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## NEWS

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### AGRODEP at the 2014 GTAP Conference

The 17th Annual GTAP Conference was held last week in Dakar, Senegal. AGRODEP co-organized the event with the Global Trade Analysis Project at Purdue University, and the Consortium was well represented, with 28 members attending and 15 presenting their work. The conference attracted 194 researchers from 52 countries, with 50 of the participants coming from Africa. Forty of those African scholars were supported by scholarships from AGRODEP, UNECA, WTO, and IFPRI's Food Security Portal.

The conference was sponsored and supported by the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM), IFPRI's Food Security Portal, UNECA, the World Bank, and the WTO. The theme of this year's conference was "New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade, and Economic Vulnerability," with a particular focus on sustainable economic growth in Africa. The full conference program and plenary presentations will be made available on the [2014 GTAP Conference webpage](#).

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### Excellence in Publications Award

AGRODEP's [Award for Excellence in Publications](#) was established to provide members with incentives and rewards for publishing in high-level academic journals.

The AGRODEP management team has recently updated the requirements for this awards program. In addition to being published in a top-ranking journal, members must: have included a link to their Google Scholar citation page on their AGRODEP profile, have been an AGRODEP member for at least one year, have actively participated in AGRODEP activities

### Recently Completed AGRODEP Training Courses

The AGRODEP training course program continued this spring with a full schedule of courses. "[Experimental Methods for Impact Assessment](#)," instructed by Angelino Viceisza of Spelman College and IFPRI, was held May 26-27 and was attended by 14 members. The "Impact Evaluation and Analysis of Development Interventions" series continued in June with [Part III](#), which was instructed by Susan Godlonton of IFPRI and Michael Anderson of the University of California, Berkeley; the course was attended by 11 members.

Two advanced CGE modeling courses were held in tandem with the GTAP Conference in order to encourage more AGRODEP members to participate in the conference. The first session, "[Advanced CGE Modeling: PEP and IFPRI Models](#)" was held on June 16-17 and attended by 14 members. This session was instructed by Ismael Fofana and Fousseini Traore of IFPRI. The second session took place on June 22 and focused on "[Models of Regional Trade Integration](#)." This session was co-organized by the World Bank. It was attended by 13 members and was taught by Thomas Rutherford of the University of Wisconsin and David Tarr, a consultant with the World Bank.

within the past year, have published the submitted paper within the current year, and have published the submitted paper during their AGRODEP membership.

### Upcoming 2014 Training Course

The [2014 training courses](#) will take a hiatus in July and August and will begin again in September. The first course in the next session will be "Applied Microeconometrics," held on September 16-18. A course on "Applied Panel Data Econometrics" will be held on September 22-25, and a course on "Productivity and Efficiency Analysis" will be held on September 29-October 3. Dates for the course on "Evaluation of Public Policies" will be announced soon.

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Dr. Germain Mahyao Adolphe** is a citizen of Côte d'Ivoire. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2012. At present, Mahyao is a Researcher at the Centre National de Recherche Agronomique (CNRA). In this position, Mahyao conducts research on food security. He holds a License in Economics Sciences and Management from the University of Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire, a Masters degree in Economics Sciences and Management from the University of Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire, and a Ph.D. in Economics Sciences and Development from the University of Cocody-Abidjan. His areas of specialization are agricultural markets and prices. His research interests include food policy analysis, agricultural markets and



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