

International Economic Association

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To: Council Members, Executive Committee Members and Secretaries of Member Associations.

Dear Sir,

We are now collecting suggestions for IEA activities in 1980 and thereafter for submission to the Executive Committee meeting on August 27 next when the future activities of the Association will be reviewed.

You will find in annex/a list of "subjects proposed for future activities", to be distributed with the Annual Report for 1977.

It would be useful for the work of the Executive Committee on August 27 if you could send to our Secretariat in advance any suggestions you may have as to possible subjects for conferences or other activities which might be fulfilled in future years. It is helpful if suggestions can be accompanied by a brief list of topics or outline indicating the aspects of the subjects which in your view should be discussed, with, if possible, suggested names of paperwriters.

Since the IEA is now obliged to seek considerable support from the host country in organising its conferences, an indication of whether there is a possibility of your country hosting one of our future conferences and, if so, the subject preferred, would be appreciated.

Now suggestions which reach the Secretariat before August 23rd could probably be added to the list distributed for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

A provisional answer will also be welcome in the case that you do not feel able to be more specific at such short notice. Complementary information could be forwarded to the Members of the Executive Committee later, if you prefer.

Yours sincerely,

Luc Fauvel Secretary General,

Subjects Proposed for Future Activities of the IEA

A. Accepted Projects planned for 1979/1980

- 1979 Long Distance Transportation (Moscow, June 1979)
The Grants Economy and Finance of Collective Consumption
(Cambridge, UK, September 1979)
- 1980 Factors Controlling the Rate of Accumulation of Private and National
Wealth (Varennia, Italy, June 1980)
Human Resources and Economic Development
(Congress, Mexico City, 4-9 August 1980)

B. Other projects considered for 1979-82

1. Workshop in South Asia on international economics
 2. Employment policy in developing countries; a case study of India
 3. New developments in the theory of market structures
 4. Sources of economic inefficiency
 5. Financing development in the Third World
 6. Economics of international interdependence
 7. Structural adjustment in advanced countries
 8. Factors movements and economic cooperation among developing countries
- possibly combined

C. Other proposals (list of other subjects put forward at various times in recent years).

1. Measurement of, and policies against, relative region and underdevelopment
2. Economics of poverty
3. Economics of factor movements among nations (related to the search for a "New International Economic and Social Order").
4. The role of transnational corporations in the world economy (covering the changes needed in the traditional theory of international trade in order to reflect the global decision-making power of the transnationals; it could also seek to develop a theory of economic negotiation between transnational and developing countries' interests).
5. Intra-Third World trade.
6. Monetary and financial co-operation among less developed countries.
7. Stabilization of commodity prices.
8. Access to developed countries' markets.
9. The effectiveness of higher and secondary specialized education

10. Factors of the rise of productivity of labour.
11. Labour-market strategies in developed countries (partial unemployment, inter-firm mobility, etc.)
12. Terms of trade rearrangements between (some) developing and developed areas, their bearings on international trade and investment relationships (division of labour), as well as corresponding industrial and welfare strategies.
13. Economics and social consensus.
14. Social Indicators (in collaboration with the Political Science Association)
15. Allocation of resources to military expenditures.
16. Economics of war and peace.
17. Activity analysis in the theory of growth and planning.
18. The economics of energy.
19. The role of small and cottage industries in developing economies.
20. The mode of production in the agricultural sector in developing economies.
21. Alternative development strategies-Another development (à la "Development Dialogue").
22. Self Reliance-local resources, appropriate technology, policies regarding foreign aid and trade etc.
23. Area development with reference to tribal and ethnic groups.