



#TRENDING: FROM AARES TO AAEA



Scott Swinton President of the AAEA came to AARES in Adelaide in February and provided these insights for young career researchers looking to head to the AAEA this year,

The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2018 annual meeting takes place this coming August 5-7 in Washington, DC. With about 1500 attendees, AAEA offers less intimacy than AARES but with over 200 paper sessions, the surfeit of topics fits every taste. Lots of friendly people, but it helps to be outgoing.

Members of the Australasia section, who are famously outgoing, will sponsor sessions on the economics of wine, marijuana, and productivity indexes.

Taking advantage of the location in Washington, AAEA will have ten pre- and post-conference workshops. The meeting will kick off with a keynote address by Akinwuni Adesina, President of the African Development Bank and winner of the 2017 World Food Prize. It will close with the Galbraith Lecture by Paul Romer, professor at New York University and a creative thinker about the evolving economic role of cities.

In between, expect stimulating plenary talks by David Zilberman, AAEA President-Elect, and by John Antle, Fellow, who will discuss advances in agro-environmental modeling.

HEADING EAST AWARD

AARES and NZARES jointly offer this award to facilitate the attendance of one Australian-based AARES member at the AARES/NZARES conference in New Zealand in August each year. AARES provides a grant of AUD \$1,000 to substantially meet the costs of a return economy class airfare to New Zealand, accommodation for the duration of the conference.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH APRIL. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

HEADING SOUTH AWARD

AARES and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust jointly offer this travel award to facilitate the attendance of one AAEA or AARES member normally resident in North America at the AARES Annual Conference in February the following year

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH OF AUGUST. [CLICK TO APPLY](#)

AARES NOMINATIONS

AARES has a legal requirement to seek nominations for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Manager of Promotion and Development. Section 45 of the Constitution states:

Apart from the initial Secretary, Treasurer, and Manager of Promotion and Development, the Members must elect a person to each such position by a resolution passed by way of postal or electronic ballot and in accordance with the procedures determined by the Directors and set out in the By-Laws from time to time.

Also, nominations are sought for President-Elect, Distinguished Fellow and Distinguished Life Member.

Please ensure that you have carefully read the criteria for the two distinguished positions before making your nominations. The criteria can be found [HERE](#).

Please send your nominations for all of the above positions to Quentin Grafton (Immediate Past-President) quentin.grafton@anu.edu.au

WORLD CONGRESS

World Congress of Environment and Resource Economists is in Sweden in June – there will be a reasonably strong AARES contingent . This is a highly significant meeting for the environment side of the association. We will be discussing the potential for stronger affiliations with some of the other associations at that meeting.

Further information on the congress can be found at: <http://www.wcere2018.org/>



WEN PRESENTER MICHELLE GROVES

The inaugural WEN symposium was attended by over 60 people and provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with other women economists working in the private sector, government, academia and teaching.

Dr Bethany Cooper said the network aims to promote the contribution of female economists, who currently only comprise a quarter of the profession in Australia.

WEN SYMPOSIUM: THE CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN IN RESOURCE BASED INDUSTRIES

The Women in Economics Network (WEN) held a symposium at the AARES conference this year and was sponsored by the Centre for Sustainability Governance (UniSA). WEN has been developed to address the profession's gender imbalance by promoting women's involvement in economics.

The event featured contributions from three outstanding professionals: Michelle Groves, Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Australian Energy Regulator; Professor Jane Doolan, Commissioner, Productivity Commission; and Fleur McDonald, Rural Literature Author

who shared insights into the changing role of women in Australia through the lens of the resource sectors. The symposium was convened by Dr Bethany Cooper (South Australian WEN Chair) and the discussant was Professor Wendy Umberger (GFAR).

The session was designed to draw on the experiences of women who have played an important part in these sectors and/or had an opportunity to reflect on how society conceptualises the role of women in different resource contexts.