

## Second USDA and AIEA2 International Conference

**“The Economic Implications of Public Support for  
Agriculture”**

**“Le implicazioni economiche del supporto pubblico  
all’agricoltura”**

***19-21 June 2008, Bologna***

## ***Call for Papers***

The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union, undertaken in 2003, extends in a significant way the decoupling process started some ten years earlier. By adopting the Single Farm Payment (SFP) scheme only limited support for agriculture is tied to production decisions. While this is also true of U.S. commodity programs, the 2002 farm bill represented a step back from the more market-oriented legislation of 1996. And prominent in the 2007 farm legislation now before Congress is a continued reliance on price-based commodity payments. The goal of this conference is to bring together economists, social scientists working in the area of agricultural policy, policy makers and representatives of farms and food industries in order to discuss and assess the economic and policy implications of the design of public support for agriculture.

### ***Main Topics :***

#### ***New Directions in Agricultural Policy : EU and US Perspective***

- *Welfare implications of the changing structure of agricultural policy*
- *Partial-versus-general equilibrium models of analysis*

#### ***Agricultural Policy and Economic Efficiency***

- *Production decisions and government intervention in product and factor markets*
- *Efficiency decomposition of measured agricultural productivity change*

### ***Commodity Programs and Risk Management***

- *Commodity programs and supply response under risk*
- *Revenue-based versus price-based income support*
- *Disaster assistance programs*

### ***Energy and Agricultural Policy***

- *Energy prices and profitability in agriculture*
- *Government policies and the economic viability of biofuels*
- *Impacts of bio-fuels on agriculture and the environment*
- *Environment and Agricultural Policy*

### ***International Trade and Agricultural Policy***

- *Market access, the level of support for agriculture, and the future of Doha*
- *WTO and trade compliance*
- *Geographic-identification branding strategies*
- *Agriculture prices and food imports in the LDCs*

### ***Language***

The plenary session will be in English as well as power points presentations.

However, papers presented in the panel sessions can be in French and Spanish.

### ***Call for Papers and Important Dates***

The deadlines for the various submission and paper acceptance are:

- **15<sup>th</sup> March 2008** - Extended abstract submission (2 pages with JEL subject descriptors).
- **1<sup>st</sup> April 2008** - Notification of acceptance.
- **15<sup>th</sup> May 2008** - Submission of Final Papers.

Papers should be in English (Plenary session), French and Spanish (Panel session), 12 point type, double spaced and of 5000 words and 20 pages at maximum (title, figures, tables and references included). Computer files should be sent in PDF or MS Word format.

Abstracts and Final Papers should be sent to the following address:

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### ***Registration***

The deadline for registration is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### ***Participation Fees***

The fees include information package, a CD with the abstracts and papers, two lunches and the coffee breaks.

<b><i>REGISTRATION FEES</i></b>		
	<b>Early Registration prior to 30 April 2008</b>	<b>Late Registration after 30 April 2008</b>
<b>Student</b>	100	100
<b>Regular Participant</b>	200	250

*For the non-AIEA2 members the difference include the AIEA2 membership.*

## ***Organization and Scientific Committee***

### ***Scientific Committee (Provisional):***

- Dr. E. Ball (USDA, USA),
- Dr. R. Conway (USDA, USA),
- Prof. R. Fanfani (President AIEA2 and University of Bologna, Italy),
- Prof. L. Gutierrez (University of Sassari, Italy),
- Dr. J. MacDonald (USDA, USA)
- Prof. J.L. Rastoin (Vice-President AIEA2 and Agro, Montpellier, France),
- Prof. C. San Juan, (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)
- Prof. A. Segré (University of Bologna, Italy),

***Local organization:***

Members of the USDA and the AIEA2, and representatives of the University of Bologna (Prof. R. Fanfani, Prof. D. Regazzi, Prof. C. Brasili) and Financial supporters. The committee will be supported by ECONAG, spin-off of the University of Bologna.

***Conference proceedings***

The papers accepted for the meeting will be published as a book according to the AIEA2 standard.

***Local Travel and Accommodations***

Accommodations, maps and travel information will be made available on the AIEA2 website: <http://aiea2.stat.unibo.it/en/> in the *next events* section.

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