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DeWitt elected President of IAA Board

Dr. Jerald DeWitt, Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Iowa State University, was elected President of the IAA Board of Directors at its March meeting in Washington, DC. Ms. Maureen Hinkle of the National Audubon Society was named Vice President; Mr. Jim Bender, farmer from Nebraska, was named Treasurer; and Mr. John A. Harris, IV, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, was named Secretary.

The Board adopted a long-range plan for the Institute, which includes prompt expansion of its work in relation to the 1990 Farm Bill and other national sustainable agriculture policy initiatives. The 1991 IAA symposium will focus on the true costs of food, including environmental and health factors, the Board decided.

President's Council of national leaders formed at IAA

Twenty-five nationally known leaders in agriculture and natural resources have been named by the IAA Board of Directors as charter members of a President's Council at the Institute. The Council will provide guidance and support for Institute activities in furthering a more scientifically, economically, and environmentally sound agriculture.

Members of the President's Council for 1990 are: Patrick Leahy, U.S. Senator from Vermont; John C. Gordon, Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies; Fred Kirschenmann, Kirschenmann Family Farms, North Dakota; William Marshall, Pioneer Hi-Bred International; Ned S. Raun, Winrock International; R. Jim Hildreth, the Farm Foundation;

Richard J. Sauer, National 4-H Council; Edward Sills, Pleasant Grove Farms, California; Norman Berg, Soil and Water Conservation Society; Edith N. Muma, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation; David G. Topel, Iowa State University; Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust; Dennis R. Keeney, Leopold Center, Iowa State University; Dana Jackson, The Land Institute; Karl N. Stauber, Northwest Area Foundation; Robert Gray, Resource Consultants; Ronald Rosmann, farmer from Iowa; Dan Martin, MacArthur Foundation; George Brown, U.S. Representative from California; Bill McCalpin, Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Bob Bergland, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Lester Brown, World Watch Institute; Mrs. David Rockefeller, New York; Ron Ellermeyer, farmer from Nebraska; R. Neil Sampson, American Forestry Association.

Youngberg, Francis, Harwood contribute to Senate report

IAA Executive Director Garth Youngberg and *AJAA* Editorial Board member Charles A. Francis co-authored the lead article on sustainability for the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee background publication *Reform and Innovation of Science and Education: Planning for the 1990 Farm Bill*. Youngberg and Francis supported the idea that sustainability should be an overall goal for farm bill programs and proposed a panel to formulate guidelines and criteria for a practical definition of the term.

AJAA Board member Richard Harwood also contributed a chapter to the committee publication on "International Forces for Agricultural Sustainability and Their Influence on U.S. Agriculture." Harwood proposed a



small grants program that would be aimed at training groups of applied scientists at land grant institutions to become experts in sustainable approaches that could be common to both U.S. and Third World agriculture.

Limited copies of the publication were printed for use of Congressional members in preparing for 1990 Farm Bill discussions.

James Aidala to be IAA Director of Policy Development

James V. Aidala, Jr., formerly an analyst in environmental policy at the Congressional Research Service in Washington, DC, has been named Director of Policy Development at the Institute for Alternative Agriculture. Aidala will provide leadership for the Institute in 1990 Farm Bill discussions and other policy initiatives related to sustainable agriculture. In addition to his work at the Congressional Research Service, Aidala has been a staff member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and a program analyst at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Aidala holds BA and MA degrees from Brown University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and was awarded the Lester Ward Prize for most outstanding student in sociology. Aidala also holds an MA degree from Harvard University, where he has completed course requirements for the Ph.D. degree in sociology.

Institute supports Jontz bill on sustainable agriculture

The Institute joined 21 national, regional, and state organizations in supporting the Sustainable Agricultural Adjustment Act (HR 3552) introduced by Congressman Jim Jontz of Indiana in December, 1989. The bill would remove commodity program barriers to crop rotations and provide incentives for producers to develop five-year farm

management plans that include chemical-reduction methods. For information on the bill, contact the office of Congressman Jontz, 1039 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Miller, Young, and Cook named to AJAA Editorial Board

Dr. Robert H. Miller, Dr. Douglas L. Young, and Mr. Kenneth A. Cook have recently accepted an invitation to serve on the Editorial Board of the *AJAA*.

Robert Miller is presently Dean of the College of Agriculture Development at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island. He holds a Ph.D. in soil microbiology from the University of Minnesota. He has been head of the Department of Soil Science at North Carolina State University and Professor in the Department of Agronomy at Ohio State University. Dr. Miller is the author of over 70 journal articles and other reports and has had a specific interest in research related to alternative agricultural systems.

Douglas Young is Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. He holds his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oregon State University. Prior to his work in Washington, he was a project economist for a joint effort between Oregon State University and the U.S. Agency for International Development. He serves as Editor of the *Western Journal of Agricultural Economics*; has authored a number of articles, bulletins, book chapters, and other publications; and has worked on the economics of low-input and sustainable agriculture.

Kenneth A. Cook is Vice President for Policy at the Center for Resource Economics, Island Press, in Washington, DC. He holds an M.S. in soil science from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He has been Director of Congressional Affairs and of Press Relations for the World Wildlife Fund

and The Conservation Foundation and is a widely published author and policy analyst with over 30 articles on agricultural and environmental policy. He was principal author and analyst for the 1985 report from the American Farmland Trust, *Soil Conservation in America: What Do We Have to Lose?*

Clagett Farm/Heller receive AFT award

IAA Board member Michael Heller, Manager of Clagett Farm, accepted a 1989 Agricultural Conservation Award given to Clagett Farm by the American Farmland Trust in November, 1989. The award was given to Clagett Farm for educating farmers and the general public about the interrelationship between agriculture and surrounding natural resources and for providing a practical model of how conservation practices can reduce environmental risks without jeopardizing profitability.

Institute joins 10 groups in environmental/consumer agenda

The Institute has joined 10 other national groups, including the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America, the National Audubon Society, and the American Farmland Trust, in publishing an environmental/consumer agenda for the 1990 Farm Bill. The report calls for an Environmental Stewardship Program that would provide funding for pollution-preventing strategies. It also provides for expanded research in sustainable farming systems and reform of federal programs to end obstacles to crop rotations. Copies of *Farm Bill 1990: Agenda for the Environment and Consumers* are \$6 each, with a minimum order of 5 copies and \$2.50 postage/handling. Call Island Press at 1-800-828-1302 with orders.

