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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Ron Duncan

At its last meeting on 31 May, AARES Council approved the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Agribusiness Association (AAA). We have agreed on a cooperative alliance with the AAA which it is hoped will be to the benefit of both organisations. Areas of cooperation will include advice to members about events of interest being run by the other organisation, the conduct of joint events when appropriate, and joint activity in publishing and maintenance of web pages where economies can be realised. AAA is already publishing the journal "Connections" on behalf of AARES, which focuses on issues not covered by current AAA publications and the AJARE. The agreement will be in place for three years initially, and at that time its extension will be subject to review by both parties. We have suggested to branches that they try to involve AAA members in branch activities where appropriate. The AAA has e-mailed a notice to all AARES members about their annual Research Forum which is to be held on November 12 and 13 of this year, and AARES members are invited to submit abstracts of papers they would like to present at that meeting which is to have a focus on prospects for agricultural commodities. This appears to be a productive step both in terms of improving the flow of information to AARES members as well as widening the influence of the Society.

Many people are unaware that AARES has a membership category of "Emeritus" for retired AARES members. The membership subscription is the same as for student members, which is set at one-half of the rate for full members. We feel that it is important for the Society to maintain the participation of older members so we are drawing attention to the possibility for retired members to retain their membership and

register for the AARES Annual Conferences and Annual Symposia at a reduced cost. To qualify, you must have been a financial member for the 10 years preceding your retirement. To apply, you need only indicate that you wish to renew as an "Emeritus" member when you complete your next membership renewal form for Blackwell.

Council also decided to increase AARES membership fees from 2003. It has been several years since fees were last increased and inflation has continued to increase the costs of running the Society. We felt that we had no option but to increase fees which provides the bulk of the Society's revenue. Full membership subscriptions will rise from A\$80 to A\$90, while student and emeritus subscription will be A\$45, up from A\$40.

Finally, you will see in other parts of *News & Views* notices about the 2002 AARES Symposium which is to be held at the University of New England, Armidale, in conjunction with the "John L. Dillon AO Commemorative Day". I hope to see you there.



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5th ANNUAL AARES SYMPOSIUM AND JOHN L. DILLON AO COMMEMORATIVE DAY

The Events

The 5th Annual AARES Symposium entitled "The US Farm Bill and Implications for Agricultural Trade" will be held Thursday 19th September 2002 at Lecture Theatre 4, Faculty of Economics, Business and Law, The University of New England, Armidale, NSW. The John L. Dillon AO Commemorative Day on "Agricultural Research: Challenges and Economics in the New Millennium" will follow on Friday 20th September 2002 at the same venue.

The new US Farm Bill will have important impacts upon international agricultural trade and the pace of international agricultural trade reform. It is a complex piece of legislation and analysts are hard at work at understanding its full ramifications. The 5th Annual AARES Symposium will focus on understanding the nature of the Farm Bill and what it means for those involved in international agricultural trade, including farmers, consumers, agribusiness firms and policy makers. In addition to expert speakers from Australia and New Zealand (ABARE, farmer organisations and universities), experts from the US will address the Symposium (confirmed to date are University of California at Davis Professor Daniel Sumner, Fulbright Senior Specialist and former Senior Staff Economist on the US President's Council of Economic Advisors; and Virginia Tech Professor David Orden, co-author of the recently published "Policy Reform in American Agriculture: Analysis and Prognosis"). There will be ample time for airing of alternative viewpoints and general discussion. It is also expected that very recent changes to the Common Agricultural Policy will receive some attention.

The John L. Dillon AO Commemorative Day is intended to acknowledge the outstanding contributions that the late John Dillon made to the national and international community, particularly his contributions in the way of fostering agricultural research and development that was his main interest during the latter part of his career. There will be a variety of national and international speakers who will provide accounts of the challenges facing agricultural research as we enter the New Millennium.

On the night of 19th September a dinner will be held for those attending one or both days. Jack Lewis, founder of agricultural economics at UNE, will be the after-dinner speaker so this will be a memorable occasion.

A registration form is available at <http://www.general.uwa.edu.au/u/aares/symposium02reg.htm>

Registration Fees

The registration fee (inclusive of GST) for the Symposium is \$210 for Ordinary members and \$105 for Student members and Emeritus members, with a \$20 surcharge for non-members. A late fee of \$10 applies for registration after August 31. Lunch and morning/afternoon teas are included in the fee. The cost (inclusive

of GST) of the Dinner on 19th September is \$50 and registration for the John L. Dillon Commemorative Day is \$30.

Accommodation and Travel

Flights into Armidale are limited so delegates are advised to book early. Arrival in the evening prior to the Symposium is strongly recommended since the proceedings will start at 9am.

For conference delegates who wish to enjoy the convenience of on-campus accommodation, Mary White College is available. The College is a short walk from the conference venue and provides serviced, single study bedrooms with telephone and shared bathroom facilities. The tariff for bed and hot breakfast is \$56.10 per person per night. A limited number of single and double ensuite rooms are also available (price on application).

A further choice from other Residences is available. Also offering comfortable single study bedrooms with telephone and shared bathroom facilities, for a tariff of \$46.20 per person per night, including hot breakfast. All are just a 15-minute leisurely walk across our picturesque campus to the conference venue and are serviced by a complimentary shuttle bus.

Parking at the colleges is free for residents, with a complimentary permit provided on arrival. If you wish to book on-campus accommodation, please contact:

The UNE Conference Company, tel: 02 6773 2154 fax: 02 6773 3766
email: confco@metz.une.edu.au

A list of Armidale motels is provided below. All are in the range of three to four stars (average price about \$70/night) and are about a five-minute drive from the UNE campus. A Toll Free Accommodation Booking Service is available on 1800-627-736.

Abbotsleigh Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 9488	Fax: 02 6772 7066
Acacia Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 7733	Fax: 02 6771 1901
Alluna Motel	Ph: 02 6772 6226	Fax: 02 6772 9022
Armidale Cattleman's Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 7788	Fax: 02 6771 1447
Armidale Motel	Ph: 02 6772 8122	Fax: 02 6772 1024
Comfort Inn Hallmark	Ph: 02 6772 9800	Fax: 02 6771 2590
Cameron Lodge Motel	Ph: 02 6772 2351	Fax: 02 6772 5600
Cedar Lodge Motel	Ph: 02 6772 9511	Fax: 02 6772 9516
Comfort Inn Cotswold Gardens	Ph: 02 6772 8222	Fax: 02 6772 5139
Country Comfort	Ph: 02 6772 8511	Fax: 02 6772 7535
Deer park Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 9999	Fax: 02 6772 8962
Elite Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6771 5377	Fax: 02 6771 5388
Estelle Kramer Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 5200	Fax: 02 6771 2507
Hideaway Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 5177	Fax: 02 6771 2609
Moore Park Inn	Ph: 02 6772 2358	Fax: 02 6772 5252
New England Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6771 1011	Fax: 02 6771 1011
Sandstock Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 9988	Fax: 02 6772 8490

The Club Motel	Ph: 02 6772 8777	Fax: 02 6772 8669
Westwood Motor Inn	Ph: 02 6772 8000	Fax: 02 6772 0953
White Lanterns Motel	Ph: 02 6772 5777	Fax: 02 6771 4294

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AARES ACT BRANCH SYMPOSIUM

The ACT Branch of AARES invites you to attend a half-day symposium on the topic of

‘Property rights and the rural environment – beyond the textbook’

The debate between government, farmers and conservation groups over what constitutes a landholders ‘duty of care’ with regard to the provision of public environmental goods is reaching fever pitch. The National Farmers Federation has declared that it is giving property rights the highest priority this year (Weekend Australian, 8 June 2002). Similarly, conservation groups such as the World Wildlife Fund and Environmental Defenders Office are stepping up their involvement in formulating a view on property rights.

New environmental legislation – both at state and federal level – is prompting landholders to question what their land ownership rights convey. Policies involving environmental targets, credits and offsets strike at the very heart of the debate because these instruments require explicit definition of rights — which contrast with the historical case where landholder rights have been largely implied. What are the key issues of this debate and what insights can the environmental economics profession bring to the table? That is the focus of this half-day AARES symposium.

Program

8.30	Registration and refreshments	
9.00	Scope and dimensions of the property rights debate	Dr Martin van Bueren (Centre for International Economics)
9.30	Insights from institutional economics	Prof Wolfgang Kasper (Emeritus Professor of Economics, UNSW and Senior Fellow, Centre for Independent Studies)
10.15	Morning tea	
10.45	Property rights and the farming community	Mr Larry Acton (Chair, National Farmers Federation Environmental Committee)
11.30	What’s in it for the environment?	Mr Warwick Moss (World Wildlife Fund)

12.15	What's on the horizon?	Mr Jim McColl (McColl Consulting and Visiting Fellow at CSIRO Policy and Economic Research Unit)
1.00	Lunch	
2.00	Close	

Date Tuesday 20th August, 2002

Venue Telopea Inn, 16 New South Wales Crs, Forrest, Canberra (02 6295 3722)

Cost AARES members \$45. Non-members \$80 or pay \$110 on the day for a membership package which includes symposium fee, 12 months full membership and a subscription to the Society's journal.

Please note that credit card facilities will not be available at the venue. Please pay by cheque or cash, or we can invoice your organisation.

RSVP By August 16 to Michael Potter on (02) 6273 3855 or mpotter@nff.org.au



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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Department of Agricultural Economics
College of Agriculture
University of Saskatchewan**

Position: Associate/Full Professor, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair – The New Rural Economy. The candidate for the Chair will be external to this university. The position can be awarded with tenure.

Location: Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada S7N 5A8

The Department has 17 faculty members and 5 research associates. The Department offers a variety of courses to approximately 80 students. The Department's varied research activities help support 25 graduate students. It offers a B.Sc. in Agriculture and M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Economics. The Department is one of five departments in the College of Agriculture. Further information on the Department can be found at <http://www.usask.ca/agriculture/agec>.

The University has 16 colleges, schools and divisions with 20,000 students. The university is research intensive with national laboratories, such as the Canadian Light Source (<http://www.cls.usask.ca>). For more information see <http://www.usask.ca>.

Responsibilities: The individual holding this chair will be an intellectual leader in research and teaching about the transition to the new rural economy. The research will focus on how new technologies, such as biotechnology and information technology, create both agricultural and non-agricultural opportunities in the prairie region of Canada. The Chair is primarily a research position with expectations for senior undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or Economics.

Salary: Negotiable. An attractive fringe benefits package is included.

Available: July 1, 2003

Application: A letter of application, statement of research interests, curriculum vitae and the names and

addresses of three references should be sent to:

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Decision Date: Deadline for receipt of applications is September 1, 2002. Appointment is conditional upon the award of the Canada Research Chair.

This position has been cleared for advertising at the two-tiered level. Applications are invited from qualified individuals regardless of their immigration status in Canada. The University of Saskatchewan is committed to Employment Equity. Members of designated groups (women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, and visible minorities) are encouraged to self-identify.



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NOTICEBOARD

Web Manager Wanted

AARES Web Manager Dave Pannell is handing over the reins after nearly four years of service in managing the content, layout and programming of our web site. Over that time, Dave has developed a comprehensive site (<http://come.to/aares>) covering many aspects of the history and management of AARES, as well as current issues and events and, of course, the new electronic edition of *News & Views*.

An opportunity now exists for one or two members to take over the management of the web site. Members are invited to register their interest in one or both of the following voluntary web management positions.

(a) AARES Web Content Manager – this involves managing the content of the web site, by seeking and collecting relevant information and preparing documents in Word format, ready for conversion to html.

(b) AARES Web Programmer – this involves preparing the html code and dealing with computing aspects of the web site

This is a great opportunity to learn more about web page creation and management, as well as contributing a valuable service to the Society. The site is in good shape and as a minimum needs only routine maintenance and updating. In the medium term you would have the opportunity to exercise your creativity in further developing the site.

Closing date for registering your interest is Monday 19th August, 2002. Please direct enquiries to Lisa Brennan, Manager Promotion and Development (ph 07 3214 2375, email: Lisa.Brennnan@csiro.au) and/or outgoing Web Manager Dave Pannell (ph 08 9844 8659, email: David.Pannell@uwa.edu.au).

Survey Coming Soon

It's time to have your say! During August, members will receive email notification of a survey form, and a link to the survey website. The survey will collect your opinions about AARES, the ways in which you get involved in AARES activities, and importantly, what you think could be improved. Your input in this survey will provide important information to help steer the development of new initiatives for the benefit of members and help us improve existing products and services.

AARES Financial Support for Attendance at IAAE Conference

The AARES is offering to provide funding up to A\$1500 each for up to two members to support their attendance at the international conference of The International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) in Durban, South Africa, 16-22 August 2003. For further information on the IAAE conference, view the conference web site at: <http://www.iaae-agecon.org/index.asp>

To apply for an AARES award, please forward an application to:

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There is no standard application form, but please send a letter or email to Ron addressing the following issues.

1. Your contact details
2. Your membership status. Current membership of AARES is a requirement of entry.
3. Your age. We will give preference to less senior members.
4. Whether you have in the past attended any past conference of the IAAE. First-time attendees will be favoured.
5. Whether you have attended any previous IAAE conferences
6. The amount of financial assistance you are requesting.
7. A brief statement in support of your application. You may wish to address issues such as, what you hope to gain professionally from attending, any contributions that you have made to AARES in the past, or information about employer support for your attendance. Any other issue you consider relevant could be raised.
8. If you have submitted a paper to the conference, a copy of the abstract. Preference will be given to those who have submitted a paper. Contributed paper submissions to the conference are due on 31 October 2002.

The closing date will be 1 October 2002. Winners will be notified by 1 November, and details published in the December issue of *AARES News & Views*.

Connections: Farm, Food and Resource Issues

Research and Extension: As Easy as Walking and Talking!

We are very pleased to have received supportive feedback from a number of members about our first two issues. Thank you to those people for commenting and thanks again to the authors for making the issues possible.

Some feedback suggests that some articles are a bit too long; others are quite happy to dig into the detail. Like Goldilocks experience with the Three Bears chairs, it's not easy to get it 'just right'. We find that we need to work on three fronts: *converting* research into extension from AJARE or AARES conference contributions, *commissioning* articles from new non-AARES research reports and *hunting and gathering* from current forums where material is under-extended. A pleasing occurrence is when members phone to discuss their idea; editors really enjoy that sort of call!

While still in pilot mode you can expect us to be reasonably flexible about length and style. We think that 2000 words is a good length, but some contributions have come in excess of 3000. The integrity of the article and the style probably count for more with us than length, where you can expect to see a range. If we were burdened with contributions we may be able to cull contributions on length. But it's not like that!

So, what we are aiming to do is to collect a handful of extension style articles which may include some long, some short and some mid-sized. As we are not in the business of making work for ourselves we prefer

authors to modify after we have had a read, but we also make offers to do some editing to help the process along. Churchill used to write about seven drafts on his speeches. We would like to keep our iterations with authors to less than that. None have reached seven yet!

We have a number of articles in hand for the Winter issue and in process for the Spring issue. Topics include exotic livestock disease economics, natural resource accounting, dairy research and extension, farm adjustment, food scorecard, wool marketing, egg marketing, and farming systems.

If you have found the website (<http://www.agrifood.info/Connections/index.htm>) and enjoyed reading any articles spare a thought for writing one. Feel welcome to pick up the phone and talk about it before keying it. Remember, research and extension are a lot like walking and talking: it's possible to do both at the same time!

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CD of AARES 2002 Conference Papers

The CD of AARES 2002 Conference Papers has been printed and mailed out to those who ordered it on their conference registration form. The CD is available from the AARES office for A\$40 including postage. To order a copy of the CD, please contact Honey Greenwood, Manager: AARES Central Office, ph (02) 6773 3278, email journal.ajare@pobox.une.edu.au

2002 Australia New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics Conference

You are invited to participate in the 2002 Australia New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics (ANZSEE) Conference, 2-4 December 2002 at the University of Technology Sydney (Broadway campus). The theme of the conference is "Strategies into action: regional and industry policy applications of ecologically sustainable development." The conference will explore how regional strategies (local to national and beyond) and industry (ie. sectoral) policies can help create an ecologically sustainable economy. The conference will have keynote speakers, contributed papers, workshops and discussions. It will give an opportunity to report on ecological economics work done and to explore the agenda for future work. To find out more about the ANZSEE 2002 conference or to register, visit the conference website: <http://incres.anu.edu.au/anzsee/ANZSEE2002.html>

Applying Economics to Natural Resource Management

The Commonwealth, States and Territories have agreed to establish a new \$10 million program to look at how the marketplace might help conserve and sustain Australia's natural resources. The Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council, which is made up of Australia's environment and agriculture ministers, launched the *National Market-Based Instruments Pilots Program* on the 21st June, 2002. The Council invited applications for funding to run pilot projects testing the use of market mechanisms such as trading schemes, auctions and price signals to encourage better management of natural resource issues like salinity, waste water and vegetation management.

Co-chairs of the Council, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Dr David Kemp, and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Warren Truss, said the *National Market-Based Instruments Pilots Program* also aimed to stimulate public debate on the issues.

"Market-based instruments (MBIs) work by using market signals to encourage more sustainable practices, and are a widely used tool for natural resource management in some countries," Mr Truss said. MBIs may include creating new markets or removing existing barriers to market activities. An example is the 'cap and trade' mechanism that is used successfully in the Murray-Darling Basin to encourage water trading. This is

when governments determine the overall allocation of water for irrigated agriculture in a certain region, and landholders can trade with other landholders if they find they need more or don't need as much water as they are initially allocated. "The Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council is keen to explore the potential of the market to encourage action to reduce salinity, improve water quality and conserve biodiversity," Dr Kemp said.

Dr Kemp also said some overseas and Australian State governments 'auctioned' funding for environmental work. "In these cases, governments go to the marketplace with a list of environmental outcomes they want to achieve – such as conserving a number of hectares of native bushland or planting a number of trees – and invite landholders to bid for funding to undertake this work. "In this instance governments are buying environmental outcomes and the market is dictating what it costs to achieve them. This system replaces traditional grants programs and benefits landholders who want to undertake this work as a part of their overall land management strategies, while determining the true cost."

Dr Kemp said governments could use MBIs to regulate wastewater discharge into waterways. This would work by limiting the total discharge from all industry in a region to a level that was environmentally sustainable, then creating a market system where companies could trade their rights to discharge. "Apart from taxes and subsidies, Australia is still at an early stage in developing and using MBIs. Many schemes are still being designed or have only recently been implemented," Dr Kemp said. "MBIs are not a quick fix, and many require legislative underpinning and support. There is still much to learn and all jurisdictions are facing the same questions about their practical application. Nevertheless, it is clear that MBIs have huge potential to achieve 'more from less', to drive innovation, place environmental considerations in the mainstream and give economic incentive for good natural resources management," Dr Kemp said.

The *National Market-Based Instruments Pilots Program* will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase \$5 million will be allocated to pilot projects over about two years. If this is successful, a further \$5 million may be allocated for further pilots. Mr Truss said the Program was part of the joint Commonwealth, State and Territory \$1.4 billion *National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality*. The call for initial proposals closed on 22 July. There has been great interest from around Australia, with over 300 people enquiring about the Program and subscribing to the mailing list to stay up-to-date on the Program's progress. To subscribe to the mailing list and get more information about the *National Market-Based Instruments Pilots Program*, please visit <http://www.napswq.gov.au>

AARES Web site

The AARES web site is updated regularly. You can now check out the latest additions to the site on a "What's new?" page, accessible via a link from the top of the home page <http://come.to/aares>



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AARES 2003 Pre-Conference Workshop

Dryland Salinity: Economic Issues and Farm, Catchment and Policy Levels

Fremantle, Australia

11 February 2003

Dryland salinity is one of Australia's most intractable resource degradation problems, affecting agricultural industries, biodiversity, water resources and infrastructure. There is extensive interest in and debate about the most efficient and effective approaches to management and to policy.

This one-day workshop, convened jointly by the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the CRC for Plant-based Management of Dryland Salinity, will address current economic issues in salinity management and salinity policy. Delegates will learn about the latest thinking and analysis on a variety of salinity related topics, will have the opportunity to discuss and debate the issues, and will receive a proceedings of the papers presented.

Indicative Topics

- Introduction: What are the issues?
- Principles for the combination of hydrology and economic models
- Methodology for dealing with asymmetric information and uncertainty associated with dryland salinity
- Policy mechanisms for salinity management
- Prioritisation of salinity investment under uncertainty
- Presentation of a selection of cases studies

The planned registration fee is in the region of \$75 including lunch, coffee/tea/snacks and proceedings.

The Workshop will be of great value to any economists, policy analysts, bio-physical scientists, modellers, and other people interested in or working on dryland salinity. It provides a unique opportunity to enhance knowledge in this demanding topic. Its timing as a prelude to the AARES 2003 Conference allows delegates to combine two top quality professional activities.

Registration will be via the registration form for the AARES 2003 Conference (which will be held 12-14 February). Further details and a registration form will be placed on the AARES web page when available: <http://come.to/aares>

Call for Papers

The Workshop Organising Committee will be inviting leading speakers to address key topics, but will also consider including a limited number of contributed papers on the program. If you are interested in presenting a paper at the workshop, please submit a title and abstract (up to 300 words) by September 5th 2002 to the Workshop Organisers at the email addresses given below.

If you would like to register an interest in the workshop or a general query please contact the Workshop Organisers:

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AARES 2003

47th Annual Conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society

12-14 February 2003, Fremantle, Western Australia

AARES 2003 is a great opportunity to catch up on the latest thinking in agricultural and natural resource economics. The conference will be held in the 19th Century port city of Fremantle where history, heritage, culture and art come together. As well as exploring Fremantle, delegates might also like to visit some of the attractions that the rest of Western Australia has to offer, such as Rottnest Island and the Margaret River wine region, located in the south-west of the state. The Conference venue is the Esplanade Hotel, which is in the heart of Fremantle, close to a wide range of accommodation, shopping and leisure facilities.

Conference Program

The Conference will have a combination of both 'Invited Speaker' and 'Contributed Paper' sessions. The invited speakers will include:

- Alan Lloyd Fellow: **John Antle** (Montana State University): "Agriculture as a Managed Ecosystem: Implications for Agricultural Research"
- **Ron Duncan** (Australian National University), Presidential Address: "Agricultural and resource economics and economic development in Aboriginal communities"
- **John Quiggin** (Australian National University), "Production, uncertainty and finance"
- **David Pannell** (University of Western Australia), "Communication of economics to policy makers"
- **John Freebairn** (University of Melbourne), "Economic policy for rural and regional Australia"
- Two papers on current issues in farm management: **Lisa Brennan** (CSIRO) "Making farm management research relevant to farm management practice" and **Sandra Martin** (Lincoln University), **Nicola Shadbolt** (Lincoln University) and **Keith Woodford** (Massey University), "The farm management profession: Where are our roots?"
- Two papers on "Marketing insights for models of consumer demand": **Nick Piggott** (North Carolina State University) "Food safety information impacts on U.S. meat demand" and **Vic Wright** (University of New England) "Determinants of product value".

Pre-Conference Workshop

A Pre-Conference Workshop 'Dryland Salinity: Economic Issues at Farm, Catchment and Policy Levels' will be held on Tuesday 11 February.

Other Events

A social night will be held on Thursday 13 February. The planned venue for the social night is the new world-class Western Australian Maritime Museum which will show case Western Australia's rich maritime heritage. The centrepiece of the Museum will be the America's Cup winning yacht Australia II. Details of other social events will be released over the coming months.

Call for Papers

All members and interested non-members are invited to submit titles for Contributed Papers. Contributed papers in all areas of agricultural and resource economics are welcomed. Session themes will include:

- Agricultural policy
- Environmental policy tools
- Non-market valuation
- Farm management
- Research evaluation
- Risk
- Adoption of innovations
- Agricultural development
- Biotechnology and GMOs
- China
- Methods of economic analysis
- Marketing issues
- Industries such as dairy, meat, grain, horticulture
- Fisheries
- Weeds and pests
- Trade
- Water
- Mining

Submissions should be made to the Conference Organiser, All Occasions Management, whose contact details are provided below.

Deadlines

- Submit paper titles: **21 August 2002** (extended from earlier advertised date of 12 July)
- Submit abstracts (100 words maximum): **27 September 2002**
- Bring copies of papers to the conference:
12 February 2003*

*Note: presenters must register for the conference no later than 1 February 2003 in order to remain on the program.

Useful downloads

- [List of contributed paper titles received](#)
- [Contributed paper speaker kit](#) (guidelines, information and tips)
- Downloadable Powerpoint templates for AARES 2003
 - [Template for data projector](#)
 - [Template for overhead transparencies: portrait orientation](#)
 - [Template for overhead transparencies: landscape orientation](#)

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Special travel and accommodation discounts are currently being arranged. Details of the discounts together with updates on the Conference, the Pre-Conference Workshop and the social night, and a copy of the registration form, will be posted on the AARES web site, <http://come.to/aares>, as they become available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For regular updates about the conference see: <http://www.general.uwa.edu.au/u/aares/conf2003.htm>



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