



**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
ANIMAL PRODUCTION (INC)**

PRESIDENT'S PIECE _____ MAY 2021

It is an exciting time for the society as we look forward to our first ever joint conference with New Zealand Grasslands Association (NZGA). The Initiative has had great support from Warren King, the current president of NZGA. Warren has been a great advocate for NZ science societies coming together and working more closely together. His enthusiasm for the joint conference has been great. Although the joint conference planning has identified some new challenges, both committees feel that this is the beginning of closer working relationships not only for us but other NZ science societies.

The NZSAP committee has been working hard behind the scenes developing a strategic plan for the future of the society. The society is facing challenges with greater restrictions imposed on our members by their respective employers in terms of the use of time and funds. If the society is to thrive moving forward, we need to be proactive in developing new ways of operating. The committee is currently working through the potential options and we will come to the conference and AGM with new initiatives. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts so far and look forward to being able to present these options to you.

Rene Corner-Thomas

REMINDERS _____

**MURRAY WOOLFORD YOUNG DAIRY SCIENTIST
AWARD**

DUE: 31ST JULY 2021. SEE:

[HTTP://WWW.NZSAP.ORG/MURRAY-WOOLFORD-YOUNG-DAIRY-SCIENTIST-AWARD](http://www.nzsap.org/murray-woolford-young-dairy-scientist-award)

APPLICATIONS FOR NZSAP ANIMAL SCIENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

DUE: 31ST JULY 2021

DETAILS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.nzsap.org/nzsap-animal-science-award>

OVERDUE 2021 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVERDUE FOR PAYMENT.

PROMPT PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED.

NZSAP MEMBERSHIP FEES 2021

Full membership	\$95
Student membership	\$47.50
Australian members	\$95
Rest of World members	\$125

NZSAP CONFERENCE 2021

The 2021 NZSAP conference is trying something new and exciting. We have combined with the Grasslands conference, which is the [New Zealand Grasslands Association](#) (NZGA) and the [Agronomy Society of New Zealand](#). This is a chance to try something different, broaden all our horizons and meet new people.

The Conference will be held in Invercargill from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th November. The venue is the [Ascot Park Hotel](#), and there will be a social evening at [Bill Richardson Transport World](#). Having recently attended a conference at Transport World, I can promise there is something for everyone at this amazing venue and the food is excellent. The NZGA local organising team has done a fantastic job pulling together a conference programme for the second time, as NZGA 2020 was postponed to this year due to Covid-19 challenges.

So far as the science goes with three societies at the one conference there is a jam-packed programme planned. There will be just over 100 papers, and we plan to bring common themes together for large, joined sessions to show overlap and synergies of our science, before moving apart for specialist concurrent sessions. Sessions will be fast-paced with many papers being 5 minutes to fit our full programme – presenters get ready to keep it short and sharp! Our traditional key sessions, Young Members and Living Legend will still be on the programme. There will also be two afternoons of field trips which will include but not be limited to Southern Dairy Hub, and a working flax mill.

Those of you planning ahead should look to get to Invercargill on Monday, as the conference will start first thing Tuesday and to allow people to get home, we are planning to finish early afternoon on Thursday.

Our 2011 Conference was held in Invercargill and had an excellent turnout, so we hope for more of the same this November. Book the dates in now, and I will make full details available as soon as they are confirmed. See you in Southland, and as a child of the South I am very happy to offer a few tips for those of you wanting to stay a little longer than the conference.

Jamie Ward (NZSAP Conference Organiser)

NZSAP PROCEEDINGS – FREE ONLINE

The proceedings of the NZSAP is open access and can be accessed using the following link: www.nzsap.org/proceedings

NEW MEMBERS

The NZSAP would like to welcome our new members:

Santiago Villacres

Laura Pattie

Lucy Hall

Charlie Bennett

Jill MacGibbon

Pania Flint

Mairi Stewart

Jacqueline Peers-Adams

Melanie Miller

Swati Jivanji

To nominate somebody for an award, please send the following to the Executive Secretary:

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- Proposer (Print name) and Proposer's signature
- Secunder (Print name) and signature of Secunder
- Date

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