

## The Peer Review Process

The annual conference of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education provides the opportunity for members to present refereed professional papers pertaining to philosophical, current or emerging issues, results of research, and the methodology and practical application of specific research and appropriate technologies.

Each paper proposal received was sent to three reviewers as part of a blind review process, meaning that all reference to authors was removed before proposals were sent to reviewers. Reviewers were usually selected from the membership of AIAEE, however due to the large number of proposals received this year; many international professionals who were not members were also utilized. In the event that there was a wide disparity among of the reviewers, the paper was then reviewed by a fourth reviewer for assessment.

The 73 reviewers were from institutions or agencies in 16 countries. They reviewed 130 proposals from 35 countries. Most reviewers reviewed five proposals. However, several people reviewed more than five proposals. Special thanks go to the following people for providing extra help when the need arose: John Richardson, Ron Shearon, David Mustain, Anita Zavodska, and Jan Fernandez.

The proposals reviewed pertained to 35 countries, two regions of the world, or to world-wide settings. They were authored by people associated with 57 different institutions or agencies. Due to the extra room available for this year's conference, it was decided to accept more proposals than have traditionally been accepted. The top-ranking 90 proposals were accepted for presentation, an acceptance rate of 69.2%.

The assessment form used by the reviewers, "Form for Evaluating Proposals for Professional Papers for 2004 AIAEE Conference," is attached as an appendix. The criteria on it as well as the weighting of the criteria may be helpful to people preparing proposals for next year's AIAEE conference in San Antonio, Texas.

### Countries and Areas of the World to Which 130 Proposals Pertained

Afghanistan	Iran	Nicaragua	Turkmenistan
Australia	Ireland	Paraguay	Uganda
Botswana	Japan	Portugal	Uruguay
China	Jordon	Rwanda	United States
Dominica	Kenya	South Africa	Zambia
Egypt	Lithuania	Spain	Sub-Saharan Africa
Germany	Mali	Swaziland	East Asia-Pacific
Honduras	Mexico	Taiwan	World-Wide
India	Myanmar	Trinidad	
Indonesia	New Zealand	Tunisia	