

Toward Framing and Implementing an IBES Research,
Teaching and Outreach Agenda
(Proposed by Fred Hitzhusen, 2004 Denver Meeting)

1. Theory and methods

- a. Codification/classification of formal and informal institutions such as laws, administrative regulations, property rights, court decisions, ideologies, customs, social sanctions, etc. relevant to applied economics
e.g. an “institutional economic geome” project
- b. Human interdependencies and neuro-science implications for behavioral assumptions in economic analysis
e.g. ego, empathy and integration
- c. Equilibrium vs. evolutionary notions in economic analysis
- d. Impact on economic performance and factors influencing evolution of institutions
- e. Integration of IBE into undergrad and grad courses and curriculum
- f. Other??

2. Applications

- a. General
 - Linking institutional types to efficiency and distribution in economic analysis
 - Identifying factors linked to the evolution of specific institutions
e.g. cooperatives
 - Impact of social interaction on behavior e.g. social norms, sanctions, and capital
 - Impact of alternative behavioral assumptions/models on description, prediction and control of reality e.g. game theory
 - Extension/outreach innovations
 - Other??
- b. By specialization
 - Agribusiness management including marketing and finance, international trade, ag and food policy
 - International, regional and community development
 - Natural resource and environmental economics
 - Other??