

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : TA/PPU, Mr. Carl Fritz

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SUBJECT: Small Activity: First International Rangeland Congress -
Special Project Inputs/FY 77: \$30,000

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of \$30,000 during FY 1977 to partially support the subject Congress. This activity was reviewed and considered appropriate for TA/AGR's Action during the TA Program Submission Review, July 7, 1975.

a. Background:

Rangelands constitute a major resource of many LDC's and are primary contributors to the food and fibre requirements of their populations. In addition, range-livestock products make up a significant part of the exports of many countries and thereby constitute an important source of foreign exchange. Although much of the philosophy of rangeland management has evolved and is being successfully utilized in North America and Australia, the importance of rangeland resources to LDCs' economic and social welfare has long been overlooked or ignored. A stronger worldwide focus on the rangelands is required if the LDC's are to gain increased benefits from this valuable resource.

In August 1978, the Society for Range Management (SRM) will sponsor the First International Rangeland Congress (IRC) in Denver, Colorado. SRM is the only scientific and professional organization concerned with problems of development, use and management of rangeland resources around the world. Future International Rangeland Congresses are expected to be organized at three or four year intervals and will be hosted by other countries and/or institutions.

In addition to its traditional Professional-Scientific responsibilities the SRM has considerable experience managing government funded (U.S. Department of Commerce) activities. SRM is presently administering and coordinating a one-half million dollar five-state regional rangeland



resource development program. The apparent success of this project has attracted the attention of other regions where similar problems and opportunities exist. SRM is now holding discussions with two additional Regional Commissions with the idea of developing rangeland resource development and management projects similar to the one presently in existence.

The Society for Range Management needs support for the IRC in FY 1977 for pre-congress preparations, for support for speakers and scientists from LDC's and for publication of the Congress proceedings.

b. General Purpose:

The purpose of the Congress is to provide an international forum on the development, use and management of Rangelands attended by scientists, educators, resource managers and other interested parties. Representatives of various governments agencies and institutions worldwide will have an opportunity to hear reports, review progress in specific areas of interest and discuss research development and management needs in LDC's and other countries. The Congress will provide a major vehicle for an exchange of information and help establish linkages between individuals and institutions with problems of mutual concern. During the Congress considerable attention will be given to an analysis of the state-of-the-art in selected rangeland related problem areas. The discussions and published proceedings of the Congress will provide useful tools and guidance for AID projects and programs dealing with rangeland utilization and management in LDC's.

c. Organization, Work Plan and Budget:

The First International Rangeland Congress is tentatively scheduled to be held in Denver, Colorado during 1978. It is being organized by the Society for Range Management through its International Affairs Committee which has already established a Central Committee for detailed organizational plans of the Congress. The Central Committee is composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, financial officer, editor-in-chief, tour coordinator and program chairman which is being filled by Dr. Dillard Gates of TA/AGR. Members of the Central Committee provide their services on a voluntary basis.

Subjects to be covered at the Congress will include: a) range political and social problems and solutions; b) range economics and decision making; c) grazing management practices and systems; d) inventory and evaluations of range resources; e) range plants; f) range ecology; g) range animals; h) range improvements; and i) range soils. General invitations for submission of papers for use at the Congress (and also invitations to the Congress) have been sent out worldwide. Extensive international contacts through members is being utilized to assure full LDC inputs for presentation. The number of papers directed specifically to LDC problems cannot be determined at this time. Approximately ten (10) plenary speakers will be invited (5 from DC's and 5 from LDC's and/or experts concerned with LDC range problems). Dr. Dillard Gates, TA/AGR, will play a discretionary role in selection of speakers who will be "top of the-line" scientists, administrators and resource managers. The Congress will be conducted in English. Publication of the proceedings will also be in English since cost estimates for translations were considered to be prohibitive.

The estimated budget for the Congress totals \$75,600 (see attached budget). AID is requested to provide \$30,000 of this total. AID's contribution would be used to partially fund the publication of the proceeding (AID=\$15,000 of a total \$32,000), travel support of LDC speakers and scientists (AID=\$10,000) and general administrative support (AID=\$5,000 of a total \$15,600). Requests for funding assistance are also being made to other organizations including FAO, CIDA, the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations and private commercial sources in the U.S. SRM has made \$5,000 of its funds available for the Congress.

d. Reports and Publications:

The proceedings of the Congress will be published in 2,000 copies. The proceedings will include the texts of plenary statements and invited and volunteer papers which will be edited as appropriate. Copies will be provided to all Congress participants. In addition, proceedings will be available to other interested scientists, agriculture technicians, libraries and other institutions in LDC's and DCs alike. SRM will develop, in coordination with AID, a distribution list for the proceedings which will target individuals and institutions in LDC's and development-related organizations. Copies of all abstracts and papers presented at the IRC will be provided AID at no charge. Congress Proceedings will serve as valuable

references with worldwide application to the problems of development, management, conservation and use of rangelands and related resources. Proceedings will be of special value in LDCs where the application of improved rangeland management practices are limited or non-existent.

e. Provisions for Evaluating Project Effectiveness:

The Chief of the Soil and Water Management Division, TAB/AGR and other members of the Soil and Water Division will attend and evaluate the Congress. A representative of the Consortium for International Development will be requested to attend and evaluate the Congress for program content, organization and applicability to problems of LDC's.

f. AID Manpower Requirements:

No AID manpower requirement is expected except as indicated in "c and e" above. It is anticipated that the Congress program will be of interest to technical personnel in TA/AGR, TA/OST and various Regional Bureaus and Missions.

g. PAR Utilization Strategy:

The PAR will specify plans and recommendations for distribution and utilization of new information presented at the Congress. This will in addition to distribution of Congress Proceedings.

Approved: John Gunning
Disapproved: _____
Date: 10/6/71

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR
 THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL RANGELAND CONGRESS (IRC)
 DENVER, COLORADO
 AUGUST 13-18, 1978

	TOTAL BUDGET FOR IRC				Proposed AID Funding Support for IRC
	TOTAL	YEARLY BUDGET			
	1976-78	1976	1977	1978	1978
<u>Publications (Editorial Committee)</u>					
Abstracts 2,000 [@] \$1.00	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	
Hardback Proceedings 2,000 copies	30,000	-	-	30,000	Assistance for publication of proceedings
SUB-TOTAL	32,000	-	-	32,000	\$15,000
<u>Office Expenses</u>					
Secretarial @\$7,200/yr.	10,800	3,600	3,600	3,600	Administrative support, typing, postage and other costs
Postage	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Stationary	1,200	400	400	400	
1st brochure	100	100	-	-	
2nd brochure	500	500			
SUB-TOTAL	15,600	5,600	5,000	5,000	\$5,000
<u>Plenary Speakers</u>					
10 [@] \$2,000	20,000	-	-	20,000	Travel support of speakers and LDC scientists
					\$10,000
<u>Tours</u>					
Tour guides, brochures, etc. 3 [@] \$1,000	3,000	-	500	2,500	
<u>Contingency Fund</u>	5,000		1,000	3,000	
TOTALS --	\$75,600	\$6,600	\$6,500	\$62,500	\$30,000