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In Memoriam
doc. RNDr. Tomáš Ratinger, MSc., Ph.D.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our colleague Tomáš Ratinger, on July 10, 2024. Tomáš was a Senior Economist at the Technology Centre Prague, an Associate Professor at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, and the EAAE Liaison Officer for the Czech Republic.

In the early 1990s, Tomáš was a pioneer in the integration of Czech agricultural economists into the international community. His contributions have greatly strengthened cooperation and development in the field of agricultural policy analysis and impact assessment.

Tomáš held a Ph.D. in Econometrics from the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University in Prague, and an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of London. This diverse and rigorous academic foundation paved the way for a distinguished career in agricultural economics research. For many years, he was a leading researcher at the Institute for Agricultural Economics and Information in Prague. Internationally, he was widely respected for his roles as a Policy Officer with the FAO, an Action Leader at the JRC in Seville, and a member of numerous EU Framework Research Project teams, including BrightSpace, PROVIDE, CIMULACT, CAPRI-Dynaspat, or IDEMA.

His expertise, coupled with exceptional methodological skills, curiosity, creativity, and a warm and modest personality, made Tomáš a sought-after colleague and a remarkable mentor. Many of us in the next generation owe our initiation into high-standard international research and the European agricultural economics community to Tomáš's encouragement and guidance. A strong advocate of European cooperation, Tomáš actively engaged with the EAAE, initiating and co-organizing several EAAE Seminars and playing a pivotal role in the XVI EAAE Congress held in Prague in 2021.

We are deeply grateful for Tomáš's contributions, which have left an indelible impact on our profession, society, and the careers of many Czech researchers. He is greatly missed.

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EAAE CONGRESS INFORMATION

The XVIII Congress of the EAAE will take place in Bonn from 26-29 August 2025.

This congress will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the EAAE. The EAAE Board, the Local Organizing Committee, and the Anniversary Committee look forward to welcoming you to Bonn.

More information can be found on the website of the congress: <https://www.ilr1.uni-bonn.de/eaacongress2025>

Guidelines for submission of Contributed Papers, Posters, and Organized Sessions can be found on the website of the congress. The **submission deadline for Contributed Papers, Posters, and Organized Sessions is January 31, 2025**

EAAE INFORMATION

The Board of the EAAE invites bids to organise the 51st or 52nd EAAE Congress, scheduled for 2027 and 2029, respectively.

The congresses will continue the tradition of previous events held in Parma (2017), Prague (2021), Rennes (2023), and Bonn (2025). They should follow a similar format, including the time of the year. However, there are two important changes: the duration of the congress will now be from Tuesday lunchtime until Friday lunchtime, and there will be no excursions. Innovative ideas for the organisation and administration of the Congress are welcome and will be considered during the bidding process.

The organisation of a congress is a collaborative effort between the EAAE Board, the Local Organising Committee (which will be established as part of the bid), and the Programme Committee. A formal contract will outline the respective responsibilities and obligations between the EAAE Board and the successful bidder.

All proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall costs to participants (40%)
- Expertise and involvement of the Local Organising Committee (20%)
- Attractiveness of the region/location, congress site, and social program (20%)
- Sustainability issues (20%)

More detailed information about the bidding process, evaluation criteria, and a budget template can be obtained from the Secretary-General (secretariat@eaae.org).

Submissions should consist of a Congress bid book and a completed budget template. These must be sent via email (secretariat@eaae.org) to the Secretary-General of the EAAE by **January 31, 2025**. A final decision will be made before **June 30, 2025**, and the selected bid will be announced at the Congress in Bonn.

Call for the 11th EAAE PhD Workshop Organisation

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) has been organising PhD workshops for 20 years. The objective is to give European PhD students from different countries the opportunity to present their research in progress in a conference setting and to get feedback from peers and senior economists. Participants benefit from plenary sessions in which keynote speakers present their most recent contributions and provide guidance on how to successfully carry out research in the agricultural, environmental, food and development economics domain.

The EAAE Board now opens a call for the organisation of the 11th PhD workshop to be organised in **2026**. Prospective organisers are requested to send their proposals to the Secretary-General of the EAAE (secretariat@eaae.org) describing the following details:

1. Location, date and accessibility details
2. Scientific themes and topics planned to be covered
3. Proposed names of the Local Organising Committee
4. Proposed names of the Scientific Committee
5. Draft programme outline with short description of the main programme elements
6. Tentative programme timeline
7. Budget plan with proposed participation fees, revenues and main expenses (a subsidy from the EAAE is available).

The deadline for submitting proposals is 30 November 2024. The EAAE Board will shortlist the best proposals and ask for an oral presentation of the details where questions will be given to prospective organisers. The final decision on the winning proposal is foreseen by 30 April 2025.

For any question, please contact the Secretary-General of the EAAE (secretariat@eaae.org).

EAAE SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONGRESS

EAAE webinars

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new series of monthly webinars, offering you the opportunity to attend excellent lectures on current topics, masterclasses, and career-oriented presentations. These webinars are designed to provide valuable insights and knowledge, helping you stay updated and engaged with the latest developments in agricultural economics.

The webinars will take place during the last week of each month, and started with the successful masterclass of Yann de Mey on 'Analysing risk in agriculture' on the 24th of September. We believe this series will mark the start of a long and enriching tradition for our association.

The lineup includes:

1. **Lecture by Donato Romano**
Topic: "Resilience to Food and Nutrition Security: Old Wine in New Bottles"
Date: Thursday, 31 October
Time: 11:00 – 12:00

2. Publishing Lecture by Iain Fraser and Jack Peerlings

Topic: *"Publishing: The Dos and Don'ts"*

Date: Thursday, 28 November

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

We hope these webinars will provide valuable knowledge and skills that you can apply in your academic and professional careers.

Registration:

All EAAE members will receive an email with extra information and a link to the webinar 1-2 weeks before each session. So, no registration is needed.

We look forward to your participation and to what promises to be a very informative and engaging series.

190th EAAE seminar on 'Financing Sustainable and Resilient Transitions in Agri & Food Systems', 13-14 November 2024, Wageningen, the Netherlands

Finance and insurance have a major role to play enabling the transition to a sustainable and resilient economy by making strategic decisions on the trade-offs between sustainability and resilience goals. The objective of the seminar is to offer a platform for discussion between scientists and practitioners on the role of (risk) finance in the transition towards more sustainable and resilient agri & food systems.

For more information, visit:

<https://event.wur.nl/eaae190financingsustainabletransitions>

191th EAAE Seminar 'System Dynamics and Innovation in Food Networks' („Iglis-Forum“), 10-14 February 2025

The seminar will be held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The official conference hotel is the "Bio-hotel Garmischer Hof" which is close to the conference venue. Garmisch-Partenkirchen can easily be reached by train from Munich, Innsbruck or the respective airports. Abstract submission deadline is October 11, 2024. Abstract submission and pre-registration of participants without presentation interest is through an informal e-mail to fooddynamics@uni-bonn.de For more information, visit:

<http://www.fooddynamics.org/>

NEW AES PRIZE ARTICLE AWARD

Entries are sought for the Agricultural Economics Prize Article Award (formerly the Prize Essay Award). The Award is generously supported by the David Blandford and Katharine Hassapoyannes Endowment Trust. The winning article will be published in the Journal of Agricultural Economics; award winners receive £3,000 (Euro 3,500) and support with travel costs to present their article at the 2025 AES conference in Bourdeaux, France. Further details <https://aes.ac.uk/prize-article-award> Closing date for entries is 30th November 2024. The competition is open to anyone who is within six years of registering for a PhD or under 35 if they have not registered for a PhD.

ERAe information

Review articles

The European Review of Agricultural Economics welcomes proposals for review articles from EAAE members. Review articles should provide a comprehensive and

scholarly account of a topic that has direct relevance to agricultural economics (methodological or applied) and that has not recently been covered in the literature. A pre-submission enquiry is required. If you are interested in writing a review article for ERAE, please send an abstract, outline, and key references to erae.editorialoffice@oup.com

Q Open information

Special section for your EU project in Q Open

EU projects provide an excellent opportunity to publish a coherent set of articles. Q Open offers the possibility to publish such sets of articles as a special section in a regular issue. This way, your project results will be much better brought to the attention of other researchers and stakeholders. Also, by publishing your research in Q Open you will satisfy an important requirement of all EU funding in regard to Open Access and Open Science.

Those interested in publishing a special section on their EU project in Q Open can contact the coordinating editor, Iain Fraser.

General information

Open access journal Q Open is making progress:

- It is expected that Q Open gets an impact factor in 2026.
- We have a new manuscript transfer arrangement with the ERAE. Manuscripts submitted to the ERAE, but considered a better fit with the objectives of Q Open can now be transferred directly for consideration for publication.
- Q Open is also well on track to reach key-performance indicators on growth in the number of manuscripts and in the turn-around time for review.

See our website for submission details: <https://academic.oup.com/qopen>

Vacancies

[Postdoc](#)

At: INRAE, PSAE, France. Closing date 15 November 2024

Members information

EAAE members can access their registration card through the EAAE login on the homepage of the EAAE using their email address and personal password. You can login [here](#). If you forget your password, you can retrieve or modify it. Upon login, you will also find the link for free access of EuroChoices online!

As a member, you can post [vacancies](#) and [non-EAAE events](#) on our website. Simply [login](#), go to 'Post events (congress, seminars, courses, PhD activities) and Jobs',

select 'New', and your information will be visible on the website after the approval of the secretariat.