Summary of 2001 GTAP Board Meeting

1. Dates and timing for next year’s meeting
   a) June 2-3, in the Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan.
   b) Begin Sunday and end Monday night. Leave Tuesday for follow-up
discussions and rest/preparation for conference which begins on June 5.

2. Agency reports
   See Web site summary for links to these reports.

3. Working Committees
   See Table 1 below for assignments.
   a) Appointed for one year
   b) Chair is selected from the board
   c) GTAP Center contact helps to draw up TOR and work with Committee
   d) Need nominations for membership!
   e) Keep director informed about progress and submit 1 – 2 pp summary 1 month
   before next year’s meeting
   f) Incorporated into meeting agenda as needed

4. Version 6 vision
   a) Potential specifications for Version 6 are presented in Appendix A below.
   b) At 2002 meeting:
      i. Finalize hard choices for pre-release – what is in and what is not
      ii. Lock in timetable for international source data for version 6

5. GTAP-IFPRI collaboration on African data base

   We would like to go forward with this joint effort. Progress will be contingent on
available funds.

6. Quality of national data bases

   We will place an increased emphasis on quality of national data bases in the future.
Concrete measures will include:
   a) Identifying anomalies in the original data base – i.e. significant departures
from the norm. Focus specifically on conformance with respect to government
consumption, dwellings and margins.
   b) Providing information on the amount by which the national data bases are
changed as a result of the FIT targets.
   c) Providing one-region SAMs back to contributors
   d) Expanding GTAP technical paper #1 to aid contributors in evaluating their
revised data base.
7. Margins
Begin development of a prototype data base/model with explicit incorporation of margins.

8. Improved treatment of government and foreign accounts, including:
   a) direct taxes
   b) government transfers
   c) foreign income payments
   d) remittance

9. Increased attention to the proper citation of data bases projects.
   In particular:
   a) The IFPRI-Merissa project underpinning the African data base, supported by DANIDA and GTZ.
   b) The LEI-based effort at disaggregating the EU in version 5, supported only partially by the EU Commission. Most of the funds for this came from the LEI itself.

10. Data base infrastructure
Other notes of relevance to data base work that came up outside of the formal board meeting.
   a) Need to formalize separation of the data base from the programs used to process it. This will facilitate the release of interim releases of the publicly available data base (no change in programs – only in national data sources.)
   b) More work is required to make the current programs fully regionally flexible with respect to:
      i. Disaggregation of agriculture
      ii. Energy module
      iii. Formation of composite regions
   c) Extend new treatment of IO disaggregation file format to the companion modules.

11. Administrative
   a) Set-up institutional ID and password for web board to facilitate multi-person access
   b) Set up discussion section on the web board for each working committee
   c) Establish web page to facilitate information exchange regarding past and future training opportunities related to global economic analysis by the consortium members.
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| Services            | Philippa Dee           | Robert McDougall, with input from Joseph Francois | 1. Oversee assembly of Services data on GTAP web site.  
2. Evaluate alternative measures of protection.  
3. Possibly organize a special session at the Fifth Annual Conference in Taiwan. |
| Technical Barriers to Trade | Frank van Tongeren | Thomas Hertel | 1. Explore the possibility of using the Hummels method to identifying ad valorem tariff equivalents associated with TBTs.  
2. Try to identify a graduate student or other researcher to implement this scheme on a prototype basis. |
2. Explore alternative approaches to the measurement and incorporation of domestic support in the data base.  
3. Identify links with primary factor splits in agriculture  
4. Propose a “patch” to version 5 designed to improve on this aspect of the data base. |
| UN-SNA              | Sherman Robinson, Channing Ardnt |                   | 1. Explore possible links with the UN Statistical Office.  
2. Advise GTAP staff on SNA guidelines that will improve quality of country submissions. |
| Russia/Eastern Europe | Robert Koopman           | Robert McDougall | 1. Initiate contacts with potential data base contributors for this region.  
2. Explore funding possibilities with the US Dept. of Commerce for |
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| Baseline                 | Dominique van der Mensbrugghe | 1. Update material presented by Terrie at 2001 board meeting to reflect most recent GEP forecasts.  
2. Update baseline to reflect version 5 database.  
3. Post revised baseline inputs on website for 211 countries and 66 GTAP regions. |
| Energy                   | John Reilly       | 1. Evaluate version 5 database with respect to energy quality.  
2. Explore links with IEA and US DOE for future supply of volume and price data. |
| Primary Factor Splits    | Member from CPB   | 1. Explore possibilities for removing self-employed labor payments from capital in contributed databases.  
2. Explore possibilities for improving the skilled/unskilled split within labor payments. |
| Open-sourcing            | Thomas Hertel     | 1. Work with GTAP board to identify potential funding sources for the open-source/free data idea. |