



Report of the General Assembly, November 21th 2022

The General Assembly was organised with 2 sessions ("morning" and "afternoon" French time). The report summarizes the main elements of discussion within these two sessions.

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See the ppt

O Reminder of the IAWA GA April 1st 2023 1 Discussion of the different points of the GA agenda

Composition of the board

- Validation of the duration of a board member mandate: 2 years, renewable. A call for candidatures will be made before the GA date.
- For the board members: 2 meetings a year

Members- a formal registration as IAWA member (with a specific registration form) will be opened on the website. It favours the commitment of members. The IAWA mailing list will inform of the opening of the registration. Reminder: no fees, no institutional member.

Website

- Some modifications have to be done on the website: only one-way for subscription instead of 3 (IAWA; newsletter; news). Make clearer the difference between news and the newsletter.

Newsletter

2 per month, 4 languages, 200 online sources (journals, associations, international bodies)

Enlargement of the mailing list (actually 863 people)

- 1) explore the authors of the reference list of the J. of Rural Studies paper (work in agriculture communities) (Isabelle);
- 2) last IRSA (Int. Rural Sociology) at Cairns : participants (Benoît) ;
- 3) participant au RMT travail en agriculture (French Mixed Technology network) (Sophie) ;
- 4) ERSA (Europ. Rural Sociology) (Sandra C.) (next meeting Rennes France)

5) H2020 Safe Habitus “Strengthening farm Health and safety knowledge and innovation systems” (Marion with David Meredith TEAGASC);

6) TSARA’s work and employment thematic group (TSARA initiative: transforming food systems and agriculture through partnership research with Africa) (Pierre) ;

7) Indian Rural Studies Network and Indian Labor Economics Association (Bruno)
<http://www.isleijle.org/> ;

8) French embassies counselors (Nehza)

While being respectful of the juridical procedures on data protection or through their website.

Connexion with international bodies. To go further we could explore:

. ILO with its “Youth transition / employment” network and its Research Division (Pierre) also saget@ilo.org (Catherine Saget, Senior Employment Specialist);

. through the Agroecology unit of the FAO (Bruno with Anne Sophie Poinot) ;

. through the Family farming decade (FAO and IFAD) (Pierre with Pierre-Marie Bosc).

IAWA activities 2021-2022 (after the ISWA)

- The Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems special issue : “work in agriculture : new perspectives” is now completely online with its 8 papers. The Agriculture and Human Value special issue , focussed on “decent work” is in progress for a publication in early 2024.- IAWA first webinar “Transformations in food systems and agrifood value chains: How do work and employment come into play ?” December 1st, 2022 will be accessible on the website (youtube film, ppts and report) in January.

IAWA activities 2023-2024

- New ideas for a 2023 IAWA Webinar: child work; decent work; work and education & extension;

- PhD classes: a future activity? We need to explore the pool of students engaged in work in agriculture thesis, what they might be interested on ; what we could provide. The PhD classes attached the European IFSA Symposium might be a resource (contents, interest and evaluation of students).

3 Next ISWA location and topics

There is at present (January 10th 2023) no location for the next ISWA scheduled in 2024. Ireland, Morocco, Argentina decline. We are looking for other contacts.

Suggested topics: transnational migrations; technological and farm innovations (ex: vertical farms etc.) and attractivity of the farming professions