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The benefits of your 2014 AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2015, so be sure to renew soon to ensure that you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.

As a reminder, you need to be a 2015 AAEA or WAEA member or pay a $25 submission fee in order to submit an abstract or proposal for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. Renew your AAEA membership early to save time during the submission process!

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**Call for Award Nominations: 2015 AAEA Annual Awards**

The awards program of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association recognizes and enhances professional excellence in agricultural and applied economics. Students, early career professionals, and experienced members are selected on the basis of their achievements in research, teaching and extension activities.
Winners are recognized at the AAEA Annual Meeting during the AAEA Awards and Fellows Ceremony. Nominators must be current AAEA members. All 2015 AAEA Annual Award nominations are due by February 9, 2015. Please see the calls below for instructions on how to submit an award nomination.

- Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award
- Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards
- Distinguished Teaching Awards
- Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award
- Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards
- Publication of Enduring Quality Award
- Quality of Communication Award
- Quality of Research Discovery Award

Questions? Please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Selected Poster Reviewers

Improve the learning experience at the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting and volunteer to be a Poster Reviewer.

For the 2014 Annual Meeting, AAEA made efforts to increase the opportunities for poster presenters to interact with meeting attendees. These efforts included the Sunday night Poster Reception and dedicated poster sessions on Monday and Tuesday over the lunch period.

Poster presenters will have another new opportunity to receive feedback on their research at the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. Each Selected Poster will be assigned a Poster Reviewer who will meet with the presenting author at a time during the meeting to discuss the poster. Poster Reviewers will be asked to look over the poster ahead of time in order to provide the poster author feedback. To volunteer to be a Poster Reviewer, or for more information, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918–3190.
Now Accepting Proposals for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting

AAEA is now accepting presentation and session proposals for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. Submit your proposal(s) through the online Abstract Management System. To access the system, you must log into your AAEA account or create a new account. If you forgot your username or password, please e-mail info@aaea.org for assistance.

You must be a current 2015 AAEA or WAEA member or pay a $25 submission fee to submit. Please note that all presenters at the meeting are required to be 2015 AAEA or WAEA members. View membership rates at http://www.aaea.org/membership. For more information, please see the Calls for Proposals below and the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting webpage.

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Thank you for your attendance!

The 2015 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting took place on January 3–5 in Boston. Over the course of the meeting, AAEA presented six invited paper sessions as well as the T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture, featuring Emily Oster. AAEA would like to congratulate and thank all members who participated in these sessions for making them a success. A special thank you to Emily for her lecture and for visiting with attendees during the reception that followed. We hope everyone who attended had a positive experience, and we look forward to organizing sessions for next year’s ASSA meeting in San Francisco, January 3–5, 2016.
Call for Proposals:
Organized Symposia

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Material previously presented cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

Proposals are due by Thursday, January 15, 2015, and should be submitted using AAEA's online Abstract Management System.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works–in–progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are not encouraged. If such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a 2015 member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Joint Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Joint Annual Meeting by May 27, 2015.

Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

Notification of whether a proposal has been accepted will be sent by mid–March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please contact Kristen Wright at kwright@aaea.org if you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposium proposal.

Submit your Organized Symposia proposal in the online Abstract Management System.
Call for Abstracts:  
Selected Presentations, Papers and Posters

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Submitters must be a 2015 AAEA or WAEA member. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. Selected Papers can be assigned to present in a Lightning Session (8 papers, 9 minutes for each presentation; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion) or a Selected Paper Session (4 papers, 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion). At the time of submission, individuals will have the option of having their submission considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Joint Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file. Please do not submit abstract titles in all caps.

Abstracts must be received by Thursday, January 15, 2015, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online Abstract Management System. Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

Review Process:
All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Session based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as a poster. Notification of whether a presentation proposal has been accepted will be sent via email by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. Please check spam boxes, as the notification email may have gone there. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

Posters:
Posters will be prominently displayed throughout the meeting. Posters will be featured in a Sunday night poster reception and assigned poster showcase sessions. Poster authors should be available during their assigned Monday or Tuesday lunch session for questions and discussion. Posters will also be assigned a poster reviewer, who will meet with a presenter at the meeting to discuss the poster. The printed program will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their Poster to AgEcon Search no later than May 27, 2015. Posters that miss this deadline will need to be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions:
Selected Papers can be allotted 9 or 20 minutes for presentation at the meeting, which is dependent on what type of session a paper is assigned to. Up to 8 papers are included in a Lightning Session and up to 4 papers are included in a Selected Paper Session. Each type
of session lasts 90 minutes. Each of the 8 paper presentations in a Lightning Session is given 9 minutes; 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion, and each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is given 20 minutes for each presentation; 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to AgEcon Search no later than May 27, 2015. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11–inch, single–sided format is requested. Please follow the American Journal of Agricultural Economics style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online Abstract Management System.

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Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section (IBES)

2015 Student Paper Competition

The Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section (IBES) of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) is seeking submissions for the annual IBES Student Paper Competition. Awards will be presented during the IBES Section business meeting at the 2015 AAEA and WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

What will the winners receive?

- First place receives a $500 award.
- Second place receives a $300 award.
- Third place receives a $200 award.

What are the paper requirements?

- The topic of the paper must assess or develop theoretical aspects of institutional and/or behavioral economics.
- Papers may be empirical or qualitative.
- Literature reviews will also be accepted.
- Papers must be authored by a student (graduate or undergraduate) or students. If the student is a co–author with a faculty member, the student must be the lead author.
- If you are uncertain about whether a paper you are considering submitting meets the above requirements, contact Dr. Trent Smith at trent.smith@otago.ac.nz; phone: +64 3 479 4596.

What are the paper elements?

- The maximum page limit is 30 pages (including references and tables)
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- Paper title
- Full name(s)
- Student(s) status: graduate or undergraduate
- E-mail address
- Full postal address
- The name and e-mail address of the faculty member or other academic supervisor who has been asked to verify eligibility
- A brief abstract that clearly articulates the institutional and/or behavioral economics issue(s) addressed by the paper
- References using a standard format for applied economics
- Paper must be in PDF format

What are the key dates?
- Papers are due January 31, 2015.
- Winners will be notified by May 15, 2015.
- IBES business meeting to take place during the 2015 AAEA and WAEA Joint Annual Meeting (July 26–28, 2015).

Where do I send my paper?
Submit your paper as a PDF attached to an e-mail to: trent.smith@otago.ac.nz
Dr. Trenton G. Smith
Department of Economics
University of Otago
P.O. Box 56
Dunedin 9054
New Zealand

For more information on IBES, visit http://www.aaea.org/sections/ibes/.

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Joint EAAE/AAEA Seminar
Consumer Behavior in a Changing World: FOOD, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

NAPLES, ITALY | March 25-27, 2015
The Exchange

Appropriations and Budget

FY 2015 – The House (219–206) and Senate (56–40) of the last Congress narrowly passed a sweeping $1.1 billion omnibus spending measure (HR 83) in December to avert a government shutdown. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 was signed by President Obama mid–December.

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It appears that NASS and ERS have relative increases in FY 15 appropriations compared to FY 14. However, FY15 includes a transfer of responsibility from the General Services Administration (GSA) to each agency for administrative and lease programs previously managed by GSA via USDA administrative offices.

FY 2016 – The President will release the White House budget request for 2016 in early February. We will report on the contents mid–February.

DC Activities and Coalitions

NRC Report Webinar – Spurring Innovation in Food and Agriculture: A Review of the USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Program – January 9

The NRC will be hosting a webinar on Friday, January 9, 2015 from 9:30–11:30 am EST. There will be a presentation from the committee and reaction from USDA–NIFA Director, Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, followed by your questions. If you are interested in joining the webinar, please register here: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1939885/Registration–AFRI–January–9–Webinar. If you have any questions about the webinar, please contact Jenna Briscoe (jbriscoe@nas.edu).

Webinar– The Economics of Food Waste in the Contemporary Marketplace – January 14
Food waste occurs when edible food is thrown out at the retail, restaurant, or household level. Supermarkets and other food retailers discard edible foods that are discolored or oddly shaped, whose properties are unappealing to the consumer. The quantity of edible food that is lost in the US is not insignificant; 31% or 133 billion pounds of the 430 billion pounds of the available food supply at the retail and consumer levels went uneaten in 2010. The value of this food loss is estimated to be about $161.6 billion with about 1,249 calories lost per US citizen, per day in 2010. Experts will describe the work being done to estimate the amount of food waste in the United States and evaluate the costs, trade-offs, infrastructure and networks needed to understand and ameliorate food waste. The webinar will start at 3 PM ET. Participants can attend in person at 355 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024 in Training Room 10 on 3rd Floor. Please RSVP to info@cfare.org. Online registration for webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3521008229035689986.

Webinar Speakers
- Dr. Jean Buzby – Chief of Diet, Safety, & Health Econ. in Food Econ., USDA ERS
- Dr. Rosetta Newsome, CFS – Director, Science and Policy Initiatives, IFT

Webinar – Cooperatives in Your Community’ Teaching Module Webinar for Educators – January 15
C–FARE released “Cooperatives in Your Community”, a set of teaching modules for high school students about the economics of cooperatives. The teaching modules are hosted on the Council for Economic Education’s (CEE) EconEdLink website. C–FARE received technical support from the CEE, a world leader in economic and financial education for K–12 students. The CEE is a supporting partner and provided technical assistance via peer review. The CHS Foundation, a charitable organization that supports giving on behalf of CHS Inc., the nation’s leading cooperative, owned by farmers, ranchers and co–ops, provided support essential for project success. The teaching modules cover two themes in cooperatives education—consumer cooperatives and agricultural cooperatives. Teachers are invited to participate in a webinar on the modules on January 15 at 4 pm ET. Interested educators should sign up here.

Founder Meeting – Friends of Agricultural Statistics and Analysis – January 21
The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C–FARE) and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) are partnering with interested organizations to establish a “Friends of Agricultural Statistics and Analysis”, also known as FASA, to support continued maintenance and growth of the resources to support knowledge and information from agricultural, food, and resource statistics and analysis. FASA will serve as a forum for stakeholders who depend upon the reliable production of timely, accurate, objective food, agricultural, rural economy and resource statistics and of market information. For more information, please visit: http://www.cfare.org/dc-updates/fasa or contact info@cfare.org.

Visits Day – Climate Science Day – February 10–11
The Climate Science Coalition is holding its annual Climate Science Day event on February 10–11, 2015. The event hosts physical, biological, and social scientists from across the nation to discuss the research that they are
doing on climate science. The Climate Science Coalition hosts communications trainings for participants on February 10, followed by a day of Capitol Hill visits in interdisciplinary teams on February 11. The event does not aim to advance legislation; rather it is geared towards opening the lines of communication between scientists and their legislators. In some cases, scientists meet with their members and/or specific committee staff. Members associations of the Coalition arrange the congressional meetings for scientists attending. Please e-mail info@cfare.org by January 15 if you’d like to attend or nominate someone else to attend. C-FARE will facilitate your participation and set up visits/assemble materials to make your time spent in DC a valuable experience.

USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum – Smart Agriculture in the 21st Century – February 19–20
Please view the full program here: http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/program_preview.pdf.

Visits Day – COSSA Annual Meeting & Advocacy Day – March 9–10
The COSSA Annual Meeting and inaugural Social and Behavioral Science Advocacy Day will be held in Washington, DC on March 9–10, 2015. The meeting will feature presentations from federal agency leaders and other officials and will provide an excellent opportunity to network with others from throughout the social and behavioral science research community. Additional details, including registration information, will be available in early 2015. Please contact C-FARE (info@cfare.org) if you are interested in participating.

Nominations and Opportunities

2015 Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Lecture – Deadline: January 15
AAAS is currently inviting nominations for the 2015 Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Lecture (to be held next summer at the AAAS headquarters). A nominee should be someone who is or has been working at the forefront of a pressing issue at the nexus of agriculture and society. He or she should have made outstanding scientific contributions and/or significant policy accomplishments related to research and innovation in agriculture with demonstrated societal impact. Additional information on the nomination process and on past lectures is available at http://www.aaas.org/page/riley-lecture. To submit nominations, please email Caron Gala of C-FARE by January 10. C-FARE will submit nomination packages to AAAS by January 15.

Student Opportunity – Global Food Security Next Generation Delegation – Deadline: January 15
The Chicago Council on Global Affairs is accepting applications from students to participate in the Global Food Security Symposium 2015 Next Generation Delegation. Convened annually by The Chicago Council, the Global Food Security Symposium discusses the US government and the international community’s progress on addressing global food and nutrition security. The Next Generation Delegation program was launched in 2013 to provide an opportunity for promising students to engage in symposium discussions and to interact with policy, civil society, and business leaders working on agriculture, food, and nutrition issues. The Global Food Security Symposium 2015 will focus on food
systems for improved health. The Symposium is an invitation-only event which will be held on April 16, 2015, in Washington, DC.

Students must be at the graduate or advanced undergraduate (third or fourth year) level studying agriculture and food policy; business; agricultural development; public policy and administration; agricultural science; nutrition; or other related science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines and must plan to enter the agriculture and food sector upon graduation. Interested applicants should email the application package to the nextgendelegation@thechicagocouncil.org.

**2015 Borlaug CAST Communication Award – Deadline: February 2**
Nominations are now open for the [2015 Borlaug CAST Communication Award](#), an honor that recognizes professionals actively working in the agricultural, environmental, or food sectors who are promoting agricultural science in the public policy arena. This award has become an influential component in the efforts to keep agricultural issues and programs in the public eye and in front of national and world policymakers. Please send nomination suggestions to C-FARE at [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org) by January 21.

**The Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative through the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) – Deadline: February 11**
The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced the availability of more than [15 million for fellowships](#) to train and develop the next generation of scientists who will lead agriculture into the future by solving current and future challenges facing society. NIFA will support pre- and post-doctoral fellowships, and for the first time, undergraduate fellowships. The goal of the program is to support the intellectual talent needed to meet the challenges facing the nation’s agriculture, natural resource and food systems, which require innovative approaches in research, education, and extension. Applications for the pre- and post-doctoral fellows are due on February 11, 2015. Letters of intent for the undergraduate fellowships are due on February 18, 2015, with full applications due May 6, 2015.

If you have information or events to include in the C-FARE update, please send them to [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org).
Job Openings
Be sure to visit the AAEA Job Board! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information.

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