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Dear members,

Winter is upon us which means it is time to prepare papers for the NZARES conference. One of the biggest benefits is the networking and catching up with what colleagues are currently working on, so don't miss out.

NZARES Conference 28 - 29 August 2014 'Farming to Changing Expectations'

We are pleased to announce our final plenary speaker - Dr Garry McDonald of Market Economics! Garry will tackle the environmental elements of our theme and he joins the other fantastic speakers already announced - Earl Rattray, in the corporate corner, Wendy Umberger with the academic angle, and Craig completing the podium with a practical perspective.

Rod Forbes, one of our founding members, retires this year. He will discuss changes seen in agriculture over the last 40 years at the conference close.

Dinner this year will be held at Jellyfish restaurant on the wharf. Buses will be provided to transport you safely.

The preliminary programme is available on the website and registrations are now open – save money by registering before 1 August. When booking your accommodation please mention the NZARES conference.

Only three weeks to get your abstract in!

Submit directly via the website up until Friday 27 June.

Pre-Conference Workshop on Water Economics Wed 27 August (funded by MfE and MPI)

Covering economic frameworks and concepts involved in analysing the impacts of water quality limits; including values, scenarios and links to plan/policy development. While aimed at regional council staff, the workshop is open to all. More information on the workshop, including registration, is available on the NZARES website.

Note to Members:

Change to how membership fees are charged

The \$40 annual NZARES membership fee has now been included in the conference fee starting in 2014 – this effectively combines the two 'tiers' of registration that used to exist (members and non-members). Members who pay their subs direct to AARES are eligible for a discounted conference fee on provision of your membership number. NZARES members unable to attend the conference but who wish to remain members will be invoiced in September.

Congratulations to the three NZARES Post-Graduate Award Winners for 2014

- Mike Webb, University of Waikato, for his work on quantifying the effect of a country's pest/disease status on exports of agricultural commodities.
- Kyleisha Foote, Massey University, for her thesis work titled, '*Cost of Milk: Environmental Deterioration versus Profit in the New Zealand Dairy Industry*'.
- Meike Guenther from Lincoln University (AERU) for her work to assess how changes within China and India, and trade policies, affect NZ's greenhouse gas emissions associated with agricultural production.

All three will present their work at the conference.

The 59th AARES Conference will be held in Rotorua from 10-13 February 2015 'Transformations in Agriculture & Natural Resources'

The opening plenary address will be given by Professor Tom Hertel, a distinguished professor in agricultural economics from Purdue University in the USA. Tom is also an executive director of Global Dairy Trade Analysis (GTAP).

Other plenary sessions will include:

- Dr Will Martin (World Bank) '*Challenges in the Agrifood Sector*'.
- Professor Hamish Gow from Massey University addressing industry strategies and agrifood value chains.
- Associate Professor Graeme Doole from Waikato University will address land use, agriculture and water quality.

Dr Jan Wright, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment will address the conference dinner.

Calls for pre-conference workshops and mini symposiums sessions are now open. For more conference updates visit www.aares.org.au and click events, 2015 annual conference.

Kind regards,

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NZARES President