



NEWS AND VIEWS AARES Newsletter

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Welcome to the January 2015 edition of AARES News and Views

Outgoing President's report

Alan Randall reports that the Board of the European Association of Agricultural Economists and AARES Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand cooperation and generate synergies between our two societies. Consistent with AARES's alliance with the Western Economic Association International (WEAI), a group led by Thilak Mallawaarachchi and Adam Loch was appointed to liaise with WEAI and develop AARES sessions for the WEAI conference in Honolulu HI 28 June - 2 July 2015. Alan has been active on selection committees for the various AARES awards for travel to conferences. Alan also recognizes the invaluable support of Bob Farquharson, Terence Farrell, and Annie Hurst. For more information please click [here](#).

President's Column includes report on Rotorua Conference

President Ross Cullen provides a review on the 2015 AARES conference in Rotorua. He describes it as outstanding. Ross also acknowledges the sponsors, invited speakers and provides a brief on the AGM. He welcomes the new President-elect and new Treasurer for AARES and points to a forthcoming AJARE Special Issue on Resource booms. For more information please click [here](#).

AARES Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

The AGM was held on 12th February 2015 at Distinction Hotel in Rotorua. For information including office bearer reports, awards, election of office bearers and other business please click [here](#).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer explains that income in 2014 increased from \$115,283 in 2013 to \$168,459. The increase was primarily due to the success of the conference at Port Macquarie and underlines the importance of ensuring that the conference remains profitable. The Council has worked hard to decrease expenses. Members' equity has increased from \$423,362 to \$564,577. For more information please click [here](#).

Manager Promotion and Development Report

Memberships fell substantially in 2014. Superficially this appears to be because there was no discernable membership jump from the 2014 conference. For more information about the membership in branches, between 2007 and 2014, AARES conference sponsorship, News and Views, Donna Brennan Award and Webinars please click [here](#).

Secretary's Report

Secretary report was presented at AGM and provides a succinct summary of AARES activities, office holders, awards, exchanges during the last year and includes Branch activities. For more information please click [here](#).

AJARE Report

AJARE report to AARES council includes a new contract with Wiley Blackwell, administration of the journal, AJARE submission rate and Impact Factor, journal policy decisions and changes to the editorial board. For more information please click [here](#).

AARES 2014 Award Winners

The winners of Undergraduate Awards, Post Graduate Awards, Young Professional Exchange Travel Awards, AJARE Best paper, Quality of Research Discovery Award, Donna Brennan Award, First Time Presenter's Award and Best Poster Awards, 2014 Distinguished Fellow and 2014 Distinguished Life Member are presented [here](#).

AARES 2016, Hyatt Park, Canberra ACT 2-5 February 2016

Planning is well underway for the 60th Annual Conference. The theme chosen for the 2016 conference “Feeding and energizing emerging Asia and the Pacific: Opportunities for Australia”, will enable participants to focus on a range of vital issues facing Australia, Asia and the Pacific in efforts to produce and deliver food and energy in sustainable and efficient ways.

The LOC and President–Elect, Wendy Umberger, are working to ensure an esteemed group of speakers will provide stimulating addresses at the 2016 conference. These include a number of eminent development and behavioural economists highly involved in food and resource policy. Arrangements are being made to have a number of opportunities to examine key development issues also with a focus on training emerging economists through a well-articulated pre conference sessions, thematic conference sessions and mini-symposia.

More details available here (www.aares.org/AARES2016). Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact Manager Promotions and Development <rod.mcinnis@sca.nsw.gov.au> or LOC Chair <T.Mallawaarachchi@uq.edu.au>.

International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) Travel Award

We are pleased to advise that the winner of the AARES 2015 IAAE Travel Award is Dr Risti Parmini of the University of Adelaide. The award will assist Dr Parmini to participate in the IAAE's 2015 Triennial Conference to be held in Milan, Italy in August 2015.

AARES Heading North Travel Award

Submissions for the AARES Heading North Travel Award have now closed and the judging committee is contemplating its decision. The award will assist one AARES member to participate in the AAEA's 2015 Annual Meeting in San Francisco from 26-28 July 2015.

Nominations for President-Elect and Distinguished Fellowships

The Nominations Committee calls for nominations for President-Elect and Distinguished Fellowships for the year 2016. Formal nominations should be submitted to Alan Randall by Friday, 30 June 2015. For more information, please click [here](#).

University of Queensland Bestows Honorary Doctorate on Jock Anderson

In recognition of this beginning and the subsequent significant contribution of Jock Anderson to the profession and, in particular, to improving our understanding and practice of agricultural development in low-income countries, the University of Queensland conferred an Honorary DAgrSc on Jock at a ceremony at the Gatton Campus on 18 December 2014. For more information please click [here](#).

Wiley Research on Indigenous Australia

Wiley, along with many of its publishing partners, is proud to present this collection of recent papers on the theme of 'Indigenous Australia'. The papers collected here are from a broad range of journals in the fields of medicine, allied health, social sciences and environmental sciences. While from diverse fields of study, the papers share an interest in improving the lives of Australian indigenous peoples. Individual papers included in the collection will be freely available until 30 September.

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