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Research areas:

- Evaluation of agriculture and trade policy
- Economic analysis of agrifood supply chains from crop and animal production through to retail pricing
- Innovation in agrifood supply chains
- Environmental policy relating to land-use including climate change and agri-environmental schemes

Education: BSc(Hons) Agricultural Economics, Wye College, University of London, 1988
Phd Agricultural Economics, Newcastle University, 1992

Other responsibilities and positions:

- 2014 to 2017 Board Member of European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE)
- 2017 to 2018 President of the New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (NZARES)
- 2006 to 2011 Programme Secretary Agricultural Economics Society (AES)
- 1996 to 1998 and 2006 to 2011 Member of AES Executive Committee

Selected publications (max 5):

Revoredo-Giha, C., & Renwick, A. (2016). Market structure and coherence of international cooperation: the case of the dairy sector in Malawi. *Agricultural and Food Economics*, 4(1), 1-23.

Läpple, D. and Renwick, A. and Thorne, F. (2015) 'Measuring and understanding the drivers of agricultural innovation: Evidence from Ireland'. *Food Policy*, 51: 1-8.

Revoredo-Giha, C., G. Philippidis, L. Toma and A. Renwick (2013) 'The Impact of EU Export Refunds on the African Continent: An Impact Assessment'. *Journal Of Development Studies*, 100 (1):1-25.

Renwick, A; Jansson, T; Verburg, P; Revoredo-Giha, C; Britz, W; Gocht, A; McCracken, D (2013) 'Policy Reform and Agricultural Land Abandonment in the EU'. *Land Use Policy*, 30 :446-457.

Revoredo-Giha, C., Renwick, A.W. (2012) 'Retailers Price Behavior in the UK Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Market'. *Agribusiness*, 28 (4):451-468.

Challenges facing the EAAE:

There are a range of challenges facing the EAAE, but in my opinion having now been on the board for 3 years, a key challenge to the Association is to strengthen its long term financial position. To do this it needs to remain relevant, both externally to key stakeholders and wider society, but also internally to its (current and prospective) membership. Externally, the EAAE needs to ensure that it is at the forefront of, and brings rigorous economic discipline to, discussions and analysis around the key global challenges such as food security, development, environment (including climate change) and trade. This requires effective engagement with policy, business and third sector organisations. In addition, many of the big challenges require a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary approach and therefore a challenge for the society is to connect with other scientific disciplines. Due to the broad nature of its membership, the EAAE also needs to ensure that it remains

relevant to its membership and can continue to attract new members, many of whom also belong to national agricultural economic societies. The EAAE needs to continue to show that through providing a European perspective it can add value to its members including aiding their continual scientific development. The EAAE also needs to strengthen its long term financial position so that i

What I would like to see achieved in the next Board period (September 2017 – August 2020)

To help meet the challenges (and opportunities) facing the EAAE, there are a number of activities that could be undertaken during the next Board period.

I would like to see:

- Development of a strategy to enhance the financial footing of the EAAE. This will include extending the revenue raising activities of the society, moves to increase membership and could include the seeking of sponsorship for activities
- Strengthened engagement with policy, business and third sector organisations at all levels within Europe. For example, the EAAE, through its membership, needs to be seen to provide intellectual leadership for the development of agricultural and trade policies (for example the TTIP). With the use of ICT, virtual working groups could be established around key policy/business areas, avoiding costly travel. This could be linked to a strengthened role for the Country Liaison officers within the society.
- Greater engagement (in terms of co-hosting events, discussions at board level etc) with related academic societies (Crop, Animal Science, Environmental etc) that also have a role to play in meeting the big challenges facing agriculture and food.
- The EAAE playing a greater role in providing training not only to Phd students but also continuous professional/scientific development opportunities for members (and others who could benefit from this). This would build on the current Phd and Methodological workshop concepts
- A more strategic approach taken to the provision of more specialist events (Seminars etc) for members again building on existing activities.
- The establishment of Working Groups (again virtual in their nature) to strengthen scientific rigour

The outcomes of these activities can enhance existing members' allegiance to the society as well as attracting new members.