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To: International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Members and Other Interested Individuals

From: Jonathan Coleman, IATRC 2018 General Meeting Organizer

Subject: First Call for Papers, Session Organizers & Program Suggestions, IATRC Annual Meeting. **Papers/proposals are due Tuesday, May 15, 2018 for first consideration.**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) will be held at the Westin Hotel, Whistler, BC, Canada, July 25-27. This 3-day meeting is designed to benefit the membership and to conduct the business of the Consortium.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 is Theme Day and will focus on “Interlinkages among global value chains, trade, and the transformation of the agrifood industry.” The organizers are Titus Awokuse and Tom Reardon (Michigan State University).

Thursday and Friday, July 26 & 27, 2018 (Jonathan Coleman, Organizer)

This memo serves as the *first call for paper presentations, organized sessions, and the other items listed below*. We seek your suggestions for all elements of the program, and volunteers to serve as Session Chairpersons or Moderators.

A. Individual Research Paper Presentations

Papers can be completed, work in progress or research planning. These sessions include individual papers and provide an opportunity to report on research results or work in progress, present research plans for critique, and discuss research priorities.

B. Organized Multi-Paper/Panel Discussion Sessions

These sessions, usually organized by one or two individuals, consist of one to four panel members or several paper presentations, followed by open discussion/working format. These sessions may be scheduled as plenary or concurrent.

C. Dissertation Reports & Graduate Student Support

Two types of PhD student support will be offered:

- IATRC members may nominate one of their PhD advisees, with a recently completed thesis, to present the research results. Two students will be selected. Covered travel expenses will include the registration fee and up to \$650 each for lodging and/or airfare.
- IATRC members may nominate one of their PhD students working on international trade to receive a registration fee waiver. Up to three waivers will be awarded.

D. Business Meeting of IATRC Members

The Business Meeting will include planning future activities of the IATRC.

Send your paper submissions, organized session proposals, and graduate student nominations, to **Jonathan R. Coleman, via e-mail, or regular mail by May 15, 2018**. Papers and proposals received after April 15th will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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