



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITION SEPTEMBER 2008

Hi all

A special newsletter to remind you of the deadline for Abstract Submissions for Conference 2009, as well as give you a sneak preview of next year's conference.

Cheers
Aaron Meikle, Newsletter Editor

NZSAP CONFERENCE 2009 – LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Come to Lincoln University from **24th-26th June 2009** and present your research findings to your colleagues. Planning is already well under way for the 2009 conference and the local organising committee promise to provide an action packed programme addressing issues facing NZ agriculture.

The programme will include a field trip to two large scale agricultural operations within 20 minutes of Lincoln. Two contract sessions have been confirmed so we welcome papers in these areas. The first will look at a decade of Sheep Improvement Limited while the second will investigate the impact of an Emissions Trading Scheme on NZ agriculture from policy, research and farm operation perspectives.

We are also investigating the opportunity of joining with SIDE on the morning of 24th June for a joint dairy session. Social events are being planned for the Wednesday and Thursday night so put these dates in your diary, start working on those abstracts and come and join us at Lincoln University in June 2009.

Dawn Dalley

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR CONFERENCE 2009

2009 Conference papers:

Abstracts must be received by Friday 7th November 2008.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

An abstract is the basis on which the Management Committee accepts or rejects your offer of a paper for presentation at the Conference. You will increase your chance of acceptance by complying with these guidelines. The abstract should be self-contained, readable and easily understood by people not intimately involved in the field. You should emphasise not just the science of your work but also the value of it to the science and/or farming communities you are serving. The abstract should contain clear objectives, appropriate data (with statistical parameters such as standard error of means or probability estimates) and conclusions as appropriate. Unnecessary jargon and abbreviations, and information not relevant to the objectives and conclusions should be avoided.

There is no requirement to be a member to present at the conference, but only members will be considered for the Young Member Award

1. **Download the 2009 Abstract Submission form:** At www.nzsap.org.nz/conference/ab-frm.rtf (don't use previous templates!!) and complete all details. Be sure to get your e-mail address right as future communications will be via e-mail (we typically have problems because corresponding authors are too sloppy to give their correct e-mail address!)
2. **Email the completed abstract to the Executive secretary, Dr Jane Kay:**
nzsap.animal@xtra.co.nz by Friday 7th November 2008
3. **Follow up on this if you have any doubts as to whether or not the abstract was sent**
4. Management Committee will meet to assess the abstracts in late November and corresponding authors will be notified in early December whether their paper has been accepted, accept subject to revision, or rejected.

Please ensure that:

1. The title and names of all authors are provided.
2. The name, address, phone, fax number and email address of the corresponding author are given to facilitate contact regarding your submission.
3. The abstract is set (excluding title and authors) in 12 point Times Roman. A maximum of **350 words** is allowed. **Do not include tables, equations or references.**
4. If possible please submit the abstract electronically to the Executive Secretary. The abstract form can be downloaded from the website <http://nzsap.org.nz/con08/ab-frm08.rtf> or requested from the Secretary. E-mail the abstract to nzsap.animal@xtra.co.nz. The abstract may be mailed to the Executive Secretary if you do not have access to e-mail.
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PASTURE AND SUPPLEMENTS FOR GRAZING ANIMALS

NZSAP Occasional Publication No. 14 (2007), edited by PV Rattray, IM Brooks & AM Nicol

An up-to-date review of the pasture and supplementary feed resources available to the New Zealand pastoral livestock industry, and the energy and protein requirements of these livestock.

The interactions between animals and their feed resources ultimately determine both the quantity and quality of the feed consumed and thus the level of animal production. An understanding of this area is key to the successful allocation of feed resources.

Although the principles discussed in the early chapters are common to all grazing animals, certain aspects of their application are species or system specific, and chapters address these issues.

The environmental impact of grazing pastures and supplementing grazing animals is also addressed.

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