

INAUGURAL AERE SUMMER CONFERENCE

AERE is pleased to announce the first annual AERE Summer Conference to be held **June 9 and 10, 2011** in Seattle, Washington. The Summer Conference will be held annually between world congresses. It will expand upon, and replace, the traditional AERE Workshop held in past years. The AERE Workshop has been a great success through the years by providing a small group of members an intimate atmosphere in which to present research focused on one topic area.

Thanks to continued generous support by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the new AERE Conference will retain some features of the AERE Workshop.

One track of sessions will have a specific theme, keeping tradition with the workshop. The keynote address of the conference will focus on that theme. However, the expanded format will have parallel sessions drawn from an open-call for papers, much like the call for papers for the world congress. This new expanded format will provide the membership an opportunity to participate in a conference showcasing the current research of all AERE members. In addition, the AERE board meeting and awards program will be held at the annual conference, although AERE will continue to sponsor a luncheon at the ASSA winter meetings. The organizers for the 2011 Summer Conference are Laura Taylor (NCSU) and Max Auffhammer (Berkeley). A formal call for papers will be issued this fall, which will announce the chosen theme, exciting social program and more specific details on the venue. Any comments or suggestions may be sent to:

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We look forward to seeing you in Seattle!

