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## Giuseppe Barbero

Giuseppe Barbero was co-founder and first President of the European Association of Agricultural Economists. He was also co-founder of the European Review of Agricultural Economics and its Regional Editor (1973-1993).

After graduating in Agricultural Sciences in 1949 at the University of Turin, he got a MS degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of California, Berkeley (USA) in 1952.

His career and fields of interest can be divided into four periods:

- In the first period – from 1952 to the early 1960s – his research work was mainly centred on the analysis of the impact of agrarian reform and public investments for the expansion of irrigation facilities in Southern Italy. These activities were carried out at first in the Agricultural Economics Institute of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Portici (Naples). Later he moved to Rome, to design first and then direct the joint FAO/INEA study on land reform.
- In the second period – from 1964 to 1976 – his dominant interests focused on the critical steps and overall consequences of the formation of the CAP, and the need for institutional innovations in agricultural planning at the regional and sub-regional level.
- In the third period – 1976 to 1990 – his research work and intellectual engagements were to a great extent directed towards INEA, the Italian Institute of Agricultural Economics, strengthening its contacts and cooperation with other Italian and European research institutions.
- In the fourth period – 1991 until now – his attention turned to new subjects and challenges, from the changing role of agriculture and rural areas to the incoming effects of globalization.

In summary, his research interests have covered a number of important issues: economic development (economics of irrigation, land reform, productivity), the construction of the European Community/Union, conflicts in international trade, the effects of globalization on European agriculture, rural development issues and land uses.

We believe that the achievements of Giuseppe Barbero in research and teaching and his record in services rendered to the profession make him well deserved to be elected a Fellow of the EAAE.

Over the past 60 years, Giuseppe Barbero has been one of the most visible and influential Italian agricultural economists. In his long career as an expert in the fields of agricultural policy, he has participated actively in international debate, mostly with regard to the structural reforms that would boost the social economic transformation of rural Europe after the second world war. He contributed to underlining the connections between agricultural economics, land planning, social sciences and history. His leadership at university level, in government and within the profession has enhanced the stature of the discipline of agricultural economics and its contribution to public policy decision-making in Italy.

In conclusion, we think that Giuseppe Barbero is an outstanding scholar, a prolific writer, and a valued colleague. Therefore, we believe he rightly deserves to be appointed a Fellow of our Association.