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Program Information

IATRC Annual Meeting
December 9-11, 2012
San Diego, CA

Sunday, Dec 9, 2012 – Theme Day

Topic: **“New Rules of Trade?”**

Co-Organizers:

John Wainio, ERS, USDA

Jason Grant, Virginia Polytechnic Inst & State University

Tassos Haniotis, European Commission

As WTO negotiations stagnate, bilateral and regional trade agreements proliferate. Have we lost the ability to make new multilateral trade agreements? Do new players and new problems mean fundamental changes in the way trade will be organized in the future? What is the role of G-20? Can bilateral or regional agreements replace multilaterally negotiated rules? Do we know enough to assess such trade agreements in the past, or to know the conditions under which they benefit or harm different groups, including the world’s poor, or the environment?

IATRC members would learn about the health of the legal architecture that governs trade, the potential for multilaterally agreed changes in these rules in the future, the roles of new players in negotiations, the importance of new goals relating to food security and the climate, and the quality of regional and bilateral deals assessment including indicators other than the sorts we typically use.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec 10 and 11, 2012

Non-Theme Days Organizer and Executive Committee Liaison: **Danny Pick**, ERS, USDA