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New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc)

# NEWSLETTER

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## New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Conference 2006

The 2006 **NZARES** conference will be held in **Nelson** during Thursday – Friday, **24-25 August**. The venue for the NZARES conference is the Tahuna Conference Centre.

The NZARES conference has three themes: environment and natural resources; research and innovation; agribusiness. **Keynote speakers** arranged are: Wilfrid Legg (Head of Policies and Environment Division, Agriculture Directorate, OECD), Dr John Mullen (AARES President, Department of Primary Industries, NSW), Barry Harris (Fonterra Milk Supply).

NZARES welcome offers of contributed papers on all areas of agricultural, resource and environmental economics, particularly where they contribute to one or more of the three conference themes.

**Registration forms** will be sent to all members during May 2006. A reminder - registration is free for students who are presenting papers, and otherwise \$55.

**Abstracts** for contributed papers are due by **26 June 2006**. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length and should be emailed to Ross Cullen: [cullenr@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:cullenr@lincoln.ac.nz), or mailed to Dr Ross Cullen, Commerce Division, PO Box 84, Lincoln University. Fax (03) 325 3847

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<http://www.tahunabeachaccommodationpark.co.nz/>  
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The Beachcomber  
23 Beach Road,  
has most capacity, 6-8 minutes walk from  
conference venue.  
ph 03-548-5985. <http://webnz.co.nz/beachcomber/>



For other Nelson accommodation:  
<http://www.bonz.co.nz/nelsonRegion/nelsonCity/accommodation/index.html>

## Air Travel

<http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz>  
<http://www.originpacific.co.nz/Home>

## Tourist activities in Nelson region

<http://www.bonz.co.nz/nelsonRegion/nelsonCity>

## IAAE 2006 Conference

The International Association of Agricultural Economists conference is being held at Gold Coast, Australia, 12-18 August 2006. This will be a very big event (865 papers were submitted to the organisers) and NZARES members are encouraged to attend. The theme of the event is *Contributions of Agricultural Economists to Critical Policy Issues*. For more information see:

<http://www.iaae-agecon.org/AusConf/index.html>

NZARES (and other branches of AARES) offered financial assistance to NZARES members to encourage participation in the IAAE event. Congratulations to Dr Bhubaneswar Dhakal who has been selected by an NZARES sub-committee as recipient of a \$1000 award to support his attendance and paper presentation at the IAAE conference. His paper is entitled 'Poverty alleviation or aggravation? The impacts of community forestry policies in Nepal'. Dr Dhakal recently completed his PhD at Lincoln University.

## New Zealand Association of Economists conference

The NZAE conference is being held in Wellington, 28-30 June. Keynote speakers include: Tony Makin (Griffith University), Steven Durlauf (University of Wisconsin), Todd Groome (IMF), Suri Ranapala (University of Queensland). For more information on the conference see:

<http://www.nzae.org.nz>

## 2006 World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economics

The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress will be held in Kyoto Japan, 3-7 July 2006. Deadline for early registration is 30 April 2006. See: [www.worldcongress3.org/](http://www.worldcongress3.org/)

## AARES President - Elect

Congratulations to Professor Allan Rae of Massey University who was elected AARES President Elect at the AARES AGM, held at Manly during February 2006. Allan is well known to NZARES members and has made important research contributions to agricultural economics and international trade during his career. He is Director of the Centre for Applied Economics and Policy Studies at Massey University.

## AARES Conference, Queenstown, 14-16 February, 2007

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual AARES conference will be held in Queenstown at the Rydges Lakeland Hotel. This will be a large event, and we are planning for 250 delegates. Note the dates for this event in your Year Planner now. The conference theme is *Australasia's Resource – Based Industries in a Future World*. AARES President-Elect Allan Rae is making good progress organising keynote speakers for the event.

The NZARES committee has established a Local Organising Committee (LOC) which includes Allan Rae and the NZARES committee. The LOC has selected All Occasions Management to be the 2007 Professional Conference Organisers (PCO). AOM have successfully supported the last three AARES conferences and have an excellent relationship with AARES. For information see:

<http://www.all-occasions.com.au/AARES2007>

## Websites

Stuart Ford now oversees **NZARES** website content. The website <http://www.nzares.org.nz> is managed for the Society by the Secretariat. The website will be most valuable to members if it has regularly updated and relevant content. Please send items of news and other material for the website to [stuart@agribusinessgroup.com](mailto:stuart@agribusinessgroup.com)

The **AARES** website has recently been relocated. It is now at <http://www.aares.info/>

## AARES – NZARES

The AARES website contains a Policy File and this notes that NZARES is the New Zealand Branch of AARES. There are considerable benefits to New Zealand from participation in AARES. Because NZARES is a branch of AARES New Zealand universities can and do nominate students for AARES awards each year. AARES provides a per capita grant each year to branches to assist their activities. The benefits of membership of any organisation are determined to a considerable extent by individuals' own participation in the affairs of the organisation. The services provided to individuals by AARES membership include: opportunity to attend annual AARES conferences, symposia and other events at member's rates; Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics - 4x per year; News and Views - 3x per year; Connections – 2x per year. The NZARES committee and AARES Federal Council are working to increase participation in AARES and NZARES conferences by introducing a Heading East- Heading West award.

The AARES Federal Council has noted that about half of the NZARES members are not also members of AARES. The AARES Federal Council have established a working party comprising Ross Cullen, Deborah Peterson and Jeff Bennett to look into the reasons for this and how the structure and operations of the two Societies might be better aligned to meet the needs of members. The NZARES committee discussed this topic at its April teleconference meeting and briefly considered four options as listed below:

1. A name change from AARES to ANZARES, and all members must belong to the one organisation. NZARES would cease to exist, and a New Zealand Branch of ANZARES would be created. Environmental Institute for Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) is a good model for this - see <http://www.eianz.org/>
2. NZARES and AARES become separate organisations, individuals can choose to belong to one, or both organisations. The two organisations could run occasional joint conferences. The New Zealand and Australian Ecological Societies are separate organisations but they hold a combined conference every second year see <http://www.nzes.org.nz/>
3. NZARES members are all required to be members of AARES.
4. Continue present situation whereby NZARES members chose whether they also belong to AARES.

The NZARES Committee has not as yet made any recommendation on this topic. The committee welcomes comment and suggestions on this issue. Members may put their ideas forward by way of a document placed on the NZARES website. This item will be on the agenda of the NZARES AGM in August. Make sure that you attend the NZARES August conference and contribute to the discussion.