



NEWS AND VIEWS
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1. President's Column

Alan Randall emphasises the benefits of increasing collaboration with international allied organisations, and highlights a number of recent and forthcoming conferences which may be of interest to AARES members. This follows our successful participation in the AAEA conference in Minneapolis at the end of July, and our first organized symposium at the 2014 Triennial Congress of the EAAE in Slovenia at the end of August. Our internationally-oriented members should be preparing their submissions for IAAE's 2015 triennial conference in Italy, and preparations for a great AARES annual conference in a wonderful location, Rotorua NZ, are well underway. To view Alan's full President's Report which contains more information about the 2015 AARES conference, participation in conferences of Allied Associations and AARES symposia, please [click here](#).

2. AARES 2015 Annual Conference

The AARES 2015 Annual Conference will be held at the Distinction Hotel in Rotorua on the North Island of New Zealand from 10-13 February 2015. The local organising committee is organising an excellent program and has invited top academics from around the world to discuss some of the most challenging issues in agricultural and natural resource economics. For more information on the Conference, see the [Conference Flyer](#).

The [conference website](#) is now open and submissions for [Selected Papers, Contributed Papers and Posters](#) are now being accepted. Online registrations will open in October 2014.

Don't forget, the closing date for the submission of Workshops and Mini-symposia is Friday, 5 September 2014.

3. AARES 2016 Annual Conference

The AARES Council has accepted a proposal from the ACT Branch to hold the 2016 Annual Conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Canberra from 2-5 February 2016. The venue and dates are still to be locked-in. The Local Organising Committee will include Thilak Mallawaarachchi (chair), Jeff Bennett, Peter Warr, Tim Capon, Herb Plunkett, Stuart Whitten and John Dixon. More details will be available in due course.

4. ICAE Travel Award – Call for submissions

AARES is inviting applications for the 2015 ICAE Travel Award to be used to assist one or more AARES members to participate in the triennial International Conference of Agricultural Economists

to be held in Milan, Italy in August 2015. The award is valued at up to \$3,500 and is open to AARES members normally resident in Australia who have been a member of the Society for at least one year. To learn more about this award, please [click here](#).

5. 2014 AARES Heading West Award – Call for submissions

The AARES-NZARES Heading West Award aims to support the attendance of one New Zealand-based AARES member at the 2015 AARES Annual Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand from 10-13 February 2015. The closing date for the submission of entries is 30 September 2014. For more information [click here](#).

6. 2014 AARES-AAEA Heading South Award

The closing date for the submission of entries to the AARES-AAEA 2014 Heading South Award was Friday, 29 August 2014 and the winner will be announced in the next few weeks. The award, which is open to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in North America, aims to assist the winner to participate in the [2015 Annual Conference of AARES](#) to be held in Rotorua, New Zealand from February 10-13, 2015. For more information [click here](#).

7. 2014 AARES-NZARES Heading East Award – Winner

AARES would also like to congratulate Jonathan Moss of the University of New England for winning the 2014 AARES-NZARES Heading East Award. Jonathan attended the recent NZARES Conference in Nelson, New Zealand where he presented his paper "*Farm-scale analysis of the potential uptake of carbon offset activities*". To see an abstract of his paper, [click here](#).

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