



BACKGROUND

During the last two decades an increasing number of papers have aimed at analysing economic agents' behavioural reactions to goods, services or policies in a wide range of applications coming from both agro-food and environmental economics (as well as from transport or health economics, among others). Valuation methods, broadly speaking, are based on either revealed/observed (RP) or stated/experimental (SP) preferences. As far as the number of applications has increased, new methodological challenges and modelling approaches have arisen. As a result there is an increased interest among specialists worldwide to exchange information and viewpoints on the latest methodological developments and possible best practices based on the current state-of-the-art. Moreover, comparison of the reliability of results coming from alternative methods has also been a big issue.

In this context, the Centre for Research on Agro-food and Development Economics-UPC-IRTA (CREDA), together with the European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE) and the Spanish Association of Agricultural Economics (AEEA), will host the VI Workshop on Valuation Methods in Agro-food and Environmental Economics.

The I and the II Workshops were focused on specific methods to ascribe values to private and public goods and services that people can choose, namely Choice Experiments and Experimental Auctions, respectively. Scientific discussion within the two workshops pointed towards the need to incorporate uncertainty and risk preferences in Valuation Methods and Economic Models. The III Workshop was specifically addressed to Decisions and Choices under Uncertainty in Agro-food and Natural Resource Economics. The Workshop aimed at contributing to the growing debate on the analysis of risky choices. At the same time, it aimed to make special emphasis on modelling risk and risk preferences in agro-food and natural resource economics.

The VI Workshop at CREDA consolidates the broader scope adopted in the IV and V Workshops. Alternating with the EAAE Congress, it offers a space for debate, discussion and knowledge exchange among young and senior researchers from different disciplines interested in Valuation Methods both from a methodological and/or empirical point of view.

OBJECTIVES AND TOPICS

The Workshop constitutes an opportunity to bring agro-food and environmental economists together to review the state-of-the-art on valuation methods as well as future challenges. This VI Workshop consolidates the scope adopted in previous editions with the aim of becoming a forum in which scientists dealing with valuation methods periodically meet to discuss both empirical and methodological questions of different methodologies.

The conference aims at covering the following topics:

- Development, application and theoretical basis for valuation methods in general
- Incorporating risk and uncertainty in valuation methods
- Incentive compatible alternatives and experimental economics
- Methodological issues raised in applications
- Advantages and disadvantages facing alternative valuation methods
- Data input, econometric analysis and interpretation stages

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Steering Committee invites submissions on the following topics:

- APPLICATIONS IN FOOD ECONOMICS AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR
- APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD POLICIES
- APPLICATIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
- COMPARISONS OF RELIABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE VALUATION METHODS
- METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES (E.G. RESPONDENTS' PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND INVOLVEMENT, HETEROGENEITY, RISK AND UNCERTAINTY)
- MODELLING TOOLS FOR GENERATED DATA

In addition, the conference will include two plenary (training) sessions. In each edition we have looked for outstanding researchers in this field with whom participants could interact and communicate during the two-day workshop.

In this edition the following speakers have been confirmed: Riccardo Scarpa (Durham University Business School and University of Verona)

Maria L. Loureiro (University of Santiago de Compostela)
Definite titles for their conferences will be announced in due time



157th EAAE Seminar

VI WORKSHOP ON VALUATION METHODS IN AGRO-FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS: "METHODOLOGICAL AND EMPIRICAL CHALLENGES IN VALUATION METHODS"

June 30th - July 1st 2016

BARCELONA, SPAIN

Riccardo Scarpa
(Durham University Business
School and University of
Verona)

KEYNOTE
SPEAKERS

Maria L. Loureiro
(University of Santiago de
Compostela)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Local Organising Committee invites an international scientific audience to participate in the Workshop by submitting a contributed paper proposal (around two pages, single space and standard Arial 11 point type) which such includes at least the motivation and the methodological framework plus an outline of main results. Please, name your file with the last name of the first author. All documents should be submitted electronically in PDF format (name-abstract.pdf) to the following electronic address: eaaworkshops@creda.es. Please note that if the same authors send more than one manuscript, the index number must be used as follows: name1.pdf, name2.pdf. Be sure to review the PDF file you have created before sending it to check that text and formulas (if any) have transferred correctly.

Deadline for paper proposal submission: March 15th, 2016
Proposals will be evaluated by two referees following a standard double-blind process. Referees will be suggested by the Steering Committee. Authors from accepted proposals will be notified by April 29th, 2016 (a maximum number between 30 and 40 proposals will be accepted).

Authors from accepted proposals will be requested to send the full paper by June, 10th, 2016. In the notification letter the Organizing Committee will provide guidelines for paper submission.

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Languages: The workshop language is English.

VENUE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The Workshop will be held in the Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona (ESAB), at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, in Castelldefels, 30 minutes far by train from Barcelona city centre. Information on venue, travel arrangements and accommodation will be provided in due course through the web site www.creda.es (available by February, 2016)

REGISTRATION FEES

Participants have to be member of the EAAE at the time of registration for the Seminar. For becoming a member of the EAAE, the EAAE membership fee is 100€ for the period 2016 – 2018 (to be paid in advance of registration via <http://www.eaae.org/Site2014/index.php/contact--subscribe/become-a-member>).

FEES PAID PRIOR JUNE 10TH, 2016: 275€

FEES PAID AFTER JUNE 10TH, 2016: 325€

The fee covers documentation, lunches, workshop dinner & coffee breaks.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **MARCH 15th, 2016:** Deadline for paper proposal submission
- **APRIL 29th, 2016:** Notification of acceptance
- **JUNE 10th, 2016:** Deadline for reduced fee registration and full paper submission
- **JUNE 30th – JULY 1st, 2016:** Workshop

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