

Report to AES: Travel Grant-EAAE Congress, Rennes, August 2023

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I am grateful for the AES Travel grant that aided my attendance and contribution to the EAAE Congress in Rennes in August. This was the first, in-person EAAE Congress since the pre-pandemic meeting in Parma. This Congress is the main fora for food and agricultural economics research in Europe and has become the main Congress for academic researchers from across Europe and beyond. The Congress is organised on a tri-annual basis with Rennes meeting being over-subscribed with approximately 1,200 participants.

I benefitted from the AES contribution to my travel expenses in three ways:

- A co-authored paper (with Han Lin and Tim Lloyd) entitled 'Weather Shocks and Supply Chains' was presented at the Congress. We are preparing this for submission to an academic journal this autumn/winter so the preparation and comments received has helped sharpen the insights the paper offers.
- I was an invited discussant on 'Industrial Organisation in the Food Sector' organised by Professor Tim Richards, Arizona State University.
- In addition, attendance at the Congress facilitated networking with old and new colleagues from across Europe and the US. It is the most accessible and wide-ranging conference in the food and agricultural economics discipline, with the renewed and new interactions being both stimulating and informative of new research and policy-relevant challenges across a wide variety of topics.

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