

APEN 2009 Conference Program

Day 1 Tuesday, November 10

- 6.30am Highly recommend a walk or run along the beach!
- 7.30am APEN AGM
- 8.00am Registration desk re-opens
- 8.30am Conference Welcome and Welcome to Country
Led by APEN president *Tracey Gianatti* and Noongar Aboriginal Elder
- 8.50am Official Opening
- Plenary
- 9.05am Fostering innovation through community development in Africa
Dr Kristin Davis is a research fellow with the International Food Policy Research Institute in Addis Ababa Ethiopia and an expert in international extension. We are privileged that today she shares her African experiences in farmer field schools, local innovations, pluralistic extension and making rural services work for the poor.
- 9.50am Embracing the opportunities of climate change
Dr Rohan Nelson is an agricultural and natural resource economist with CSIRO. He is currently on secondment to the Australian Government Department of Climate Change where he is leading the Government's program working with industry to assess the potential inclusion of the agricultural sector into Australia's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. Dr Nelson will discuss ways in which capacity for innovation and adaptation can be drawn out to become a positive focus for collective action between governments, industry and communities.
- 10.30am Morning tea
- Concurrent presentations of contributed papers
- 11.00am Concurrent presentations under the themes of;
- At the coal face
 - Recognising the cultural environment
 - Did it work? How do we know?
 - Sustaining the discipline
 - Designing effective policy and theory
- 12.30pm Lunch
- Plenary: - Sponsored by Meat and Livestock Australia
- 1.15pm The boundary-crosser
Dr Marissa Gilles is a senior lecturer at the Combined Universities' Centre for Rural Health in Geraldton Western Australia. Her work is almost exclusively in areas where others fear to tread, as she crosses previously un-challenged boundaries while changing the culture and health of rural communities. Today, she provides an insight of just how she does that.
- 1.50pm Poster Passion
A facilitated tour of our conference posters.
- 3.00pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.15pm Concurrent presentations of contributed papers
- Plenary – Sponsored by South West Development Commission
- 4.45pm Participatory communication in rural development:
What does it take for the established order?
Associate Professor Elska van de Fliert is from the Centre for Communication and Social Change School of Journalism and Communication at University of Queensland and her experiences in cutting through the information haze to facilitate participatory research and communication for sustainable rural development utilising her international experience from Indonesia and Vietnam.
- 5.15pm Wrap up Day 1
- 5.30pm Walk and Talk (and other stuff!)
**Note, there are no set evening activities this evening. Our registration desk will offer a range of alternatives and suggestions*