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AW HOWARD MEMORIAL TRUST FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS AND HEALEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

31 August 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to alert you to the current call for applications for the AW Howard Research Fellowship, the Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship and **a NEW AWARD, the AW Howard Memorial Trust Honours Scholarship**. Details are available on the AW Howard Memorial Trust website http://pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/pirsa_careers/aw_howard_memorial_trust

HOWARD FELLOWSHIPS – pastures –
see http://pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/pirsa_careers/aw_howard_memorial_trust/research_fellowships

Many of you are familiar with the AW Howard Fellowships. These are top-up stipend awards for up to 3½ years for outstanding PhD students undertaking (or about to undertake) research on the development, management and use of pastures, including sown pastures, natural pastures and rangelands, forage crops and dual-purpose (grain plus grazing) crops, and including livestock production from pastures. The research field is not restricted to pasture agronomy but may include pasture-related natural sciences (including molecular biology, plant pathology, pasture plant systematics, ecology, soil science, weed science) and social science (including economics). Applicants must be Australian citizens or must have been resident in Australia for three years at the time of commencing PhD studies.

HOWARD HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS – pastures –
see http://pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/pirsa_careers/aw_howard_memorial_trust/honours_scholarships .

This is a new award. It is to be made annually on a competitive basis for one year during which a student will complete an honours degree at an Australian university in a field relevant to the development, management and/or use of pastures (including sown pastures, natural pastures and rangelands, forage crops and dual-purpose (grain plus grazing) crops, and including livestock production from pastures). Students must be Australian citizens or must have been resident in Australia for three years immediately prior to the year in which the honours project is to be undertaken. Up to 5 awards will be made each year, subject to the number and quality of applicants. Each scholarship is valued at up to $8,000 ($5,000 stipend and up to $3,000 operating expenses).

TIM HEALEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Australia's farming industries –
see http://pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/pirsa_careers/aw_howard_memorial_trust/tim_healey_memorial_scholarship

This PhD top-up stipend award for up to 3½ years, is for an outstanding student whose research will make a positive contribution to the improvement, modification, adaptation or increased

understanding of Australia's farming industries. A wide range of research areas are eligible, including farming systems (including climate adaptation and mitigation, on-farm salinity, sustainable resource utilisation, on-farm biodiversity); pastures; field crops; livestock management; soils or agronomy; farm business management; agricultural system-based woody crops; rural social research in relation to farming (including resilience); economic research in relation to farming; and historical research as it relates to formulation of future agricultural policy. International students may apply, but preference is given to Australian citizens or permanent residents.

We would welcome your help in bringing these awards to the attention of any prospective applicants. They need not be your own students, and you would be welcome to forward this message to any colleague whom you think may be interested. Please advise prospective applicants to READ CAREFULLY the respective PURPOSES of the awards. PhD students may apply for both the AW Howard Memorial Trust Research Fellowship and the Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship; however, only one award will be made to a successful applicant. We expect that competition for Honours Scholarships will be strong, and while there is no age limit we will give preference to outstanding younger applicants who aspire to an ongoing career in pasture research.

Applications for the Honours Scholarships close on 30 September 2017, and for the other awards on 30 October 2017. Successful candidates may anticipate advice on Honours Scholarships by early November 2017 and the other awards by early December 2017.

Further inquiries can be made to the Howard Trust's Executive Officer at the South Australian Research and Development Institute, telephone (08) 8303 9401,
Email: howard.trust@sa.gov.au.

With regards,

John Radcliffe

(CHAIR, AW HOWARD MEMORIAL TRUST)

ASPS dinner at ComBio

28 August 2017

Dear ASPS member,

Are you coming to ComBio2017 in Adelaide this year?

Would you like to let your hair down after a long day at the conference with great food, and an incredible atmosphere at a reasonable price???

If it's a yes to both those questions, tickets are now available for the ASP premier networking event at the ASPS dinner!

This year the dinner will be held on Wednesday the 4th of October at the stunning Adelaide Oval – just a short 4-minute walk from the Adelaide Convention Centre via the new bridge over the Torrens River. This will follow the mixer event in the conference poster hall.

Dinner includes 3 courses and an open bar with free soft and alcoholic drinks.

Thanks to sponsorship from the plant based ARC Centre of Excellence we can offer heavily subsidised prices for this event.

Ticket prices:

Students and ECR's – $30

Academics – $50

Numbers are limited so please reserve your ticket ASAP.

As we need to know the numbers in advance of the event we will need your payment before COB Monday 25th September, which will need to occur via direct debit into the ASPS account.

Tickets can be reserved by emailing Samantha.McGaughey@adelaide.edu.au who will forward the payment details, and your reservation will be confirmed when we receive confirmation of your payment. When reserving your ticket please include any dietary requirements.

Look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our 59th year!

ASPS Dinner Organising Committee