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NEWSLETTER

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NZARES Conference 2020

Christchurch

Pre-conference: Wednesday 26th August

Conference Thursday 27th August – Friday 28th August



Save the Date

The 2020 NZARES conference will be held on the Thursday 27th – Friday 28th August at the Novotel in the Christchurch CBD. A pre-conference will also be held on Wednesday 26th August. There will be more information to come on details for the pre-conference and invited speakers for the conference.

AARES Heading North Award

This award facilitates the attendance of one Australian or New Zealand based AARES or AAEA member to attend the AAEA Conference in the United States, up to a value of US \$3,000. Entries close Sunday 1st March.

For more information on selection criteria and how to put forward an entry, visit the AARES website <https://www.aares.org.au/awards/heading-north/>

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Highlights from the 2019 conference in Hamilton

The New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society Conference was held in Hamilton on the 29th and 30st of August 2019, with 65 attendees. Key sponsors of the conference were the Ministry for Primary Industries, Waikato Regional Council and the Deep South National Science Challenge.

In conjunction with the conference, a pre-conference workshop was held on the 'Sustainable Delta' interactive session on the 28th of August. The pre-conference workshop focused on understanding water system in New Zealand and applying the principals of adaptive planning and negotiation.

Murray Sherwin from the New Zealand Productivity Commission opened the conference, sharing his experiences of working in policy under uncertainty and risk. This opened up discussion on suitable discount rates for biosecurity and climate change policy with long time horizons. Panel discussions were held on climate change policy pathways, adaptation and biosecurity. John Rolfe, the President of AARES attended the conference and closed the conference with a presentation on mitigating diffuse pollution on the Great Barrier Reef.

Arturo Bascunan and Harold Mayaba were awarded the NZARES First Time Presenter Awards and the Best Paper Awards were awarded to Farnaz Pourzand and Trinh Nguyen.

Anita Wreford began her term as president of NZARES, Ramilan Thiagarajah joined the committee as president-elect, with Ivan Luketina and Zack Dorner also new to the committee this year.

Phil Journeaux, a long serving member of the committee stepped down and became the fifth life member of NZARES in recognition of his service to the society and his contribution to agricultural economics.

