

Report to AES: Travel Bursary for the 100th annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society, Oxford, March 2026

As one of the leading gatherings in the field, the AES annual conference fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange across agricultural economists by providing a platform for emerging and established scholars to present new research, receive feedback, and engage in interdisciplinary dialogue. This year's conference marked the 100th anniversary of the Agricultural Economics Society and was held at the impressive Wadham College on Parks Road, close to the very place where the society was founded in 1926.

I am very grateful for the generous AES Travel Grant. With this support, the AES made my attendance at the conference possible in the first place, as I am still a master's student without any project funding available. It was not only my first conference of this kind, but also my first time presenting our working paper,



“Spatial Adjustments in Sugar Beet Production After the EU Sugar Quota Abolition: Evidence from Parcel-Level Data” (co-authored by Moritz Hartig, Lars Isenhardt, and Stefan Seifert), to an academic audience. The discussion following the presentation was highly valuable, with insightful questions and constructive feedback from an international audience, which will help to further develop our research.

Beyond my own presentation, I had the chance to attend many inspiring symposia and paper-sessions and to engage with agricultural economists from across the world. Connecting with scholars at all career stages provided valuable insights into the wider research community and allowed me to begin building a network of researchers whose work I look forward to following and engaging with in the future.

Overall, the conference was both academically and personally enriching, and I am once again very thankful to the AES for making this experience possible for me.

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