



Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education

Members of AIAEE,

The 24th annual conference was held at the E.A.R.T.H. University, in Costa Rica, March 9-15, 2008. This year's conference theme was "*Global Entrepreneurship in International Agricultural and Extension Education.*" There were 51 paper presentations, 29 poster presentations, and two professional development workshops. All of these presentations made the conference an outstanding scholarly activity. The conference proceedings acknowledge the scholarly work of all presenters. We would like to congratulate the AIAEE members who have contributed to the scholarship of the 2008 AIAEE annual conference.

I would like to thank and recognize especially the five excellent team members who were also leaders of our association's scholarly activities committee in 2008. Those individuals and their 2008 annual meeting duties were as follows:

Co-chair, Dr. Rama Radhakrishna, responsible for assisting professional paper review activities; and coordinating the judging process of the paper presentations.

Co-chair, Dr. Jim Hynes, responsible for coordinating the overall poster session. This included calling for proposals and coordinating the review process, presentation session, and judging. Editors of the *Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education* Dr. James R. Lindner and Dr. Kim E. Dooley, and AIAEE Web master, Dr. Gary J. Wingenbach.

Many members in our Association significantly contributed to make the conference successful by undertaking professional responsibilities beyond their normal workload. These responsibilities included reviewing proposals, chairing sessions, discussing presentations, and judging presentations. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the members who contributed to make this conference successful. I also would like to thank the E.A.R.T.H. university president and his team for all their hospitality and help, and all of those AIAEE members who worked hard to make the conference very successful. Finally, I would like to thank Dr. James Christiansen for his editorial assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. S. U. Jayaratne', with a horizontal line underneath.

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