentration in the agrifood sector
- Land grabs and concentration of land
- The new face of multi-functionality
- Alternative and civic agrifood networks
- Challenges & potential of family-farming
- Water security & politics
- Climate change impacts & responses
- Contested Sustainability Discourses
- Indigenous knowledge and innovation
- The “new enclosures”
- Rural health disparities and solutions
- Changing rural mobilities & immobilities
- Food justice & food sovereignty movements
- Youth marginalization and empowerment
- Challenges and opportunities in the bio-economy
- Collaborative consumption & “new economies”
- Digital & virtual rural communities & networks
- Financialization & patterns of rural economic crisis
- Rural disaster planning, impacts & resilience
- Rural social movements, politics and organizing
- Gendered dimensions of farming and food
- Rural labor, livelihoods and labor markets
- Transition initiatives & impacts at multiple scales
- Original people, resistance and transitions
- Rural gentrification & countryside consumption
- Extractive economies and energy transitions
- Rural aging & the “graying” of rural spaces
- Multiple scale governance, politics & well-being

The XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology encourages interdisciplinary dialogue, exchange and collaboration in order to enhance the contributions and applications of sociological inquiry for understanding and improving the life conditions and experiences of people located in, identified with, and concerned about, rural places and communities worldwide. The program for the Congress will include keynote lectures by invited speakers who will provide fresh, integrative insights and challenges for rural sociological inquiry and practice. It will also include varied opportunities and venues for participants to present results of their research and engage with other scholars and practitioners from around the world, within traditional paper sessions, thematic panel discussions or debates, roundtables, workshops or performances.

For more details on the call for sessions and a list of suggested themes, please see the attached notice [pdf] or visit the IRSA Congress 2016 website: <http://www.ryerson.ca/arts/irsacongress2016/call-for-submissions/call-for-sessions.html>

Call for Sessions:

First call for session proposals Due by January 15, 2015.

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Report from the Editors

International Journal of Sociology and Agriculture and Food

Mara Miele, Farshad Araghi, and Vaughan Higgins

Issues since the last RC40 Newsletter

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Special Issue

GLOBAL SHOCKS, CHANGING AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND THE VIABILITY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

Available at: <http://www.ijisaf.org/contents/21-1/index.html>

Editorial Introduction

[Global Shocks, Changing Agricultural Policy and the Viability of Rural Communities](#)

Authors: Hilde Bjørkhaug and Katrina Rønningen

Articles

[Conversion of Family Farms and Resilience in Southland, New Zealand](#)

Authors: Jérémie Forney and Paul V. Stock

[Governing Australia's Dairy Farm Workforce: A New Terrain for Negotiating Rural Community Sustainability](#)

Authors: Michael Santhanam-Martin and Ruth Nettle

[Crisis? What Crisis? Marginal Farming, Rural Communities and Climate Robustness: The Case of Northern Norway](#)

Authors: Hilde Bjørkhaug and Katrina Rønningen

[The Rural under the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union: Sustainable Rural Development aspects of Pillar II in Finland and Estonia](#)

Authors: Michael Kull, Olli Voutilainen, Stamatios Christopoulos, and Ramon Reimets

[Multifunctional Agricultural Policies: Pathways towards Sustainable Rural Development?](#)

Author: Tanja Mölders

[Agricultural Policy in Russia: Global Challenges and the Viability of Rural Communities](#)

Author: Zemfira I. Kalugina

[A Twenty-first Century Socialist Agriculture? Land Reform, Food Sovereignty and Peasant-State Dynamics in Venezuela](#)

Author: Daniel Lavelle

[Peasant-managed Agricultural Growth in China: Mechanisms of Labour-driven Intensification](#)

Authors: Jan Douwe van der Ploeg, Jingzhong Ye, Huifang Wu and Chunyu Wang

[Sustainable Food Security: An Emerging Research and Policy Agenda](#)

Authors: Roberta Sonnino, Ana Moragues Faus, and Albino Maggio



Volume 21, Issue 2 (2014)**Articles****[Less Meat Initiatives: An Initial Exploration of a Diet-focused Social Innovation in Transitions to a More Sustainable Regime of Meat Provisioning](#)****Authors: Carol Morris, James Kirwan, and Rhonwent Lally****[Meanings of Local Food in Danish Print Media: From Marginal to Mainstream](#)****Author: Safania Normann Eriksen****[Beyond the Public-Private Divide: GLOBALGAP as a Regulation Repository for Farmers](#)****Authors: Antoine Bernard de Raymond and Laure Bonnaud**

The publication of the new International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food, Vol.21 (3), Special Issue: *Children's Food Practices and School Meals* is imminent.

Editorial Introduction**Authors: Mónica Truninger, Ana Horta and José Teixeira****The Politics of the Public Plate: School Food and Sustainability****Author: Kevin Morgan****Breakfast and Beyond: The Dietary, Social and Practical Impacts of a Universal Free School Breakfast Scheme in the North West of England, UK****Authors: Pamela Louise Graham, Riccardo Russo, John Blackledge and Margaret Anne Defeyter****Developing a Conceptual Framework for Understanding Children's Eating Practices at School****Authors: José A. (Tony) Torralba and Barbara Atie Guidalli****What Would Be the Best School Meal If You Were to Decide? Pupils' Perceptions on What Constitutes a Good School Meal****Authors: Maria Bruselius-Jensen****Between Pleasures and Risks: The Circulation of Knowledge about Food in French Primary Schools****Authors: Simona De Iulio and Susan Kovacs****Contested Interactions: School Shops, Children and Food in Warsaw****Author: Zofia Boni.**

For 2015 we are launching a call for new special issues to be published in 2016 and 2017. Some of the special issues that are confirmed include:

Can the Oceans Feel Humanity?
Guest Editor: Prof. Elspeth Probyn

Global Land Grabs and Food Security
Guest Editor(s): TBC

The editors of IJSAF invite all the members of RC40 to submit papers to the journal!

Mara Miele
Vaughan Higgins
Farshad Araghi



RC40 By-Laws

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 cannot 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 content of the journal shall reflect the scientific interests of the Research Committee, which is the sociological study of agriculture and food.

III.C. The editor(s) are appointed by the president in conjunction with the executive committee. The term of service for editors shall be negotiated in consultation with the executive committee.

III.D. The editors shall between them nominate a representative who is the main point of contact for, and liaison between, the journal and the executive committee.

III.E. The editors shall, in consultation with the executive committee, appoint an editorial assistant to take charge of the daily running of the journal. The editorial assistant shall have responsibility for co-ordinating the entire submission, reviewing and publication process; responding to contributors; liaising with reviewers; maintaining the website; ensuring that the editors are provided with regular updates on contributions and reviewing; and, assisting in the planning of future issues.

III.F. The president of RC-40, in consultation with the editors and the members of the executive committee, shall appoint the

members of the editorial board. The editorial board members consist of distinguished researchers in the sociology of agriculture and food and at the time of appointment must be members of RC-40.

III.G. The executive committee shall, where possible, provide financial support to ensure the ongoing viability of the journal.

III.H. The editors shall transmit regular reports on the journal to the RC-40 newsletter and shall present a report at the quadrennial business meeting.

III.I. The editors shall 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.

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



Upcoming Events

Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society

Bridging the Past, Cultivating the Future:

Exploring Sustainable Foodscape

June 24-28, 2015

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://afhvs.org/conference-home/>

Abstract Submission Due: TBD.

The XXVI European Society for Rural Sociology Congress

Places of Possibility? Rural Societies in a Neoliberal World

August 18-21, 2015

Aberdeen, Scotland

<http://www.esrs2015.eu>

Abstract Submission Due: January 30, 2015

5th CIRIEC International Research Conference on Social Economy

The Social Economy in a Globalized World

July 15-18, 2015

Lisbon, Portugal

<http://www.mundiconvenius.pt/eventos/2015/ciriec2015/welcome.htm>

Abstract Submission Due: Closed.

Third ISA Forum of Sociology

The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World

July 10-14, 2016

Vienna, Austria

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/>

Call for Sessions Due:

March 15, 2015 (Submit to RC40 Session Organizers:

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Call for Papers Due:

September 30, 2015

Rural Sociological Society

Knowing Rural: Situating the Lived Experience of Plurality in Definitions of Rural

August 6-9, 2015

Madison, Wisconsin, USA

<http://www.ruralsociology.us/>

Abstract Submission Due:

February 6, 2015

XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology

Sustainable and Just Rural Transitions: Connections and Complexities

August 10-14, 2016

Toronto, Canada

<http://www.irsa-world.org/>

Call for Sessions Due:

January 15, 2015

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[1] About the Listserv of the RC-40:

Beginning fall 2014, RC40 has established its listserv using the Yahoo Groups. We hope to use this listserv to enhance communication and interaction among the RC40 members.

List Logistics:

- To join the RC40 listserv, send your message to: rc40_food_and_ag_soc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- To post messages to the list membership, send your message to: rc40_food_and_ag_soc@yahoogroups.com.

[2] About the membership fee:

Membership to the International Sociological Association (ISA) and RC40 covers a four year period. To apply for membership and see the fee structure, please go to http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm

[3] About the IRSA in 2016 (Toronto):

The call for session proposals at IRSA is due January 15, 2015. If you are interested in making the sessions RC40 labelled, please contact me.

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