

Welcome to the

Society for Engineering in Agriculture Electronic Newsletter October 2005

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. It has been some time since our last issue and I apologise to those of you who have been waiting. The national committee members have been busy being engineers instead of being executives. My own projects have changed and while this brings more interesting work it also brings new challenges.

Our society is facing its own challenge - how can it best deliver the services you want. We are holding our annual general meeting next month (see details elsewhere in this newsletter) which is an excellent opportunity for ideas to be aired. Our options range from continuing as we are to merging or linking with another society. If you can't get to the meeting please feel free to send your ideas to me or someone else who will be attending.

We are also due for a conference next year. This will be discussed at the AGM. I have already received a suggestion that Adelaide would make an excellent venue but if you have a better idea please let the national committee know.

I must away, but I hope you are enjoying your work as much as I am, even if it is a little too exciting some days.

Richard

SEAg ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12 noon (Victoria time, please allow for daylight savings)

Monday 28 November

DPI Ellinbank

RMB 2460 Hazeldean Road

Ellinbank Victoria

This meeting will include the election of members to the National Committee. Please forward your nominations to Richard Williams. As some of the current National Committee will not be eligible for re-election next year some new members are required this year to facilitate handover.

Nominations will be received up to the commencement of the election.

2006 CONFERENCE

To assist in planning for the Biennial Conference the National Committee would like to know what you like about our conferences (and what you do not like). Please send your comments to [Paul Harris](#) (they won't be used in evidence against you, but will help to make conferences better!).

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>

ENQUIRY

I have been contacted by Mohammad Zadeh, an Iranian refugee just released from Baxter Detention Centre, who is looking for work. Mohammad has a Bachelor of Agricultural Engineering from the Islamic Azad University, so please contact [Paul Harris](mailto:paul.harris@adelaide.edu.au) (08 8303 7880) if you can help out.

ENGINEERS MEDIA - DIRECTOR'S VACANCY

Engineers Media is seeking to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. The vacancy is due to the resignation of Scott Barber from the Society for Engineering in Agriculture. Directors are keen to maintain a representative from a Society on the company's Board. Contact Bruce Roff, General Manager, Engineers Media: Phone: 02 9438 1533 Fax: 02 9438 5934
Email: [mailto:broff@engaust.com.au?subject=Director's Vacancy](mailto:broff@engaust.com.au?subject=Director's%20Vacancy)

JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

ASABE (American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers). Our American colleagues are keen to promote the society and the publications they produce here in Australia.

Universities and Government can access <http://asae.frymulti.com> through a CAUL arrangement, or you can contact [Donna Hull](mailto:Donna.Hull@caul.edu.au) for trial access – [Thomas Banhazi](mailto:Thomas.Banhazi@caul.edu.au) can provide a bit more information.

CIGR

Check out the International Commission of Agricultural Engineering (CIGR) newsletter at <http://www.cigr.org/newslett/nl72.htm>

JOINING SEAG

Remember that although SEAg is the only professional body 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/join.htm>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEAG ENEWS

All contributions welcome.

- It doesn't have to be Nobel Prize material, just current
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