

15th Australian Agronomy Conference, New Zealand, 15-18 November 2010

In a unique and exciting 'fusion of minds' the 15th Australian Agronomy Conference will this year be held at Lincoln University, near Christchurch, New Zealand, as a joint conference with the New Zealand Grassland Association, the Agronomy Society of New Zealand and the New Zealand Soil Science Society. The Conference theme is "Food Security from Sustainable Agriculture" and within that there are plenary sessions on "Food security, climate change and research", "Food security and resource use" and "Agricultural resources and challenges of the Canterbury plains". The last of these provides the lead-in to an afternoon of mid-conference tours which show typical Kiwi flair in covering topics as diverse as "Cropping and high-input dairy production", "Wineries and conservation" and "Mutton to mussels". In addition to these tours, the Tuesday afternoon also provides an opportunity to tour research establishments in the Lincoln area.

On behalf of the organising committee for this joint event I invite you to join us in Christchurch in the spring, for what will be a 'first' for the societies involved and which promises to be an informative, exciting and enjoyable event. For further information and for registrations (soon to appear), keep watching at the website of the Australian Agronomy Society (<http://www.agronomy.org.au/events/2010/>)

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