

Welcome to the

Society for Engineering in Agriculture Electronic Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the January issue of our newsletter. Most newsletters are sent by email but at least once per year we also send the newsletter by post to those members we do not have email addresses for. So if you are reading this on paper it may be because we don't have your email address. With our conference coming up this year I encourage you to send your email address to Paul Harris or myself so we can keep you up to date with the latest conference news.

Our conference is going to be in Adelaide but as yet no other details have been finalised. This means there is opportunity for you to let us know the format, timing and venue you would like. Look out for the conference questionnaire as your way of letting the conference committee know.

The Society recently held it's annual general meeting, and copies of the minutes are available on request. Just send me an email. During the last year two national committee members retired, Scott Barber and Mike Collins - thanks for your contributions. Thomas Banhazi and Guangan Chen have joined the national committee, being elected unopposed at the recent AGM - welcome.

There is much to do in the run up to our conference and all six national committee members will be pitching in to help get things ready. If you would like to assist there will be no shortage of tasks to do. All offers of help will be greatly accepted, just let Paul Harris know.

I wish you a happy and safe New Year.

[Richard](#)

2006 CONFERENCE

As 2006 is a Conference year YOU need to make sure you have a paper to present. To assist the committee planning the Conference would you please take the time to complete and return the attached Questionnaire as soon as you can. The form can be mailed, faxed or completed electronically and [e-mailed to Paul Harris](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Here is a careers page set up by IEAUST, like an engineering employment database. It is definitely worth a look. There are quite a few listings for vacation/student work as well. <http://www.engineercareer.com.au/engcareer/public/index.asp>

USQ STUDENTS GROUP

http://www.studentguild.com.au/club_homepage.asp?clubid=4163

CIGR

Check the International Commission of Agricultural Engineering (CIGR) website <http://www.cigr.org/> for newsletters etc. The latest Newsletter is at <http://www.cigr.org/newslett/nl73.htm>

The CIGR **WORLD CONGRESS, 2006** will be held in Bonn Germany from 3 to 7 September 2006 and the Third International Conference "**Energy Efficiency and Agricultural Engineering 2006**" will be held at "Angel Kunchev" University of Rousse, Bulgaria, from 7 to 9 June 2006.

APOLOGIES

One reason for the lack of Newsletters last year was that after a busy first half of the year with two research projects getting under way and the odd University restructure I was invited to visit Cameroon at short notice, so I hope you have not felt too isolated. The new National Committee is going to try and spread the workload a bit to avoid this happening again.
Paul Harris

JOINING SEAG

Remember that although SEAg is the only professional body based in Australia dedicated to the application of scientific knowledge to agriculture through engineering principles it is not restricted to professionals – point your interested colleagues at <http://www.ncea.org.au/seag/>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEAG ENEWS

All contributions welcome.

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