

MU Professors Pat Westhoff and Julien Binfield emails summarize their relationship with the University of Pretoria as follows:

“UMSAEP facilitated academic exchange between the University of Missouri and University of Pretoria. At first this was associated with the development of a sector level model of the agriculture sector. FAPRI staff also collaborated when BFAP added farm level analysis capability. BFAP developed a team of policy analysis and a suite of model that they used for a variety of analysis. They are funded from a wide range of sources both private and public. Their output is:

- Annual outlook conference. This is attended by approximately 400 people each year. There is an associated publication. Underlying the publication is the model that FAPRI advised on. Also, FAPRI provides a global outlook and speaks at the conference each year.
- Policy analysis. The UP team has used the models for a variety of policy analyses. We are usually not involved with those things.
- Academic output. There have been joint authored papers between UP and FAPRI staff. Also, FAPRI staff have served on PhD committees
- FAPRI staff have also done some teaching in South Africa as part of the academic exchange
- An output of the funding has been that we (FAPRI) have had a close academic relationship with UP for over 15 years now

So I think it is accurate to say that the UMSAEP funding has had an important role in both establishing an academic link between UM and UP (FAPRI and BFAP) and therefore helped in the success of BFAP.

The success that BFAP has had played a role in the development of the Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI) which is a collaboration between policy units in Southern and Eastern Africa. FAPRI is also collaborating in this organization. Their output is:

- An annual conference and publication similar to BFAP
- Policy analysis
- UMSAEP also funded Kateryna Schroeder who visited BFAP and the Zambian ReNAPRI partner to look at price transmission through the region

The academic exchange funded by UMSAEP has made FAPRI's participation in this process possible. We participate in both the BFAP and ReNAPRI annual conferences as well as do some policy analysis and training. While there is no formal contract between FAPRI and BFAP and ReNAPRI their funding sources have contributed to faculty exchange. FAPRI staff travel to Africa at least twice a year and we usually host at least one of their staff members a year. We had one joint research program funded by UNECA looking at maize markets in the region. Recently we have sourced a small amount of funding from the European Commission and have carried out three research projects on wheat and sugar, soybeans, and linking different types of economic models together.

To summarize the main outputs from the relationship are:

- Faculty exchange that has lasted over 15 years
- Numerous publications – we are joint authors in the baseline publications and have done some peer reviewed journal articles too
- Presentations in Africa at least twice a year
- Participation in the ReNAPRI network
- (Small) Funded projects from the UN and the European Commission”