



THE CRAWFORD FUND 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SCHOLAR PROGRAM

29 & 31 August

A program of activities and engagement for invited young Australians, to provide information and encouragement around further study, careers and volunteering in agriculture for development

DAY 1

Monday 29 August, 2016
Eastlakes Football Club, Kingston
12–4.30pm

- 12pm** **MC WELCOME & “WHY INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH?”**
 Cathy Reade, Director of Public Affairs and Communication, the Crawford Fund
 Scholars and mentors meet over lunch after e-introductions in mid-August
- 12.45** **HOW TO BREAK INTO INTERNATIONAL AG RESEARCH—OVERSEAS & AT HOME**
 Chair: Cathy Reade, the Crawford Fund
- 1. The view from academia and the international scene (15min)**
 Prof Louise Fresco, President of Wageningen University and Research (arguably the world’s top agricultural university) and former Assistant-Director General at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN
 - 2. Introduction to ACIAR—the network and opportunities in Australia (15min)**
 Andrew Campell, CEO, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—a key Australian funder of international agricultural research
- 1.15** **COMBINED Q&A**
- 1.45** **WORKING IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY**
 Chair: Di Mayberry, RAID
- 1. How to do the most good on the ground (10min)**
 Joanita Jong, Timor-Leste’s first female vet
 - 2. Lessons from the research and volunteer space (10min)**
 Madaline Healey, former scholar, volunteer and now researcher, mentor, trainer and PhD candidate
- 2.05** **COMBINED Q&A**
- 2.30** **VOLUNTEERING & RAIDING AROUND THE GLOBE—STRENGTHENING STUDY, CAREERS & NETWORKS**
 Chair: Jack Koci, RAID
- 1. Government supported volunteer opportunities (10min)**
 Simona Achitei, Senior Manager, Volunteer Program, Scope Global—a partner organisation managing the Australian Government’s volunteer program

2. RAID's top tips for getting into Ag4Dev (10min)

Jack Hetherington, RAID

COMBINED Q&A

RAID members and volunteers show of hands so they can take further questions over afternoon tea

3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

3.30 MENTORING DISCUSSION

Chair: Madaline Healey, RAID

What do scholars hope to get from the conference experience?

What do scholars hope to get from their mentors?

What do mentors hope to get from their scholars?

Prof Lester Burgess, Coordinator of the Crawford Fund Capacity Building Program in Trade, Crop Health, Biosecurity and Food Safety, and former Dean and now Hon Professor of Agriculture at Sydney University

General Discussion

4.30pm CLOSE

DAY 2

Wednesday 31 August, 2016

Eastlakes Football Club, Kingston

8–12.30pm

8.00am BREAKFAST

8.30 PRESENTATIONS FROM A VOLUNTEER, A TRAINER, A RESEARCHER & AN ACIAR GRADUATE—one question to be taken after each short talk

Chair: Cathy Reade, the Crawford Fund

1. Di Mayberry: The volunteer experience (10mins + one question)
2. Dave McGill: A trainer's experience (10mins + one question)
3. Skye Gabb: Post-grad studies with overseas experience (10mins + one question)
4. Jenny Hanks: Being an ACIAR graduate (10mins + one question)

9.20 SPEED MEET: INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS, RAIDERS, VOLUNTEERS & ACIAR GRADUATES

Chair: Jack Hetherington, RAID

Scholars gather in groups of 4 with mentors, 2-3 seasoned scientists, volunteers and ACIAR graduates to quiz them on their careers and suggestions

10.45 MORNING TEA

11.15 REPORT BACK & DISCUSSION

Chair: David McGill and Jenny Hanks, RAID

Someone at each table reports back on their 'pearls of wisdom'

12.30pm CLOSE & DEPARTURE

Cathy Reade, the Crawford Fund