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To the Members of the Consultative Group on International
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From: W. David Hopper, Chairman ad interim, CGIAR
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G. Edward Schuh, Co-sponsor World Bank

This is to advise that we have now appointed Dr. Alex F. McCalla to succeed Professor Guy Camus as chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. McCalla will attend the 44th meeting of TAC in Washington DC from October 17 through 24, 1987 and will assume the chairmanship on January 1, 1988. Biographical information is attached.

We found, however, that the four other candidates on the short list were also eminently qualified for the job. We believe that the CGIAR system is fortunate to have associated with it such talented and dedicated scientists as Drs. Arnold, Bommer, Riley and Swaminathan. We express our gratitude to them for their assistance and advice to us in reviewing the work and needs of the TAC and we shall be calling on each of them in the future.

We particularly wish to thank at this time the many people within and outside the system who suggested names of scientists who would be appropriate for the TAC chair. The selection of a short list was in itself a difficult task because of the surfeit of well qualified candidates. We not only wish to thank those who worked with us to identify the new TAC chairman, we also wish to assure them that we shall be reviewing the names we received for possible future assignments within the CGIAR such as membership of TAC, boards or review panels.

Attachment

Distribution:

Members of the CGIAR
Center Directors
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Chairman of TAC
Members of TAC
Executive Secretary of TAC
Observers

Biographical Sketch

Alex F. McCalla

Alex F. McCalla is Professor of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economist in the Experiment Station and on the Giannini Foundation, and Professor of Administration in the Graduate School of Administration at the University of California, Davis. Dr. McCalla was born April 21, 1937 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Following completion of high school in 1954, he farmed with his father for three years on the family dairy and grain farm at Bremner, Alberta. He enrolled in the University of Alberta in 1957, graduating in 1961 with a B.Sc. (Ag.) with high distinction. While an undergraduate he was a member of the McGoun Cup intercollegiate debating team and served as President of the Student Body in his Senior year. He continued in a Master's program at Alberta, receiving an M.A. in Economics in 1963. He completed his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at the University of Minnesota in 1966.

In September 1966 he joined the staff at the University of California at Davis as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics. He advanced to Associate Professor in 1969 and Professor in 1972. In the academic year 1968-69, he served as Associate Dean of the Graduate Division at Davis. Beginning July 1, 1970, he served five years as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Davis. He returned to full-time teaching and research in the Department of Agricultural Economics August 1, 1975.

During the academic year 1975-76, Dr. McCalla received a Ford Foundation Travel and Study Award to review world food policy research on a global basis. In March of 1976, he transferred his efforts to the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) where he was study director of the first review of the CGIAR system of International Agricultural Research Centers.

In September 1979 Dr. McCalla assumed the role of Acting Dean of the newly established Graduate School of Administration at Davis. The Dean's responsibilities were half-time for two years during the establishment of the School. In July 1981 Dr. McCalla returned to full-time teaching and research in the areas of policy and trade.

Dr. McCalla was a Visiting Scholar, Food Research Institute, Stanford University, January to June 1982.

In March 1984, he was appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Consultation Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

He has taught micro theory, agricultural policy, and economic development. His research interests are in international trade in agricultural products, international implications of domestic (U.S.) agricultural and macro policy, agriculture and economic development and world food policy.

His most recent major project was coauthoring a book entitled Agricultural Policies and World Markets with Professor T. E. Josling of Stanford University. The book was published by Macmillan Press in July of 1985.

University of California, Davis
Department of Agricultural Economics

Name: Alexander F. McCalla

Title: Professor of Agricultural Economics, and Professor of Administration in the Graduate School of Administration, University of California, Davis

Date of Birth: April 21, 1937

Academic Education: B.Sc. (Ag.) with High Distinction, University of Alberta, 1961
M.A., University of Alberta, 1963
Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1966

Academic Positions: Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of California, Davis, 1966-1969
Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of California, Davis, 1969-1972
Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of California, Davis, 1972-
Dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, 1970-1975
Acting Dean, Graduate School of Administration, University of California, Davis, 1979-1981

Field(s) of Interest: Agricultural policy, international trade, economic development, world food policy

Research and Field Work: International trade--wheat, feed grains
International implications of U.S. farm policies
World food policy
International interdependence of agricultural and macro policies

Awards: Faculty Service Award from the National University Extension Association
Quality of Communication Award, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1979
Quality of Research Discovery Award, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1982

Professional Activities:

Member: American Agricultural Economics Association
Canadian Agricultural Economics Association
Western Agricultural Economics Association
American Economic Association
International Association of Agricultural Economists

Typical Publications During Last Ten Years:

"Grain Marketing Systems: The Case of the United States versus Canada," Alex F. McCalla and Andrew Schmitz, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Vol. 61, No. 2, May 1979, pp. 199-212.

Imperfect Markets in Agricultural Trade, Alex F. McCalla and Timothy E. Josling, editors, Montclair, N.J.: Allanheld, Osmun and Co., 1981.

Grain Export Cartels, Andrew Schmitz, Alex F. McCalla, Donald O. Mitchell, and Colin A. Carter, Cambridge, MA: Ballenger Publishing Company, 1981.

"Impact of Macroeconomic Policies upon Agricultural Trade and International Agricultural Development," Alex F. McCalla, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Vol. 64, No. 5, December 1982, pp. 861-868.

"Dynamic Games and International Trade: An Application to the World Corn Market," Larry S. Karp and Alex F. McCalla, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Vol. 65, No. 4, November 1983, pp. 641-650.

Agricultural Policies and World Markets, Alex F. McCalla and Timothy E. Josling, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1985.