

## #AARES2019MELBOURNE



The Melbourne organizing committee, and the AARES Federal Council, take pleasure in welcoming you to the AARES 2019 Conference which is being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, in Melbourne, Victoria.

The response to our initial call for papers was overwhelming with more than 200 papers submitted from many countries.

After rigorous preparation from our papers sub-committee, we have organised the program into a number of themed sessions, keynote presentations, and mini symposiums. The contributed paper sessions cover a wide range of topics such as international trade, food, natural resource management, climate change and farm management economics to name a few.

The mini symposia cover a large number of diverse topics. Examples include – China's 40 years of agricultural development and reforms, drought, the importance of natural capital on Australian farms, conservation auctions, and Australian and international perspectives on emergency animal disease policy and economics.

The highlight of the conference will be the keynote addresses to be given by Professor Jo Swinnen, (Belgium), who will be speaking on "Global Value Chains", the Presidential Address by Dr Suzi Kerr, (New Zealand), who will be speaking on "Economists and Leadership Toward Low-Emission Societies",

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## HEADING NORTH AWARD

AARES and NZARES will facilitate the attendance of the AAEA.

Applicants must be members of AARES and normally reside in New Zealand.

The award is US \$3,000 (to cover airfares, conference registration and accommodation).

Applicants do not have to have a paper accepted at AAEA to apply – they should include their paper in their application and we may be able to include it in our AARES session at AAEA.

Applications are to be submitted to Sarah Wheeler [sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sarah.wheeler@adelaide.edu.au)

AARES has the opportunity to present at the AAEA which will be held in Atlanta July 21-23. The session will be coordinated by the incoming president of AARES John Rolfe.

So if you have any ideas you would like to submit please get in contact with John [j.rolfe@cqu.edu.au](mailto:j.rolfe@cqu.edu.au)

and the Keith Campbell Distinguished Lecture by Professor John Freebairn, (Australia), on “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy”.

Other key note addresses will be delivered during the invited papers sessions. Speakers include Dr David Just, (USA), who will speak on “Food Consumer Behavior”, Dr Gigi Foster, (Australia), who will speak on “Unseen Factors Influencing Behavior, Dr Maria Loureiro who will address us on “Credence Goods in Food Demand” and Jill McCluskey, (USA), on “Predicting Prevalence of Listeria in Retail Food”.

Other invited papers will be given by Dr James Sanchirico, (USA), who will be speaking on “Tradable Permit Programs”, Dr Nick Hanley, (Scotland), on Environment Agriculture Nexus, Dr David Zilberman, (USA) speaking on “Agricultural Economics and Technology Transition and Mr Richard Heath, (Australia) who will address us on “Policy Challenges in Australian Agriculture”.

The main conference will be preceded by a pre-conference workshop on Tuesday, 12 February. The workshop has been co-organised by Dr Julian Alston and Dr. Mal Wegener, on “Evidence-based Farm and Food Policy in an Era of Fake News”.

As chair of the organizing committee, I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee and Lisa Legge at AES for their outstanding efforts in preparing for this event.

The committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank our distinguished speakers for taking the time to share with us their views, experience, and expertise. We wish to thank John Rolfe for his continuous support, follow-up and valuable guidance throughout the planning stages of the conference. Hoping that you will enjoy your stay with us.

*Nick Tsaktsiras* LOC Victoria AARES Branch

## 20TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL TAXATION

It's time to start planning for the 20th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation (GCET20)! This year's organizer and host is the Cyprus University of Technology, which has just announced the Call for Papers. The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 31, 2019.

### NATIONAL WATER FORUM 2019

**Counting and Accounting for  
Water: Australian water  
measurement and its  
implications  
Tuesday 26**

**March 2019, Adelaide.**

**Keynote speakers:**

**Dr. Chris Perry, United Nations  
Food and Agriculture  
Organisation, Rome**

**Why popular measures of  
irrigation efficiency investments  
over count benefits**

**Organised by Lin Crase**

