



NEWS AND VIEWS AARES Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2016 edition of AARES News and Views

1. AARES President's Column

President Wendy Umberger emphasises the importance of the ongoing strategic planning process to AARES's future, noting that the next 12 months are an especially critical time for our Society. She highlights some of the recent good news of the Society, including the outstanding 2016 Conference, which was the 60th Annual AARES conference. She extends thanks to dedicated AARES members and sponsors, and she welcomes new members to the Council and the incoming *AJARE* editorial team. The column can be found [here](#).

2. AARES Strategic Plan update

There is a wide interest in strategic planning and many members are open to considering changes in how AARES operates and what it seeks to deliver. The challenge now for AARES is to complete gathering information, views and ideas from our members, from external bodies we work with, and from organisations who share interests with AARES. An update on the activities of the Strategic Planning Committee can be found [here](#).

3. AARES 2016 Conference Report

The AARES 2016 Conference at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Canberra was a great success with over 350 delegates attending from over 20 countries. Further information on the AARES 2016 Conference is available [here](#).

Conference Papers and Presentations

AARES would like to make copies of the papers and presentations from the Conference available through the AgEcon Search website. If you presented a paper or poster at the AARES 2016 Conference and are willing to have this available to the general public, please email a copy of your submission(s) to Annie Hurst at office@aares.org.au before Thursday, **24 March 2016**.

If you do not wish to have your submissions made available, please advise Annie Hurst at office@aares.org.au. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, it will be assumed that all papers and presentations may be made available (in .pdf format) on the AgEcon Search website.

Media Report

The AARES Conference event attracted significant media attention due to the significant efforts of the Media Liaison Director, Cathy Reade who was sponsored by the Crawford Fund. A detailed account of the media activity is available [here](#).

Conference Survey

To improve future AARES events, we would appreciate your taking the time to complete a short evaluation survey which will take from 5-15 minutes of your time depending on the depth of your responses. Please click the link below to begin:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7KXDWZN>

4. Call for Nominations for President-Elect and Distinguished Fellowships

The AARES Nominations Committee (composed of Ross Cullen, David Pannell, Deborah Peterson, and Tihomir Ancev for 2016) calls for nominations for President-Elect and Distinguished Fellowships for the year 2016. Formal nominations should be submitted to Dr Ross Cullen by **Friday, 24 June 2016**. More information about nominations can be found [here](#).

5. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 February 2016, business arising from the minutes of the last AGM, office bearer reports, awards, election of office bearers and other information can be found [here](#).

Other reports tabled at the AGM include the following:

- [President's Report](#)
- [Treasurer's Report](#)
- [2014-15 Audited Accounts](#)
- [Secretary's Report](#)
- [AJARE Editors' Report](#)

6. AARES-AAEA Heading North award – Call for submissions

AARES and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) are now inviting submissions for the **2016 Heading North Award** to facilitate a member of AARES or the AAEA normally resident in Australia or New Zealand to participate in the 2016 Annual Meeting of AAEA to be held in **Boston, Massachusetts from 31 July -2 August 2016**. The total value of the award is US \$3,000 and the deadline for the submission of entries is **31 March 2016**. Download a copy of the Call [here](#).

7. AARES-NZARES Heading East award – Call for submissions

Australian-based AARES members are invited to enter a submission for the **2016 Heading East Award** to facilitate the attendance of one AARES member at the NZARES Conference to be held in Nelson, New Zealand from 25-26 August 2016. The value of the award is AUD \$1,000, and applicants must be a member of AARES. The deadline for the submission of entries is **30 April 2016**. Download a copy of the Call [here](#).

8. Grain Producers SA - Agriculture Scholarship

Applications are invited for a scholarship leading to the degree of PhD – Global Food Studies in the Discipline of Global Food Studies, Faculty of Professions, the University of Adelaide.

The scholarship is supported by The Grain Producers SA (GPSA); supporting the Peter Waite Scholarship for Excellence in Agriculture initiative.

Field of studies includes agricultural economics, natural resource economics, behavioural economics and applied economics.

More information is available [here](#).

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