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Professor Sophia Davidova

Sophia is Professor of European Agricultural Policy at the School of Economics, University of Kent.

Her research work spanning over 30 years has been devoted to European agriculture.

Education

- PhD 1978, Higher Institute of Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria (TOPIC !)
- Post-Doctoral training 1983, INRA Montpellier ("Analysis of the food chain in France and other EU Member States").



The first part of her career was in Bulgaria, where she was a senior researcher and lecturer at the Institute for Agricultural Economics in Sophia.

In the mid 1990s she moved to Wye College and later to the University of Kent where she has been teaching and doing research.

Activities

Many of us first got to know Sophia during her work as an advisor to the World Bank, FAO and the European Commission on the agricultural transition in Central and Eastern European countries and later on the integration of the EU New Member States into the CAP. She is also a Long standing Member of OECD Group of Experts on Non-Member States.

Her recent research interests and work are focused on the spill-over effect of CAP measures on jobs.

One of the recognitions of her work in this area was the invitation by the European Commission to serve as an expert at the Cork 02 conference (September 2016) on Jobs, Growth and Investment in the Agri-food Chain and the Wider Rural Economy, and act as a member of the Cork Declaration drafting team.

Service to the profession

- Honorary Director of the Centre for European Agri-Environmental Studies (CEAS) at the School of Economics, University of Kent.
- She was honoured with the prestigious position of President of the UK Agricultural Economics Society {2011-2012}. She was the second only female President since the creation of the society in 1926 !!

Service to the EAAE

- A member of the Board for 9 years - 1996-2005.
- In 2009 she organised the 111th joint EAAE-IAAE seminar on Small Farms - decline or persistence in Canterbury UK.
- She also organised the 160th Seminar in Warsaw on Rural Jobs and the CAP jointly with the



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Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development at the Polish Academy of Sciences.

- member of the Steering Committee of EuroChoices for 6 years since its inception and has supported the journal ever since through reviews of articles.

Considering the numerous and valuable contributions to agricultural economics in Europe, Sophia Davidova is appointed Fellow of the EAAE.

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