

Appendix A

AARES financial support for attendance at IAAE conference, Berlin, August 13-18 August 2000

Dear AARES member,

I am writing to let you know that the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is offering to provide funding up to A\$1500 each for up to two members to support their attendance at the international conference of The International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) in Berlin August 13-18 August 2000. In the interest of maximising the time available to interested people, I am distributing this prior notice to members I can readily reach by email. Please forward it to anyone you think may be interested and eligible. The official notice will be included in the next issue of AARES News and Views, due at the end of March.

For further information on the IAAE conference, view the conference web site at: <http://www.iaae.iastate.edu/>

To apply for an AARES award, please forward an application to me. There is no standard application form, but please send a letter or email to me addressing the following issues.

1. Your contact details
2. Your membership status. Current membership of AARES is a requirement of entry.
3. Your age. We will give preference to less senior members.
4. Whether you have in the past attended any past conference of the IAAE. First-time attendees will be favoured.
5. Whether you have attended any other international conference (outside Australia and New Zealand).
6. The amount of financial assistance you are requesting.
7. A brief statement in support of your application. You may wish to address issues such as, what you hope to gain professionally from attending, any contributions that you have made to AARES in the past, or information about employer support for your attendance. Any other issue you consider relevant could be raised.

The closing date will be two weeks after the date that AARES News and Views is distributed. Applications will be accepted immediately.

In the interests of reaching as many members as possible as early as possible, I am sending this to two email lists of delegates from the last two conferences. Inevitably there will be some overlap between the lists. I apologise in advance for the duplication.

Yours,

David Pannell
President, AARES

Appendix B

Conditions for the Prize for Masters Research and Instructions to the Prize Committee

PRIZE FOR MASTER'S RESEARCH: CONDITIONS

Eligibility

All theses accepted (that is, examined and approved) by Australian and New Zealand universities during the 12 months ended 30 September, for the award of a Master's degree. 'Accepted' in this sense means approved by the Faculty concerned, irrespective of the date of conferring of degrees.

For the purpose of the Society's award, the term 'thesis' shall be taken to include any dissertation, major or minor, submitted as part of the requirements for a Master's degree.

Membership of the Society is not a necessary condition of entry.

Entries

Only one thesis may be submitted by any one Department. Theses must be submitted by the Department Head at the University at which the thesis was submitted. Three copies of the thesis plus examiners reports and written agreement from the student to the nomination are to be forwarded by certified mail or courier to:

AARES Central Office

by 15 November.

Department Heads should indicate the relative importance (%) of the thesis in the degree program.

Basis of Award

The Prize will be made on the basis of academic merit within the field of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Entries submitted which are considered ineligible by the Award panel because they are beyond the field of Agricultural and Resource Economics will be returned to Departments prior to consideration of the comparative merit of other entries. In the event of one or more theses being judged to have equal merit, the Prize may be shared.

The Society reserves the right to make no award in the event that no entry is judged to be of sufficient merit.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with entrants or department heads on behalf of entrants. Submission of a thesis for the Prize implies acceptance of all the conditions of the Prize.

Amount of Prize

\$500

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The Committee includes three members. Normally, one member is replaced each year, so the usual length of tenure of a member is three years. Normally, each member chairs the committee in their second year as a member.

The system and specific criteria for judging the award are up to the committee.

Ideally, the committee should finalise their decision prior to the Conference and advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Example letter calling for submission of theses for prizes

The Dean
Faculty of Economics
The Faculties
Australian National University
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Colleague

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society sponsors an annual prize of \$500 for the best Master's thesis accepted by an Australian or New Zealand University in the field of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

It also sponsors a prize of \$500 for the best PhD thesis. This prize is awarded annually or biannually, depending on the number of theses available for submission.

Both prizes are eligible to be awarded for 2001.

The winning theses are selected by a panel of three and the prize-winners announced at the Society's Annual Conference next February.

The purpose of the prizes is to recognise merit and to focus attention on graduate study in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Australian and New Zealand universities. The conditions under which the awards are made are enclosed.

I would be grateful if you could instigate a review of all eligible theses with the purpose of identifying one in each category for consideration by the Society.

Please forward three copies of both Masters and PhD theses by 15 November 2001 to the AARES Central Office. We would also like examiners reports where available and written agreement by the student for the nomination and provision of reports.

The Society regards the recognition of good scholarship as one of its more important functions, and hopes that you will assist it in this regard.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Scoccimarro
Federal Secretary

12 October 2001

PS – please don't forget to nominate a student for an undergraduate AARES prize (organised by AARES State branches), if appropriate

Appendix C

Conditions for the Prize for PhD Research and Instructions to the Prize Committee

PRIZE FOR PhD RESEARCH: CONDITIONS

Eligibility

All theses accepted (that is, examined and approved) by Australian and New Zealand universities during the 12 months ended 30 September, for the award of a PhD degree. 'Accepted' in this sense means approved by the Faculty concerned, irrespective of the date of conferring of degrees.

Membership of the Society is not a necessary condition of entry.

Entries

Only one thesis may be submitted by any one Department.

The thesis must be submitted by the Department Head at the University at which the thesis was submitted. Three copies of the thesis plus examiners reports and written agreement to the nomination are to be forwarded by certified mail or courier to:

AARES Central Office

by 15 November.

Department Heads should indicate the relative importance of the thesis in the degree program.

Basis of Award

The Prize will be made on the basis of academic merit within the field of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Entries submitted which are considered ineligible by the Award panel because they are beyond the field of Agricultural and Resource Economics will be returned to Departments prior to consideration of the comparative merit of other entries. In the event of one or more theses being judged to have equal merit, the Prize may be shared.

The Society reserves the right to make no award in the event that no entry is judged to be of sufficient merit.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with entrants or department heads on behalf of entrants. Submission of a thesis for the Prize implies acceptance of all the conditions of the Prize.

Amount of Prize

\$500

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The Committee includes three members. Normally, one member is replaced each year, so the usual length of tenure of a member is three years. Normally, each member chairs the committee in their second year as a member.

The system and specific criteria for judging the award are up to the committee.

Ideally, the committee should finalise their decision prior to the Conference and advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Appendix D

The Nominations Committee

The committee, which nominates distinguished fellows and president elect, is chaired by the Immediate Past President, and includes three other members. The chair of the nominations committee is responsible for determining its membership. He/she is encouraged to include a DF on the committee. In part, this is intended to provide a level of consultation with older members to try to make sure we don't make errors of omission. It has also been suggested that the committee should not *only* include more senior members.

Call for nominations for both distinguished fellows and president elect should be made in the April issue of News and Views. Only living members are eligible [Council 19/9/07].

Distinguished Fellows

1. We will publish items in AJARE about Distinguished Fellows (DFs), in standardized formats, at the front of the Journal.
2. In consultation with the successful nominees (and possibly their nominators), the chair of the nominations committee prepares drafts of items to go into AJARE based on materials submitted and other resources. The chair will solicit comments/corrections from the individual DFs along the way before providing material to the editor(s).
3. The President is to write to the DFs, to congratulate them
4. The chair of the DF nominating committee should arrange for nominations submitted by members to be provided in the preferred format if possible.
5. We will determine the awards for DFs at the September Council meeting so that the new DFs can be advised in advance and, if they wish, attend the conference dinner and accept their awards in person. The committee needs to conclude its business early enough to allow this to happen.
6. The committee calls for nominations, evaluates those received, and amends the list of nominations as it sees appropriate. It presents its suggestions to the September meeting of Council. The responsibility for actually selecting DFs rests entirely with Council.
7. If new Honorary Members or Distinguished Life Members are awarded, the chair of the Nominations committee should communicate the details of their postal address etc. to Blackwell and advise that they are to receive complimentary membership. (Note: Distinguished Fellows do not receive complimentary membership).
8. If an existing Honorary Member or Distinguished Life Member passes away, the chair of the Nominations committee should ensure that Blackwell knows to cease their complimentary membership.

President Elect

The Committee receives nominations from the membership. It may also choose to make nominations of its own. If there is more than one nomination, a postal election is held.

At the AGM in 1994 it was agreed that the nominating committee should take a pro-active role in circumstances where it appeared necessary to generate sufficient nominations for an election. However, in the October 2001 Council meeting it was agreed that the committee could use judgement in deciding whether to seek an additional nomination if at least one suitable nomination has been received.

Other points agreed at the 1994 AGM include:

- The voting outcome should be reported to the AGM or another Society meeting, but the actual voting numbers should remain confidential to the Returning Officer.
- The electoral system should be preferential
- The only filtering criterion which should be applied by the committee to nominations is the financial membership status of candidates. The committee should apply this criterion routinely.

Appendix E

AARES UNDERGRADUATE PRIZE: CONDITIONS

Basis of award

The criteria are for the Branch to determine.

The purpose of the prize is to recognise merit in undergraduate performance in agricultural and/or resource economics and introduce students to the Society. The prizes are restricted to students who have completed their first degree in the year they are considered for the prize.

Entries

Only one award will be given to each Branch.

Administration

Branches are entirely responsible for the management of the Undergraduate prizes the Society provides each year. The costs of the Prizes are shared by the Council and the Branches.

The process for administration is:

1. The AARES Secretary will remind the Branches of the prize in September/October.
2. The Branch Secretary will provide the Federal Secretary with the name and institution of the recipient by the end of the calendar year.
3. The Branch Secretary will also provide a completed membership form to the AARES Secretary at the same time.
4. The AARES Secretary will forward completed membership form and a cheque for one year's membership to Blackwell.
5. The AARES Secretary will draw up certificates and the prizes will be announced at the dinner at the annual conference.
6. Certificates, along with details of the prize benefits, will be mailed out to each of the recipients after the annual conference.
7. AARES Secretary includes recipients in the Secretary's report to the first edition of *News and Views*.
8. AARES Secretary liaises with recipients regarding their attendance at the next annual conference or the conference in the following year.

Amount of the Prize

Council's contribution to the Undergraduate Prize will include free membership for a year, a certificate, and an airfare to either the conference at which they are first announced as prize winners or the following year's conference [Council 30/5/03; 5/2/08]. As part of the prize, Branches will pay for conference registration [Council 30/5/03]. Recipients should pay their own accommodation costs. Recipients who are unable to attend the conference should be given \$200 in lieu of these membership, travel and registration benefits. [Council 24/5/07].

Prizewinners must present a paper at the conference and should also present a paper at a Branch meeting [Council 24/5/07].

Winners of undergraduate prizes should be announced at the conference in the year following graduation. Free membership should be granted for that year and the paper should be

presented at either of the next two conferences [Council 5/02/08]. For example, a student who graduates at the end of 2008 should be announced as the winner of the Undergraduate Prize at the 2009 conference, should be given free membership for 2009 and should attend either the 2009 or 2010 conference at which they present their paper.

As at February 2008, each recipient will receive a certificate and either

- a cash award of \$200,

or

- one year's membership of AARES
- an economy-class return airfare to either of the next two annual conferences [Council 5/02/08]
- free registration at the annual conference at which they present their paper

Recipients who accept the membership and conference package must present a paper at the conference and must pay for their own accommodation.

Appendix F

Welcome letter for new members

Dear «Salut_ation»«Surname»

I am writing to welcome and congratulate you on becoming a member of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and to let you know more about what you can expect from your membership.

The aim of the Society is to encourage study, research, discussion and extension in the discipline of agricultural and resource economics in order to promote the efficient development of agricultural and natural resources. The Society was originally founded as the Australian Agricultural Economics Society in 1957.

The major activities of the Society include:

- holding an Annual Conference with associated workshops. In January this year, the Conference was held in Adelaide and in February 2002, the Conference will be held in Canberra;
- holding an Annual AARES Symposium on a topic of current interest. In 2001, the topic was “Public Funding of Environmental Issues”;
- publishing, in association with Blackwell Publishers, the highly-regarded *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* (a forum for innovative and scholarly work in agricultural and resource economics, with four issues per year);
- publishing a four-monthly newsletter, *AARES News and Views*;
- actively maintaining a comprehensive web page providing a wide range of information of value to AARES members (<http://come.to/aares>); and
- awarding prizes to encourage excellence in Masters and PhD theses, journal articles, undergraduate studies and conference presentations.

Branches of the Society are located in all mainland Australian States, the ACT, New England, New Zealand and North America. The branches host the Annual Conference on a rotating basis, hold workshops and symposia on topics of current regional interest, and sponsor diverse and stimulating seminar programs. Branches serve a valuable role in bringing together academics, public servants, professionals from the agribusiness and resource sectors, and students, across various disciplinary and institutional boundaries.

Benefits of membership include receipt of the *Journal*, the Newsletter, access to a web-based Directory of Members, discounts on registration for the Annual Conference and the Annual Symposium and access to professional and social activities hosted by your Branch.

Enclosed you will find copies of the April, August and December 2001 issues of *News & Views*.

When you receive your membership renewal for 2003, I hope that from your experiences during 2002 you will agree that the membership is extremely good value for money. If you do not, I would appreciate very much you letting me know any areas in which AARES has fallen below your expectations. Indeed, if you have any ideas for ways in which AARES can provide an improved service to its members, please do not hesitate to contact me by email (julian@primal.ucdavis).

I also encourage you to become actively involved in the activities of AARES, by contributing a brief article to *AARES News and Views*, a manuscript to the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, or attending an AARES conference, symposium or seminar.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the AARES Central Office or by visiting the Society's website (<http://come.to/aares>).

I look forward to seeing you at a future AARES event.

Yours faithfully



Julian M. Alston, Professor
President, AARES

When writing to new members who join as a result of attending a conference or symposium, replace the first paragraph with something like this.

I am writing to welcome and congratulate you on becoming a member of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and to let you know more about what you can expect from your membership. We have provided you with free membership for one year as a benefit of your attendance at the AARES 2000 Conference in Sydney in January.

Appendix G

Alan Lloyd Fellowship

The Alan Lloyd Fellowship was founded in 1997-98, using \$17,000 that was generated as a surplus from the August 1996 Conference on Global Agricultural Science Policy for the 21st Century (the GASP Conference). The GASP Conference Committee agreed to endow the Fellowship, to be implemented as laid out in the statement drafted by Rob Fraser (representing AARES) and Julian Alston (representing the GASP Committee), which is attached in Appendix G1.

Implementation of the Alan Lloyd Fellowship, 1999-2003

The Policy File records in summary terms that (downloaded February 3, 2003):

The Alan Lloyd Fellowship process [from Council minutes 22/01/99].

The money (up to \$6000) is made up as follows:

- * GASP (up to \$3000)
- * AARES (up to \$1500)
- * Host institution (\$1000)
- * Host institution in-kind (\$500)

The LOC pays for avoided expenses plus air ticket.

The selection panel is President, President-Elect, Michael Taylor, a representative of the host institution and Julian Alston or Phil Pardey.

The default host institution (in the absence of other interest) is UWA.

From the Council minutes of 15/05/99: The fellow receives \$3000 from the GASP account and \$1500 from AARES, from which are deducted any expenses incurred by the LOC in the Fellow's attendance at the conference. The host institution also contributes \$1500 which the Fellow uses to meet expenses associated with visiting the host institution.

The Alan Lloyd Fund is to be increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000. [Council, 11.2.03]

The Fellowship was first implemented in 1999. The details of the Fellows are shown in Table 1. The Fellowship was established for an initial period of five years, which ends with the 2003 Conference, with the opportunity for extension by agreement of the "Selection Committee" (see Appendix B for details).

At the 2001 Conference, Phil Pardey organized a pre-conference workshop that led to a surplus, which was transferred to AARES with the understanding that the funds would be used to replenish the Fellowship Fund, which would sustain it beyond the initial five years.

Table 1. *Alan Lloyd Fellows, 1999-2003*

Year	Conference Location	Fellow	Host Institution	Title of Address
1999	Christchurch	Alan Olmstead (UC, Davis)	UWA	Biological Innovation and American Agricultural Development
2000	Sydney	Richard Shumway, (Washington State U.)	UNE and NSW Agric.	Does Consistent Aggregation Really Matter?
2001	Adelaide	Bruce Gardner (Univ of Maryland)	UWA	How U.S. Agriculture Learned to Grow: Causes and Consequences
2002	Canberra	Scott Rozelle (UC, Davis)	ANU ^a	Plant Biotechnology in China
2003	Fremantle	Philip Pardey (U. of Minnesota)	UWA ^b	Public and Private Agricultural R&D: Global Perspectives

^aRozelle substituted at the last minute for Yair Mundlak, and hence there was no “host institution” for 2003.

^bPardey substituted at the last minute for John Antle, of Montana State University, and hence there was no “host institution” for 2003.

Appendix G1. Alan Lloyd Fellowship details established in 1998.

ALAN LLOYD FELLOWSHIP

In August 1996, an important conference was convened in Melbourne. *Global Agricultural Science Policy for the Twenty-First Century* drew together the world's leading authorities in agricultural and resource management economics to tackle some vital issues:

- What are the economic and environmental consequences of technological change in world agriculture?
- How important is agricultural R&D in relation to future productivity and sustainability?
- How should public policies adapt to deal with intellectual property rights, modern biotechnological advances, and issues of environmental sustainability
- How should agricultural R&D be prioritized, evaluated, financed, and managed?

It was envisaged that convening the conference in Melbourne would (a) highlight the prominence of Australians and Australia in agricultural science globally, (b) highlight the prominence of Australians and Australia in the economics of research and science policy, (c) bring to Australia international authorities on the economics of research, technology, and science policy applied to agriculture and natural resources, (d) provide an opportunity for economists from less-developed countries interested in the economics of research to come to Australia and take advantage of Australia's expertise in these areas, and (e) lay the foundations for a continuing exchange of ideas and information among senior economists and policy-makers from around the world, in rich and poor countries alike, on agricultural science policy matters.

The conference generated some funds that have been dedicated to a continued pursuit of the same aims as the conference itself. These funds will be used to endow a Fellowship, in honour of Professor Alan G. Lloyd, who has contributed much to the thinking of Australian agricultural economists and policy-makers in relation to the conference themes.

The proposed details of the Alan Lloyd Fellowship are as follows:

1. The selected Fellow would contribute to a dedicated Single Paper Session at the AARES Conference, plus a seminar at the Host Institution (see 7 below) and other professional activities by arrangement. The Conference session would include two discussants.
2. The Fellow would be chosen by a Selection Committee comprising:
AARES President
AARES President-elect
Professor Bob Lindner
Professor Julian Alston } Alternates
Dr Philip Pardey
Mr Michael Taylor.

In the event of Mr Michael Taylor being unable to serve on the Selection Committee, his place would be taken by one of the Alternates. In the event of Professor Bob Lindner being unable to serve, his place would be taken by Rob Fraser.

3. The Selection Process would include a Search Procedure co-ordinated by Professor Alston and Dr Pardey, followed by an invitation to apply from the AARES President setting out details of the Fellowship.

Preference in the Selection Process will be given to agricultural and natural resource economists who have demonstrated a strong professional interest in the topics covered by the GASP conference themes, and who are actively engaged in research, policy, or administrative roles related to those themes. Preference will be given to non-Australian candidates. Special consideration will be given to those eligible applicants who are from less-developed countries and to those for whom funding to attend the conference would be difficult to obtain from other sources.

The President-elect would co-ordinate the Selection Process following invitations to apply.

4. The Selection Committee would also be responsible for selecting the two discussants.
5. The maximum value of the Fellowship would be \$6000, designated to cover airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals.
6. The Fellowship would be funded by: (i) an annual drawing of up to \$3000 from the \$17000 dedicated by the GASP organisers to the Alan Lloyd Fellowship and administered by the AARES; (ii) up to \$1500 annually provided by the AARES; (iii) up to \$1500 annually provided by the Host Institution (including \$500 in-kind for management and administration of itinerary and expenditure).
7. The Host Institution would be responsible for management and administration of the Fellow's itinerary and expenditure. The default setting for the Host Institution is the University of Western Australia. Other Institutions wanting to act as Host to the Fellow should approach the President, who will determine the Host Institution for each Fellow in consultation with Professor Bob Lindner.
8. In the event of the Selection Committee being unable to agree on a suitable Fellow for a dedicated Single Paper Session at a particular Conference, the Fellowship would be designated vacant for that year.
9. The Fellowship would be established for a period of five years, plus the opportunity for extension by agreement of the Selection Committee.

Julian Alston
Rob Fraser

Appendix H

Distinguished Fellow's Lectureship Fund

The Alan Lloyd Fellowship Fund (see Appendix G) is to be re-designated as the 'Distinguished Fellows Lectureship Fund'. The 'Distinguished Fellows Lecture' will replace the 'Alan Lloyd Address'. The recipient of the award will be known as the 'Distinguished Fellows Lecturer' rather than the 'Alan Lloyd Fellow'.

The annual award will be made in the name of a Distinguished Fellow of AARES (or other Distinguished member of AARES) to be designated by the Distinguished Fellows Lecturer Selection Committee, which shall consist of the President, President Elect, and Chair of the Local Conference Organizing Committee.

The Lecture shall be presented at a dedicated single paper session at the AARES Conference (typically the closing plenary session). It shall be designated in the Conference program as the "Distinguished Fellows Lecture in Honour of < the Designated Fellow>".

In addition to the AARES conference presentation, the "Lecturer" shall present a seminar at the Host Institution and shall engage in other professional activities by arrangement. The Host Institution shall be responsible for management and administration of the Fellow's itinerary and expenditure.

Preference in the Selection Process shall be given to outstanding agricultural and natural resource economists who have made strong applied research and/or policy contributions on important topics, desirably in a field of interest to the Distinguished Fellow being honoured. Preference shall be given to non-Australians. Special consideration shall also be given to those from less-developed countries and to those for whom funding to attend the Conference would be difficult to obtain from other sources.

The maximum value of the award shall be \$6000, designated to cover airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals. The award shall be funded by:
an annual drawing of up to \$3000 from the Distinguished Fellows Lectureship fund;
up to \$1500 annually provided by the AARES (including any expenses incurred by the LOC in supporting the Lecturer's participation in the Conference);
up to \$1500 annually provided by the Host Institution (including \$500 in-kind for management and administration of itinerary and expenditure).

In exceptional cases, where the Selection Committee recommends that business class air travel should be offered, the AARES Federal Council may determine that the total award will exceed \$6000. In such cases additional specific sponsorship may be sought to supplement the normal funding.

In the event of the Selection Committee being unable to agree on a suitable Lecturer for a dedicated Single Paper Session at a particular Conference, or in the event of a failure to identify a mutually acceptable Host Institution, the Lectureship would be designated vacant for that year.

The Lectureship will be established for a period of five years, after which time the arrangements will be reviewed by the AARES Federal Council.

Appendix I

PRIZE FOR QUALITY OF COMMUNICATION

Eligibility

At least one of the co-authors of the work [Council 13/2/07] must have been a member of AARES when the work was published.

Entries

Entries are to be submitted to the AARES office manager, and should include one hard copy and one electronic copy of the publication. Up to three pages of other supporting evidence—including items such as a statement about the nature of the work and why it is prize-worthy, or letters of support by third parties—may be submitted as well.

Entries must be received by 15th November of the year of publication (for items In Press, page proofs may be submitted along with a letter from the editor or publisher, indicating the date when the work will be published).

Basis of Award

Entries must demonstrate superior communication of concepts or knowledge in any subject matter of professional specialization (i.e., teaching, research, policy analysis, or extension) in agricultural and resource economics to a specified audience. The publication may communicate the author's original research or include that of others, and the communication may be directed to audiences inside or outside the profession.

Six major areas are to be considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

- Importance of topic
- Timeliness of topic
- Value of communication to its intended audience
- Significance of contribution to the literature or other media
- Organization and presentation of material
- Economic content of communication

A maximum of one award will be given per year; however the Society reserves the right to make no award in the event that no entry is judged to be of sufficient merit.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with entrants. Submission of a publication to be considered for the Prize implies acceptance of all of the conditions of the Prize.

Amount of Prize

The winning nomination will receive a \$500 cash award to be presented at the Society's annual conference dinner.

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The committee will include three members. Normally, one member will be replaced each year, so the usual length of tenure of a member is three years. Normally, each member chairs the committee in his/her second year as a member.

The committee will determine the system to be used in judging entries and the specific criteria to be applied.

The committee should finalise its decision at least two weeks prior to the AARES conference in the year of the award, and should advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Appendix J

PRIZE FOR QUALITY OF RESEARCH DISCOVERY

Eligibility

At least one of the co-authors of the work [Council 13/2/07] must have been a member of AARES when the work was published.

Entries

Entries are to be submitted to the AARES office manager, and should include one hard copy and one electronic copy of the publication. Up to three pages of other supporting evidence—including items such as a statement about the nature of the work and why it is prize-worthy, or letters of support by third parties—may be submitted as well.

Entries must be received by 15th November of the year of publication (for items In Press, page proofs may be submitted along with a letter from the editor or publisher, indicating the date when the work will be published).

Basis of Award

The research must make a significant contribution to the field of knowledge in agricultural and resource economics. The work should demonstrate excellence in research methodology and may deal with conceptualization of researchable problems as well as empirical findings.

Seven major areas are to be considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

- Importance of topic
- Timeliness of topic
- Value of research to its intended audience
- Significance of research to the literature or other media
- Organization and presentation of research
- Economic content of research
- Policy relevance

A maximum of one award will be given per year; however the Society reserves the right to make no award in the event that no entry is judged to be of sufficient merit.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with entrants. Submission of a publication to be considered for the Prize implies acceptance of all of the conditions of the Prize.

Amount of Prize

The winning nomination will receive a \$500 cash award to be presented at the Society's annual conference dinner.

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The committee will include three members. Normally, one member will be replaced each year, so the usual length of tenure of a member is three years. Normally, each member chairs the committee in his/her second year as a member.

The committee will determine the system to be used in judging entries and the specific criteria to be applied.

The committee should finalise its decision at least two weeks prior to the AARES conference in the year of the award, and should advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Appendix K

BLACKWELL PRIZE FOR BEST AJARE ARTICLE

Eligibility

Entries must have been published in AJARE in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition.

The nominee must have been a member of AARES both when the work was published.

Entries

Any journal article accepted and published in AJARE in the calendar preceding the year of recognition is automatically eligible and will be considered.

Basis of Award

The article must be of exceptional quality and provide a significant contribution to the field of knowledge in agricultural and resource economics.

A maximum of one award will be given per year.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with authors of articles considered for the award.

Amount of Prize

The winning nomination will receive a \$500 cash award, \$500 book voucher to Blackwell Publishing and a certificate to be presented at the Society's annual conference dinner.

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The committee will comprise the AJARE editors.

The committee will determine the system to be used in judging entries and the specific criteria to be applied.

The committee should finalise its decision at least two weeks prior to the AARES conference in the year of the award, and should advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Appendix L

PRIZE FOR BEST 'CONNECTIONS' ARTICLE

Eligibility

Entries must have been published in Connections: Farm, Food and Resource Issues in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition.

Entries

Any article accepted and published in Connections in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition is automatically eligible and will be considered.

Basis of Award

The article must be of outstanding quality in its style and capacity to extend to and influence a broader audience than AARES membership on an agricultural and/or resource economics issue of national importance.

A maximum of one award will be given per year.

General

The decision of the Council of the Society will be final and no correspondence will be entered into with authors of articles considered for the award.

Amount of Prize

The winning nomination will receive a \$200 cash award and a certificate to be presented at the Society's annual conference dinner.

Instructions to the Prize Committee

The committee will comprise the editors of Connection.

The committee will determine the system to be used in judging entries and the specific criteria to be applied.

The committee should finalise its decision at least two weeks prior to the AARES conference in the year of the award, and should advise the secretary of the result so that he/she can prepare a cheque and certificate for presentation at the conference dinner.

Appendix M

HEADING EAST and HEADING WEST The Australia-New Zealand Exchange Programme

Purpose

- To facilitate contact and discussion among those studying the problems or extending knowledge of agricultural and resource economics in Australia and New Zealand.
- To stimulate comparative analysis and discussion of policies and programmes affecting primary industries, resources and the environment in both countries.
- To encourage co-operation with scientific and other organisations and institutions engaged in similar or related activities in Australia and New Zealand.

Proposal

That AARES facilitate the attendance of one Australian based AARES member at the AARES/NZARES conference in New Zealand and one New Zealand based AARES member at the AARES conference in Australia. The aim is to substantially meet the costs of return economy class airfares; registration fees; attendance at the Conference Dinner and other social events; and accommodation.

AARES would provide a grant of A\$1000 to the winner travelling to New Zealand. Registration fee for the winner of this award would be waived.

New Zealand branch of AARES (NZARES) would provide a grant of NZ\$1500 to the winner travelling to Australia. Registration fee for the winner of this award would be waived.

Selection criteria

First consideration shall be given to professionals early in their career and/or those for whom funding to attend the Conference would be difficult to obtain from other sources.

Award recipients must present a paper at the Conference representing original work that has not been published in its current form. Preference will be given to papers that are on issues of relevance to both countries, and to those involving cross-jurisdictional comparisons, however, all papers will be considered. Co-authored papers are acceptable.

Applicants should identify how the award would facilitate interaction and cooperation with professionals in both countries.

Applicants must be members of AARES. The Heading East award will be given to members normally resident in Australia, while the Heading West award will be given to members normally resident in New Zealand.

Selection process

Selection Committee to comprise the President of AARES and President of the New Zealand branch of AARES.

A call for nominations to appear in the April and August AARES *News and Views* and the NZARES newsletter. Applications for the Heading West Award would close September 30 each year. Applications for Heading East Award would close March 31 each year.

Applicants will be asked to submit to the AARES office a short proposal addressing their claims against the selection criteria along with a copy of their CV which includes a record of their publications.

The Selection Committee to present nomination for the award to the AARES Council for approval.

Other

The award will be announced at the respective Conference Dinners and published in the AARES News and Views, NZARES News and other appropriate outlets.

The level of the awards would be reviewed by the AARES Council every second year.

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Appendix N



AARES-AAEA “Young” Professionals Exchange Program

Background These travel awards were initiated in 2001, when funding was obtained from the AAEA Foundation for a two-year period. Their purpose is to provide “young” agricultural and resource economists with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The program includes two awards: “Heading South,” awarded to a member of the North American Branch (NAB) to support participation in the AARES conference, and “Heading North,” awarded to a resident of Australia or New Zealand to support participation in the AAEA conference.

These awards are intended for agricultural and resource economists of all ages but in the early stages of their careers. Thus, stage of career rather than age, is what defines an appropriate applicant. Each award will have a value of US\$2,000 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the annual conference of either the AARES or the AAEA. Applicants for both awards must be members of both the AARES and the AAEA.

The "Heading North" award will be given to members normally resident in Australia or New Zealand; the “Heading South” Award is offered to members resident in North America who are members of both AARES and AAEA.. Applications for both awards should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AAEA conference, representing **their** original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, and why they would be deserving of the award.