

Call for Papers

Energy and Agriculture: Emerging Policy and R&D Issues

NC-1034 Impact Analysis and Decision Strategies for Agricultural Research

NC-1034 Impact Analysis and Decision Strategies for Agricultural Research is calling for papers for its symposium on "Energy and Agriculture: Emerging Policy and R&D Issues" to be held in conjunction with its annual meeting, scheduled for March 7-8, 2008, in Washington, DC.

We encourage submissions addressing the following themes:

- (1) biofuels and new forms of public-private cooperation
- (2) R&D challenges for new biofuel technologies
- (3) intellectual property issues associated with new biofuel technology
- (4) impact of increased energy scarcity on agricultural research, or
- (5) economics of biofuel support policies.

Submissions on other topics furthering NC-1034 objectives are also welcome.

NC-1034 is a multi-state project with three objectives: (1) To estimate the expected and actual flow of benefits and costs of research for agriculture, and related areas, including the incidence of their distribution; (2) To analyze decision strategies for funding, planning, managing, and evaluating agricultural research by public institutions and private organizations; and (3) To analyze opportunities, risks, and net benefits from existing and potential public-private sector linkages, including new institutions (joint ventures, partnering, consortia, specialty research centers, start-up companies, intellectual property), technology transfer mechanisms (licensing, exchange arrangements, direct purchase, borrowing), and freedom to operate. More information about NC-1034 is available at <http://nimss.umd.edu/homepages/home.cfm?trackID=7736>.

March 7 activities will be hosted by the Economic Research Service, USDA (ERS) at 1800 M Street NW, Washington, DC. March 8 activities will be held at Jurys Washington Hotel near Dupont Circle http://www.juryswashingtondc.com/washington_hotel.htm. The annual business meeting of NC-1034 will be held over lunch on the 8th. To get the blocked rate, mention "USDA-ERS" when you register at the hotel.

To submit papers, e-mail an abstract of two pages or less to GianCarlo Moschini moschini@iastate.edu as soon as possible. For further information, contact a member of the program committee: David Zilberman (committee chair: University of California, Berkeley, zilber@are.berkeley.edu 510-642-6570), GianCarlo Moschini (Iowa State University, moschini@iastate.edu 515-294-5761), John King (Economic Research Service, JOHNKING@ers.usda.gov 202-694-5068), or George Frisvold (University of Arizona, frisvold@ag.arizona.edu 520-621-6269).

Information on registration will follow via an email to members and be will posted on the NC-1034 website.