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Conference at a Glance

Your conference committee has not been idle of late. We have locked in some great invited speakers, the special edition of Animal Production Science will be full of high-standard scientific papers, and the Conference Proceedings is rapidly filling with a good mix of short papers across all livestock industries.

The conference will largely follow the format of the very successful 2008 conference in Brisbane. Expect a warm welcome on Sunday afternoon when you register and plan to stay on for the Welcome Function. Monday and Tuesday sessions will comprise a mix of invited speakers and submitted papers, followed by the conference dinner on Tuesday evening.

The industry day on Wednesday will highlight the most recent outcomes from the Poultry, Sheep and Beef CRCs, all headquartered in Armidale. The day will include some farm visits and we hope to take lunch in the splendour of the New England National Park.

After feedback from the Brisbane conference we have stuck with using a university campus and colleges for the New England conference. It is simply the most affordable and convenient venue for a conference like ours. For those of you who have not been to the University of New England campus for some years (the last ASAP Conference held here was way back in 1998), the campus offers modern lecture halls and conference amenities, set on a landscaped campus where koalas and kangaroos are often sighted.

Check the conference website for the most up-to-date information. A range of accommodation options can now be booked through the website, and registrations will soon open: www.asap.asn.au

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Fellows and Honorary Members

Nominations are still open for the award of ASAP Fellows and Honorary Members. These will be conferred at the 28th Biennial conference in July 2010.

Fellows and Honorary Members are elected by the Fellows of the Society. Please submit your nomination through your local branch, or direct to the Federal Council where there are no active branches. The criteria for election and lists of Fellows and Honorary members can be viewed on the website.

Nominations close at the end of March

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Young Scientist Awards

Again this year we will recognise the endeavours of young scientists through a series of awards for oral and poster papers. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for these awards when submitting your paper. Remember, you need to be, or to become, a member to be considered for an award.

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One-page papers still being accepted

Yes we wanted them before now but we have had numerous requests by excited authors wanting to present their most recent results to you. We have tightened up the publication pipeline and are now prepared to accept submission of 1-page papers up until Easter. Follow the guidelines on the website and submit your late-breaking research or industry updates through the website facility.

A reminder that acceptance of papers for publication is conditional on at least one author registering for the conference and attending to present your paper.

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Joint meeting with New Zealand Society of Animal Production

All feedback has been positive about another joint meeting with the New Zealand Society of Animal Production. We have begun planning for a joint conference in 2012 in New Zealand.

To hold an ASAP conference outside Australia will require minor revision to our constitution. The proposal for a joint conference in New Zealand and the amendment to our constitution will be put to a General Meeting of ASAP members during the New England conference.

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14th AAAP Animal Science Congress

Your society is a member of the Asian-Australasian Association of Animal Production Societies and we have long supported their conference program.

The 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress will be in Korea in August 2010 and the organisers are keen to have Australian scientists attend and showcase their research. Check out the conference website at: <http://aaap2010.npust.edu.tw>

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Linkages with schools

We can all help stimulate school student interest in studying science and in considering science, and in particular agricultural science, as an attractive career choice.

I draw your attention to two school linkage programs with this objective:

- PICSE – the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education network. Seeks to place senior high school students interested in agricultural science with a mentor who takes them through a small research project. The student is encouraged to think about the research process and producing results that will help industry. We have accepted student placements here at UNE for a many of years now and it is always a satisfying process to be involved with these bright young scientists of tomorrow. Website: www.picse.org
- Scientists in Schools. As the program's name suggests, it is about building partnerships between teachers and students in a local school. You can visit them and show off your research, they can visit with you. The program is quite flexible. Many research organisations and institutions already support the program, check with yours if interested. Website: www.scientistsinschools.edu.au.

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If you have any questions about, or suggestions for, the upcoming conference or what ASAP does generally, please contact us. Contact details for the Federal Council are available through the ASAP website, or contact the Federal President, Robert Herd, direct on (02) 6770 1808, or by email at robert.herd@industry.nsw.gov.au.

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