



NEWS AND VIEWS
AARES Newsletter
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1. [President's Column](#)

Peter Warr highlights a number of developments for AARES over the year ahead.

2. **Reports from the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

- [President's report](#)
- [Treasurer's report](#)
 - o [2011-12 AARES Audited Accounts](#)
- [Manager, Promotions and Development Report](#)
- [Secretary's Report](#)

3. [AARES 2014 Annual Conference](#)

The AARES 2014 Annual Conference will be held at Port Macquarie on the Central Coast of New South Wales from 4-7 February 2014. **The [conference website](#) is now open and submissions for [Mini-symposia and Pre-conference Workshops](#) are now being accepted.**

A call for the submission of abstracts for posters, selected papers and contributed papers will be issued in July 2013. Further information, including a list of principal dates, is available on the website.

4. [AARES 2013 Annual Conference](#)

The 2013 AARES Annual Conference was held at The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour, New South Wales from 5-8 February, 2013. The conference was attended by more than 320 delegates from 17 countries and presented a great opportunity for all those involved in research, extension, teaching, policy-making and managing agricultural and natural resources to connect and contribute to future developments in this disciplinary area.

A PDF version of most powerpoint presentations from the Conference is available on the [conference website](#) by clicking on the relevant tab below. Locate the paper by Author and click on the title of the presentation:

- [Selected Papers - Abstracts and Presentations](#)
- [Contributed Papers - Abstracts and Presentations](#)

Copies of many of the full papers presented at the Conference will be available on the AgEcon Search website soon.

The Local Organising Committee would like to thank all those delegates who responded to the customer satisfaction survey. The [survey results](#) are available here.

5. [AARES in the Media](#)

Once again, Cathy Reade of The Crawford Fund did an excellent job in getting media exposure in print and on the radio and television for many of our high profile speakers at the AARES Annual Conference.

The 2010 NSW Branch Symposium "Reforming Urban Water", also belatedly appeared in the media that month.

6. **Call for Expressions of interest to hold a 2013 AARES Symposium**

The AARES Federal Council is keen to receive expressions of interest from Branches who may wish to hold a symposium later in 2013. Please submit any proposals to Bob Farquharson (bob.farquharson@unimelb.edu.au) for consideration as soon as possible.

7. [Nominations for President-Elect, and Distinguished Fellowships](#)

The Nominations Committee is calling for nominations for President-Elect and Distinguished Fellowships for the year 2013. Formal nominations should be submitted to Dr Mal Wegener (malcolm.wegener@uq.edu.au) by Friday, **28 June 2013**.

Please note - any AARES member may nominate or be nominated for the role of President-Elect or other Federal Council positions.

8. [AARES-AAEA Heading South Award - Call for Submissions](#)

North American-based AARES members are invited to enter a submission for the 2013 Heading South Award to attend the AARES Annual Conference to be held in Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia from 4-7 February 2014. Applicants for the award must be a member of AARES or AAEA. The deadline for the submission of entries is **30 August 2013**.

9. [Donna Brennan Prize](#)

Donna Brennan was a leading member of AARES, who sadly passed away from cancer at too young an age in December 2010. She had a long association with AARES, and many members remember her fondly.

AARES wishes to remember Donna through the establishment of a prize for an overseas student to attend the AARES conference to present a selected paper. Given her work in Vietnam, this award focuses on supporting research in agricultural and resource economics in developing countries. AARES will support the winning applicant in presenting a paper at the AARES Annual Conference by offering a cash award of \$1,500 to cover full conference registration including a ticket to the conference dinner, and contribute to accommodation and travel costs.

AARES members will be invited to contribute to the Donna Brennan Fund which we will set up to support this prize. AARES has agreed to support this prize for three years and will then review it in light of contributions received from the appeal.

Details are available on the [AARES website](#) and more information will be forthcoming in due course.

10. [Henry Schapper Fellowship](#)

AARES Western Australia (WA) Branch are instigating a Fellowship in memory of Dr Henry Schapper who was instrumental in establishing agricultural economics as an academic discipline in Australia during the 1950s, and headed the School of Agricultural Economics at the University of Western Australia from 1959 until his retirement in 1984.

One Visiting Fellowship will be awarded each year to a leading researcher in a field relevant to economic and ecological sustainability in order to encourage collaboration with WA researchers. Over the period of a week or two, the Fellow will undertake to share her/his knowledge or to make recommendations on a specific area of research, to the benefit of the WA AARES membership. This may include a seminar, workshops with members, or other activities approved by the Selection Committee.

The WA Branch will contribute \$2,000 towards the cost of travel to Western Australia and accommodation. A call for nominations will be issued later in the year with a final submission date for nominations on 15 September. More information is available on the attached [flyer](#).

11. [Australian-American Fulbright Commission – Call for submissions](#)

Australian scientists, including agricultural and resource economists, are invited to apply for two collaborative research positions at Kansas State University supported by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission. One position is open field, and one is for a "Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and the Life Sciences."

This new program is designed to establish stronger ties between Australian and US scholars and Kansas State is the first institutional partner to offer an opportunity like this with the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

The specific opportunities for 2014 are listed on the K-State website: <http://www.k-state.edu/australia/>. There is also an information page for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission: <http://www.fulbright.com.au/>.

Anyone interested should complete an application form on the web site. Reference letters are required and the application must be completed and reference letters received before the 12 August deadline.

Projects that make the case for the Fulbright award being an integral part of a long-term collaborative research interaction between Australia and the U.S. will have an advantage in the competition.

12. [AARES-NZARES Heading North Award – Winner](#)

The winner of the 2013 AARES-AAEA Heading North Award is Dr Bethany Cooper of La Trobe University with her paper '*Heterogeneity of Australian Urban Water Customers: A Scale Extended Latent Class Choice Model Approach*'.

13. [2012 Award Winners](#)

- Distinguished Fellows
 - o [Jack A. Sinden](#)
 - o [Jeff Davis](#)
- [Other Award Winners](#)

14. Old conference papers available on [AgEcon Search](#)

Papers presented at AARES Conferences before 1998 which were stored on microfiche have now been digitised and are available on the AgEcon Search database.

15. [Advertisements](#)

CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences are seeking an [OCE Post-Doctoral Fellow - National Land Use Modelling for Australia](#)

Location: Urrbrae, Adelaide, South Australia
Salary: \$81K - \$88K plus up to 15.4% superannuation
Tenure: 3 year specified term
Reference: SA13/01623

The Position:

CSIRO are seeking a highly motivated and high achieving individual with a recent PhD in Economics, Geography, Operations Research or a related field with interest in integrated environmental economic modelling for a three year Postdoctoral Fellowship in 'Forecasting land use change in Australia: moving from possibilities to probabilities'.

You will take a leadership role in developing science and modelling capability for forecasting land use change in Australia, and will work with a team of highly motivated scientist from CSIRO and in close collaboration with leading international environmental economists.

As part of this team, you will work to model future scenarios for land use, the impacts of land use change on ecosystem services, and the effectiveness of policy, planning, and governance and publish results in highest quality international scientific journals. The work will take place in the context of the Australian National Outlook—one of CSIRO's high profile interdisciplinary projects.

The position is based at the beautiful Waite Campus in Adelaide—one of Australia's most liveable cities. You will become a key part of a lively, and highly productive interdisciplinary research group. As a Postdoctoral fellow, you will receive a structured training program to help you realise your full research and publishing potential.