

AES Travel Awards 2018

The AES provided financial support of around £9,000 to facilitate 11 members to attend the International Conference of Agricultural Economists in Vancouver 28 July- 2 August 2018.

Benefits of attending such a large international conference included:

- Exposure to leading researchers and thought leaders from all parts of the world
- Discovery of new topics, new ideas and frontier techniques
- Meeting with new and established researchers working in your area
- Great networking opportunities leading to future collaborations
- Renewing friendships and making new friends

Here's just a few comments that some of AES Travel Award recipients had to say about the experience.

"This was my first international conference in my second year of my PhD and it was very motivating to meet researchers from all over the world together and discuss and network with them. It also helped me develop my understanding of how research and publishing actually works. Conferences like Vancouver are very important for developing the work of early career researchers and to find role models and examples."

Olivia Placzek, University of Bournemouth

"I would like to express how appreciative I am of the AES travel grant as I would not have been able to attend the conference without this kind financial support. These conferences are important for developing the work of early career researchers."

Dr. Neil Chambers, University of Aberdeen

"The AES Travel award has proven to be hugely beneficial for me to meet with the costs of attending the conference. I benefitted by receiving useful comments and suggestions when I presented my own paper. The session was well attended, and I received good feedback from conference participants working in a similar field. After the presentation there were serious discussions that could lead to potential future collaborations."

Professor Atanu Ghoshray, Newcastle University

"The conference programme was extremely broad and exposed to me to a diversity of viewpoints on contemporary issues in agricultural economics; demonstrated through wider case studies than I would have otherwise been aware of. The plenaries and invited sessions were generally high quality and provided a broad background in key research topics. The conference was also a useful opportunity to network, catching up with old acquaintances and suggesting novel opportunities for collaboration. Now that the conference has concluded, I feel that the material covered will contribute to my own research by increasing the quality and thoroughness of my arguments, and lead to potential collaborative approaches with new contacts."

Dr John Lynch, University of Oxford

“Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the conference, and I gained a lot of new knowledge. The conference was well-organised, and several high-quality presentations and posters were presented. I had the opportunity to learn about the research activities of other participants and to broaden my knowledge in emerging research topics in agricultural economics. I met former colleagues, interacted with many of the conference participants, and discussed potential future research collaborations. I have just started working on a paper with one of the conference participants. This was my first trip to Canada, and I was also elated to have the opportunity to visit beautiful Vancouver. I look forward to participating in the 31st ICAE, which will be held in Delhi, India in 2021. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the AES for the travel grant that supported my participation in the conference.”

Justice Tambo, CABI, Switzerland

2018 AES Award Recipients

Dr Simone Cerroni, Queen’s University Belfast

Dr Saul Basurto University of Birmingham

Dr Neil Chalmers, University of Aberdeen

Professor Atanu Ghoshray, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Dr. Adelina Gschwandtner, University of Kent,

Dr John Lynch, University of Oxford

Miss Olivia Placzek, University of Bournemouth

Dr Cesar Revoredo-Giha, SRUC, Edinburgh

Miss Justice Tambo, CABI, Switzerland

Mr Luiza Toma, SRUC, Edinburgh

Mr Mauro Vigani, University of Gloucestershire