

Memorandum of Understanding

between the

European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)

and the

Australian Agriculture & Resource Economics Society (AARES)

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the Australian Agriculture & Resource Economics Society (AARES) share a common interest in promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession, to foster analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and to promote the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.

This memorandum of understanding specifies activities the two associations agree to perform with the aim of expanding cooperation and generating synergies.

1. EAAE and AARES agree to disseminate through the means they routinely use to inform their respective memberships (e.g. websites and newsletters) information regarding relevant activities promoted by the other association, such as congresses, symposia and seminars. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from the other association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and AARES agree to invite each other to organize a session (a 'Contributed Session' or a 'Mini Symposium') in their respective periodical congresses/conferences. The session proposal will be submitted using the procedure indicated in the Call for submissions, i.e. with the same deadline and providing the same information requested for session proposals in the open Call for submissions. At the same time the chair of the Program, or Selection Committee, and the President of the host association will be informed of the submission by email. The sessions will be clearly marked in the program as being a 'EAAE-Organized' or 'AARES-Organized' session, respectively. Participants in the session (chair, speakers, discussion openers, etc.) will be subject to the same rules foreseen for participants in analogous sessions which have been selected on a competitive basis (including those regarding registration and membership fees).
3. EAAE and AARES agree to explore the possibility of joining forces in capacity building activities that benefit members and strengthen associations having similar interests throughout the world. In this respect, each association will designate a member of its board/federal council to jointly identify possible activities, assess their feasibility, and propose plans of action to the respective governing bodies.

4. EAAE and AARES agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding three years after the start of its implementation, revising it as agreed by both parties.

Approved by the board of the EAAE on the 28th of November, 2014.

Approved by the Council of the AARES on the 9th of February 2015.