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Dear Members,

The committee has been working hard to put together a stimulating programme for our 2017 conference. This year's conference will follow the popular format of panels and contributed paper sessions.

Conference dates: 19-20 October 2017 at Distinction Hotel, Rotorua

"Trade in an uncertain future"

International trade is a hot topic, and is the overarching theme for this year's conference which will include four panel sessions covering trade-Brexit issues, credence and animal welfare, production forestry and dairy futures.

Professor Alan Swinbank will be part of the trade/Brexit panel, sharing his insights and knowledge on the implications of Brexit for the United Kingdom agri-food sector. Professor Swinbank is Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics at University of Reading.

Professor Quentin Grafton has been confirmed as a speaker. Professor Grafton is president of AARES. His expertise covers an impressive range of topics, including economic development, social and cultural anthropology, conservation and biodiversity, and climate change.

Field trip Wednesday 18 October, 10AM – 6PM

Forestry innovation is the theme of this year's field trip. A visit to Scion will include a show and tell on Scion's work with 3D printing, DiscBot technology (a wood quality detective!), and investment in bioplastics. For a preview visit www.sftichallenge.govt.nz/news-events/3d-printed-sfti-logo-minister-science-and-innovation and www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVv8_GVXQbU.

A visit to the Whakarewarewa Forest is part of the field trip. Better known to Rotorua visitors for walking trails and mountain biking, the Whakarewarewa Forest is a production forest where growing and harvesting sits comfortably alongside tourism, making good use of the natural values of the forest. See <http://redwoods.co.nz/>

The field trip includes lunch, and attendees can be picked up from the airport or hotel.

Accommodation options in Rotorua include:

Distinction Rotorua Hotel and Conference Centre, 390 Fenton Street Rotorua. Phone (07) 349 5200.
<http://www.distinctionhotelsrotorua.co.nz/>

The Holiday Inn, 10 Tryon Street, Rotorua. Phone (07)348-1189. 450mtr walk to Conference Centre.
<https://rotorua.holidayinn.com/>

Thank you to the Ministry for Primary Industries and Scion for sponsoring our 2017 conference.

SOME KEY DATES

Conference registrations open 1 August 2017

Initial call for papers 1 August 2017

Deadline for abstracts 1 September 2017

Upload full papers by 29 September 2017

The 2017 AARES Conference - Highlights

"Transformations in food, energy and the environment"

Australia and NZ have very different natural environments, but face many similar environmental issues. Developing policy to manage agricultural pests and diseases was the topic of one of seven mini-symposia at the AARES conference, where case studies provided the means of thinking about the role of commodity and food prices in developing pest management policy. In another mini-symposium with a topic less familiar to NZ, speakers tackled the issue of economic efficiency of recycling water, and the social aspects of water security through recycled water.

A topic of one of the two preconference workshops was exploring the economic, social and environmental aspects of land clearing in Australia, and included a wide ranging discussion from the history of land clearance to policy mechanisms and economic instruments.

The 2018 AARES conference will be in Adelaide, South Australia. For more information:
<http://www.aares.org.au/>

Nominations please! ...for the NZARES Post-Graduate Awards

Nominations are open for the NZARES post-graduate awards. This award is open to graduate students with a study programme relevant to the objective of the Society. Nominees must be willing to present their work at an NZARES conference. **Nominations are due by 26th August.** To find out more, email NZARES@nzares.org.nz

A message from our president

We look forward to seeing you in Rotorua in October and please do consider presenting at the conference as these contributions are important to the vitality of our Society

Kind regards,

Prof Alan Renwick
President.

