

The relationship of NZARES with AARES

AARES is currently going through a restructuring that was initially thought to have significant repercussions for NZARES. The 2011/12 NZARES Committee worked with AARES during 2012 to ensure NZARES could maintain the benefits of a close association with AARES with no material changes in the way we operate. We reported to the 2012 NZARES AGM on the status of our relationship going forward, which is:

1. NZ-based AARES members, who pay a membership fee direct to AARES, will still have automatic membership of NZARES with no extra fee. This ensures NZARES continues to receive the capitation grant from AARES for joint members. It also ensures that these members have the opportunity to participate in the various AARES awards available i.e. Heading West, Heading North, Undergraduate Paper, PhD and Masters theses, Communications awards.
2. NZARES continues to encourage our members to become members of AARES.
3. NZARES will continue to invite the AARES President to make a plenary address at the annual NZARES conferences. This session will now be called, "the AARES session".
4. The NZARES AGM will be held jointly with the AARES NZ Branch AGM. At that meeting AARES members elect a NZ Branch President, which (if members agree) can be the NZARES President. The AARES NZ Branch Treasurer and Secretary can be carried out by the NZARES Treasurer and Secretary respectively since the capitation is paid direct to NZARES.
5. If the NZARES President is not an AARES member, then another AARES member on the NZARES Executive Committee will be nominated by AARES members at the AGM to be the AARES NZ Branch Liaison for that year.
6. The role of the AARES NZ Branch President or NZ Branch Liaison to AARES will be to have oversight of all matters related to the AARES NZ Branch including participating in the AARES Federal Council meetings and liaising with the NZARES Treasurer and Secretary.
7. NZARES will continue to have the opportunity to bid for and run the AARES conference on the 8 year rotation with the other branches.

This note will be submitted to AARES along with the 2012 NZ Branch report to ensure both organisations have a common understanding of our respective roles and working relationship.