

AGRONOMY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Agronomy in the News

The newsletter of the Agronomy Society of New Zealand

Our annual conference will be held co-jointly with the “Seeds - Realising their Potential” Symposium at Lincoln University, Canterbury from November 20-22.

The conference theme is delivering profitable, sustainable and resilient farming systems, and includes a 3-day programme covering a broad range of agronomic topics and crops.

We encourage Society members and those with an interest in the cropping sector to attend. You'll hear firsthand about research that is underway to help our industries respond to the rising challenge of farming within new limits. We are also planning two half-day field trips to showcase research occurring on the Canterbury Plains.

The event promises to be another success, so register now!



Early-bird registrations now open

Online registration details and the full conference programme are available on our [website](#).

The cost for the 3-day event is:

Category	Early-bird registration (ends Nov 7)	Registration (after Nov 7)
Full Registration (Society member)*	\$ 320	\$ 400
Full Registration	\$ 400	\$ 480
Student Registration	\$ 120	\$ 120
One Day Registration	\$ 200	\$ 240

*Membership to the Agronomy Society costs \$60 per year, so sign up now to receive the discounted Conference rate for members.

Water specialist to address delegates at Conference



Water has emerged as the ‘issue of the day’ for most industries involved in the production of crops, especially as stakeholders respond to the National Policy Statement on Fresh Water Management. Unlocking the economic potential of water within accepted quality and quantity limits will be key to achieving sustainable growth in the NZ agricultural sector.

Water issues will be the topic of this year’s keynote address by Professor Bryan Jenkins. Jenkins is a professorial fellow at the Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management, a joint centre of the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University. Prior to this appointment he was chief executive of Environment Canterbury and before that the Department of Environmental Protection in Western Australia.

2010 and 2012 proceedings published

We're pleased to announce the upcoming publication of the 2010 and 2012 Agronomy New Zealand proceedings. The 2012 edition will include a special section with the papers from the "Seeds - Realising their Potential" Symposium. Hard copies will be distributed to members at our Conference in November. Those members who are not able to attend will receive their copies by mail in December.

2012 Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Agronomy Society of New Zealand on November 21, 2012 at 5.00 pm. The venue for this meeting is the Commerce Building at Lincoln University, Lincoln. Further details are available on our [website](#).

Agronomy Society ICSC award presented to Richard Sim



Past president Professor Bruce McKenzie recently presented Richard Sim with the Society's travel award to attend the 6th International Crop Science Congress in Brazil. The Congress was held in August, with scientists from around the world converging to discuss and debate topical issues facing the broader agricultural industry.

Richard is a PhD student at Lincoln University and presented his research on the growth, development and water extraction of Lucerne crops grown under different management.

Travel awards given to Lincoln and Massey students

Each year the Agronomy Society offers a travel award for student members presenting their research at our annual conference. This year, the award has been split between two successful applicants - Juliano Oliveira and Lawrent Pungulani.

Juliano (top) is a PhD student in the Agriculture and Life Science Department at Lincoln University and is quantifying the physiological age of potato seed and its impacts on growth and development of potato crops. Lawrent (bottom) is a PhD student in the Natural Resources Institute at Massey University and is exploring the genetic potential of cow pea germplasm for drought tolerance.

Juliano and Lawrent will present their papers on Day 1 of the conference.



Upcoming conferences and events



5th Joint Soil Science Australia and New Zealand Soil Science Society Conference
The 5th Joint SSA and NZSSS Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania. Conference dates are December 2-7, 2012. Further details of the event are available at <http://www.soilscience2012.com/>.