



# APEN 2009 International Conference Papers

## Call for abstracts

Submit an abstract less than 350 words marked attention Roy Murray-Prior to [conference09@apen.org.au](mailto:conference09@apen.org.au) by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Abstracts must include the title of the paper, the author(s) names and institution(s), plus telephone and email address of the corresponding author.

The Abstract should conclude with a sentence on the *Three key learning's* from the work reported.

The presentation choices include:

- *Orally* (15 minutes at concurrent sessions)
- *Poster display* (posters will be displayed throughout the conference & there will be a special (1 hour) poster session)
- *Practice change expo* (4 \* 10 minutes presentations to a rotating audience). The choice of presentation form does not affect the choice of publication format.

The publication choices include:

- *Abstract* only in APEN proceedings booklet (<350 words)
- *Industry Forum* section of the Extension Farming Systems Journal (<6 pages)
- *Research Forum* section of the Extension Farming Systems Journal (<10 pages).

Please indicate how you would like to present and publish your abstract or full paper. Guidelines for presentations to the oral sessions, the poster session and the practice change expo will be available from the conference website closer to the conference time.

## Publication Options

The plan is to publish the papers in a special edition of the Extension Farming Systems Journal. Authors will have the choice of presenting papers that meet the requirements of either the Industry Forum Section or the Research Forum section.

By following this approach, we hope to meet the needs of APEN members who attend the conference for professional development reasons and those who require an opportunity to publish in a peer reviewed format.

Further information on guidelines for submitting full papers will be available from the conference website closer to the conference time.

The Proceedings Editor must receive electronic copies of the final full paper by no later than 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Papers considered suitable for the Research Forum are subject to a double blind review, while a single reviewer will edit papers submitted for the Industry Forum.

The Proceedings Editor and the Editorial Board will decide whether to accept papers into the Research Forum section and if not accepted authors can then submit in the Industry Forum section. Authors will be advised of the outcome by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and are required to submit final copies of their papers by 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## **Industry forum**

Papers for this section provide an opportunity to share your experiences and practical innovations with others in the field of agricultural extension. The focus therefore is on informal accessible articles that document not only successes but also failures and the lessons that have and can be taken from people's experiences. While they will be reviewed by a single reviewer, this will be for readability, logic and relevance to the conference themes, and therefore they will not qualify for the Department of Education, Science and Training category of 'Fully written refereed conference papers'. Articles may contain one, or all of the following elements:

- an innovative angle to agricultural extension and consultancy
- the use of extension and consultancy approaches in a new situation or setting, including critical reflections on lessons learned from the authors experiences
- an attempt to develop new techniques or practices, or innovative adaptations of existing ones
- an assessment of the impacts of agricultural extension approaches or programs on the farming community
- the potential and limitations for a broader role for agricultural extension in such areas as rural development and policy.

Other criteria for papers in this section include:

- Maximum of 6 pages
- Follow the other guidelines for the EFS Industry Forum

## **Research forum**

Papers for this section are targeted to be useful to professional extension practitioners rather than for purely academic consumption. Nevertheless, the paper must present the findings of research into agricultural extension issues that follows a recognised disciplinary research methodology. The editors of the Extension Farming Systems Journal will review each submission to determine whether it is suitable and if so will send it to two reviewers on the EFS Review Team for the APEN Conference. A blind review process will be used to assess papers. If it is not suitable, the editor will either reject it for publication in the Research Forum section or return it to the author with suggestions for substantial revision. If rejected, it could be published in the Industry Forum section. Papers published in the Research Forum section will qualify for the Department of Education, Science and Training category of 'Fully written refereed conference papers'.

Other criteria for papers in this section include:

- Maximum of 10 pages
- Follow the other guidelines for the EFS Research Forum