HAPPY NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

Congratulations to Carl Bonham and Gerard Russo who were granted recently their tenure.

Congratulations to Sumner La Croix!!! He received the University of Hawaii's 1993-1994 Robert W. Clopton Award for Distinguished Community Service.

A warm welcome to the Department's new assistant professor, Kwang Soo Cheong, a graduate of Stanford University and is teaching Econ. 301 (Intermediate Economics: Price Theory) and Econ. 450 (Public Finance); and to Donna Lee who is teaching Econ. 628 (Quantitative Methods).

Welcome back to Luigi Ermini after spending a fruitful year in Italy.

PUBLICATIONS:


PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Luiji Ermini attended several seminars and conferences in Italy. Particularly, he presented papers at the following conferences: "European State Aid Policy and Regional Development," at the European University Institute, Florence, in May; "Current Issues in European Monetary Coordination," at the European University Institute, Florence, in June; and "Endogenous Growth in Industrial Districts," at Bocconi University, Milan, in July.

Byron Gangnes presented with Carl Bonham "Taxing Tourists: Evidence from the Hawaii Hotel Room Tax," at the Western Economic Association (WEA) Conference, June 30 - July 3, Vancouver. He also attended the Project LINK meeting presenting a paper on "Macro and Industry Implications of Voluntary Export Restraints on U.S.-Japan Trade," September 12-16, Salamanca, Spain.

Chris Grandy with Sumner La Croix will be traveling on October to present on "Sugar,

Eric Im attended an international matrix workshop at University of Finland, Tampere, on May 20 and then presented a joint paper with Marcellus S. Snow at the 5th Tartu Conference, May 22-28, on “Multivariate Statistics,” Tartu, Estonia, and then flew to Vilnius, Lithuania to join Professor Walter Miklius for a few days, and then flew to London for a joint research project with Professor Richard B. Farebroth.

Sumner La Croix traveled to Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur from July 17 - August 3 to gather information on intellectual property rights in the ASEAN countries.

Chung H. Lee participated as a discussant at a session on “Corporate Strategies and Behavior” at a conference on “Globalization and Regionalization: Implications and Options for the Asian NIEs,” August 15-17, East-West Center; served as discussant and rapporteur at an OECD “Workshop on OECD and ASEAN: Search for Coherent Policies,” June 22-24 and participated at an ISEAS “Workshop on APEC: Challenges and Opportunities,” June 20-21, in Singapore.

Donna Lee presented the following papers at WEA International's 69th Annual Conference: (with Ujjayant Chakravorty), "Adjustment Costs and the Economics of Global Warming,"; and "Optimizing Global Warming: An Aggregated Bottom-up Approach." She also served as discussant at the session on "Water Use and Water Quality."


Louis Rose attended WEA International, Vancouver and chaired session on Tort Law and Product Liability.

Jim Roumasset attended the following: annual AAEA (Agricultural Economics) meeting in San Diego, July-August; a seminar on "Post-Modern Economics of Rural Organization", at the University of Minnesota and also the American Environmental Economic Association annual meeting, Boulder, Co., in May. He served as organizer and chair of session on "Win-win Environmentalism," WEA meetings, June-July, in Vancouver.

Marcellus S. Snow attended the International Telecommunications Society 10th Conference, July, in Sydney where he chaired a session and presented a paper entitled "The AT&T Divestiture: A Ten-Year Retrospective." Later, he attended a 2-day academic workshop on information economics at the Australian National University, Canberra. He was asked to collaborate on a workshop volume outlining a research agenda in information economics.

GRANTS:

Denise Eby Konan received PITO grant to write on "Developing New Investment Codes within ASEAN."

James Mak received a half-time appointment at SSRI for the 1994-1995 academic year.

UNIVERSITY AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Carl Bonham was elected to the Board of Hawaii Economic Association.

Sumner La Croix served as co-organizer of Hawaii's Post-Yokohama International AIDS Conference, August 15, at Sheraton Hotel, Waikiki. He chaired the session on "Epidemiology and National AIDS Policy" which featured June Osborne, Chair of the U.S. National AIDS Commission.

OTHER MATTER OF CONSEQUENCE ..... 

Marcellus S. Snow attended (with family) the graduation of his son David from UC-San Diego, preceded by a family vacation in Yosemite and the Los Angeles area. Congratulations David!