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Mission Statement:
The Center for Global Trade Analysis is the publicly funded, university based home for GTAP (Global Trade Analysis Project), a global network of researchers and policy makers conducting quantitative analysis of international policy issues. Our purpose is to improve the quality of global economy-wide analysis through education and by developing analytical data bases, economic models, and innovative methodologies. Our unique institutional structure enables us to foster collaboration among academia, public and private sectors worldwide.

1. CENTER NEWS

Ginger McColley joined the Center for Global Trade Analysis as the new GTAP Information Technology Specialist in December 2004. Ginger took over from Melanie Bacou and will be looking after the GTAP web site, including the conference web site and web courses. Ginger is a Bachelor of Science in Computer Graphics Technology graduate from Purdue University and has experience in web programming and design.


Wally Tyner, Terrie Walmsley and Huey-Lin Lee participated in the Purdue Climate Change Research Center’s (PCCRC) first workshop on “Climate Change Research and Education at Purdue”, held at the Purdue University West Lafayette campus, November 19th, 2004, and presented a poster introducing the GTAP capacity in climate change analysis.

Roman Keeney traveled to The Hague, Netherlands and presented the paper “The Balance between Domestic Support, Market Access, and Export Competition: Where Do Developing Country Interests Lie?” (co-authored with Tom Hertel) at the World Bank Conference on Agricultural Trade Reform and the Doha Development Agenda, December 1-3, 2004. Also at the conference were Tom Hertel and former GTAP graduate student Maros Ivanic.

Tom Hertel, currently on sabbatical leave at the World Bank, visited Purdue on February 23 to 25 to meet individually with Center staff. He also presented a seminar to the Department of Agricultural Economics entitled “Putting Development Back into the Doha Agenda: Poverty
Impacts of a WTO Agreement.” The seminar reports on the findings from Tom’s forthcoming book, co-edited with L. Alan Winters, based on a major international research project investigating the poverty impacts of a potential Doha Development Agenda on several focus countries including Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Indonesia, Mexico, Mozambique, Philippines, Russia, Vietnam and Zambia.

2. CONSORTIUM NEWS


The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, joined the GTAP consortium in January 2005. As the regional arm of the United Nations in Africa, the UNECA supports the economic and social development of its 53 member states, fosters regional integration, and promotes international cooperation for Africa's development. Representing the UNECA in the GTAP Advisory Board is Hakim Ben Hammouda, Director of the UNECA’s Trade and Regional Integration Division. More information about the UNECA is available at: http://www.uneca.org/.

The GTAP Advisory Board, composed of the representatives of the GTAP consortium member agencies plus two members-at-large, meet with Center staff annually to review the activities and accomplishments of the project and the GTAP-related activities of the consortium member agencies, to discuss strategic issues, and to set goals for the coming year. More information about the institutions in the GTAP consortium and the roles and responsibilities of the member agencies is available at:

http://www.gtap.org/welcome/consortium.asp.

The next meeting of the GTAP Advisory Board is scheduled for June 6 – 7, 2004 in Lübeck, Germany. Further information about previous GTAP Advisory Board meetings is available at: http://www.gtap.org/events/Board_Meetings/2004/.

3. SHORT COURSES

The GTAP short courses in global trade analysis aim to: (1) introduce participants to a standardized framework for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting, (2) to provide participants with ample hands-on training with software that has been tailored to global trade analysis within a standard modeling framework, and (3) to give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues, and become part of an international network. Part I of the short course is composed of web-based modules delivered by CD-Rom and through the internet. Part II is an on-site week-long intensive training which consists of a mix of daily lectures, computer laboratory exercises, informal discussions, and small-group applications designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the GTAP model and data base (Part. Information about previous short courses is available at: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/default.asp.

The Thirteenth Annual Short Course will be held on-site on June 18-24, 2005 at the University of Crete in Heraklion, Crete, Greece. The short course will be preceded by an on-line refresher
course which will run from April 11-June 6, 2005. The course is now full! Thirty individuals from 16 countries have registered for the course! Scheduled to teach in the Crete course are: Betina Dimaranan (CGTA), Huey-Lin Lee (CGTA), Thomas Hertel (CGTA), Scott McDonald (University of Sheffield), Ken Pearson (Monash University), Marinos Tsigas (USITC), Han van Meijl (LEI), Frank van Tongeren (LEI), and Terrie Walmsley (CGTA).

4. CONFERENCES

The Eighth Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis will be held on June 9 - 11, 2005 in Lübeck, Germany. The conference, to be held at the Radisson SAS Senator Hotel, is organized by the Institute of Market Analysis and Agricultural Trade Policy (FAL), Braunschweig, Germany in conjunction with the Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University. The conference will feature the following invited speakers: Kym Anderson (World Bank, USA), Riccardo Faini (University of Rome, Italy), Joseph Francois (Erasmus University, The Netherlands), Tom Kram (National Institute of Public Health and Environment, The Netherlands), Hans-Werner Sinn (IFO Institute of Economic Research, Germany) and Richard Tol (University of Hamburg, Germany).

The deadline for registration to avoid late fees is April 15, 2005. For inclusion in the conference proceedings, final papers selected for presentation at the conference should be submitted electronically by May 1, 2005. Further information about the conference including registration information, the timetable, and guidelines for paper submission are available at: http://www.gtap.org/events/conferences/2005/.

5. DATA BASE DEVELOPMENTS

The GTAP 6 Beta Release Data Base, released in November 2003, was made available for free to advanced purchasers of the GTAP 6.0 Data Base. The GTAP 6 Beta Release Data Base includes 87 regions and 57 sectors and corresponds to the global economy in 2001. It includes all of the new and updated domestic data bases and most of the 2001 international datasets intended for inclusion in the GTAP 6 Data Base. The exceptions are the 2001 energy prices data, 2001 income and factor taxes, and an update of the auxiliary time series trade data file. Preliminary documentation for the GTAP 6 Beta Release is available at: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/databases/v6beta/v6b_doco.asp.

We anticipate shipping the GTAP 6 Data Package out in late April or as soon as the Center gets the CD-ROMS back from the manufacturers. The GTAP 6 Data Base features improved tariff data using preferential rates, IEA-based energy use data, improved treatment of government consumption, improved trade and demand elasticity estimates, and revised and new input-output tables. Order information for the GTAP 6 Data Base is available from Judy Conner (connerjr@purdue.edu) or from: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/databases/v6/default.asp.

6. NEW RESOURCES ON THE GTAP WEBSITE

The list below covers resources submitted from July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. It does not include papers presented at the Seventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis which was held on June 17-19, 2004. A list of the 2004 conference papers is available from the conference program at: http://www.gtap.org/events/conferences/2004/program.asp.
The most recent additions to the GTAP resources can be found at: http://www.gtap.org/resources/latest.asp.

**GTAP TECHNICAL PAPERS**


**GTAP WORKING PAPERS**


**GTAP DOCUMENTATION**


**GTAP APPLICATIONS**


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