

AERE-Sponsored sessions at the WEAI meetings will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 27 through Friday, June 29 within the longer WEAI conference. AERE sessions will be scheduled so they do not overlap with the WEAI Keynote session or the WEAI Presidential Luncheon on June 28. We expect to organize a no-host pub-type group dinner for AERE participants on the evening of Thursday, June 28. Details will be provided when available.

AERE@WEAI: These sessions are intended to provide an accessible conference option for AERE's western members and to ensure that interesting research in our field continues to appear on the program of a major regional general-interest conference in economics. All paper presenters must be 2018 AERE members, but need not join WEAI to attend. They may register for the conference at WEAI member rates, and at the "organized session" rates (since AERE, not the WEAI, will review and assemble these sessions). In general, each session participant is also expected to serve as a discussant on one other paper in their session. One session participant will also typically be selected to serve as the session chair.

DEADLINE: For full consideration by the selection committee, a submission must be received by **January 10, 2018 (midnight, PST)**. Submissions should be sent by the proposed presenter who will be the main contact for correspondence. The selection committee will consider only ONE (1) main submission per *presenter*. However, we sometimes need last-minute substitute papers when some presenter's flight is cancelled or some emergency prevents their attendance. If you have a second paper which you could step up to present, if needed and potentially on very short notice, please enter the information for that paper with the paper title field beginning with "STANDBY PAPER: ..."

TO PH.D. ADVISORS: AERE encourages presentations by new talent at the WEAI/AERE meetings. Given the June time frame for these meetings, the WEAI/AERE sessions may afford a good opportunity for Ph.D. students to introduce their research to the profession, especially if these students will be on the academic job market in the fall of 2018. You are encouraged to mentor your student by taking the initiative to assemble an AERE session around your student's research area, with a mix of senior and more junior authors. This is a great way to introduce your student to the broader community of researchers they are seeking to join. Student memberships in AERE are still only \$25 per year (with an electronic subscription to the *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy* and the *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE)*).

WEAI requires information on institution, department, affiliation, phone and email for all participants, *including coauthors* for all papers selected by AERE for these sessions. Papers submitted without all the required information will not be considered.

COMPLETE SESSIONS: Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged. Each 1 hour, 45 minute session will typically consist of four short presentations with discussants and a chair. Submitters of proposed complete sessions must confirm each presenter's intention to participate in the session and provide all the necessary information for EACH of the papers. The four proposed papers should ALL bear titles beginning with "XXXX SESSION: " where XXXX is the last name of the session organizer. Papers for a session may be accepted or rejected on an individual basis unless the proposer specifically communicates that the session be considered only in its entirety.

SUBMISSION PORTAL FOR ABSTRACTS AND COMPLETE SESSIONS:

<https://www.mymeetingsavvy.com/aere.weai/>

POTENTIAL SCHEDULE CONFLICTS TO KEEP IN MIND: The 2018 World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from June 25 through June 29, 2018. It is very difficult to reconstitute a session when one or more presenters drops out, so please consider carefully whether you would turn down an opportunity to present at WCERE to attend the AERE@WEAI meetings if your research were to be accepted for both events.