



NEW ZEALAND GRASSLAND ASSOCIATION INC

## CALL FOR PAPER OFFERS

72nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Lincoln University, Christchurch, NEW ZEALAND  
NOVEMBER 15-18, 2010

The New Zealand Grassland Association Inc calls for offers of papers for presentation at the 72nd Annual Conference, and for inclusion in the Annual Proceedings (Volume 72).

Conference theme “**FOOD SECURITY FROM SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**”

This conference is being held in association with the Australian Agronomy Society, The Agronomy Society of New Zealand, and New Zealand Society of Soil Science.

Associations will make their own call for papers so you can submit your paper to whichever society you feel is most appropriate for publication in New Zealand or Australia.

NZGA will produce its own peer reviewed proceedings that will be available at the conference. Grasslands papers will be presented in oral or thumbnail form with no posters sessions. Submission form at [www.grassland.org.nz](http://www.grassland.org.nz).

Australian Agronomy uses an online paper submission and peer review for invited papers, contributed papers, poster papers and thumbnails. Authors submit abstracts online and those selected for presentations then submit a full paper online. Contributed oral papers are normally 4 pages and poster papers are normally 2 pages. Authors pay a fee for each full paper submitted. Publication is a web based proceedings that includes all papers from the previous 14 conferences <http://www.agronomy.org.au/index.htm>. For further information Hugh Dove, email: [hugh.dove@csiro.au](mailto:hugh.dove@csiro.au). Papers on all themes listed below for NZGA and NZ Agronomy are also appropriate for submission to the Australian Agronomy Society.

The Agronomy Society of New Zealand produces proceedings for each conference. For further information contact Craig McGill, Secretary, Agronomy Society of New Zealand Inc. Institute of Natural Resources, PN433, Massey University, Private Bag 11-222, Palmerston North 4442, e-mail: [c.r.mcgill@massey.ac.nz](mailto:c.r.mcgill@massey.ac.nz)

New Zealand Society of Soil Science will not produce separate proceedings. Papers should be submitted to the most appropriate organisation for consideration.

Together we seek conference papers for sessions in the following guideline areas, particularly those related to the overall conference theme of “**Food security from sustainable agriculture.**” *However, abstracts on all aspects relating to grassland farming and crop agronomy will be considered.*

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### PROPOSED SESSION THEMES FOR publication by the New Zealand Grassland Association

#### 1) Pasture management

Including; animal-plant interactions, dryland pastures, irrigated pastures, specialist pastures, hill country pastures, forage crops, conserved feed, pasture quality, pasture renovation.

#### 2) Sustaining Farming systems

Including case studies, monitor farm analyses, NZ farms systems abroad, farmer papers.

#### 3) Climate change

Including; impacts for agriculture and food security, greenhouse gases, mitigation strategies e.g. new genetic materials and technologies, adaptation strategies, integration of trees on farms.

#### 4) Resilience and biosecurity

Including; weed and pest management, pasture biodiversity.

### PROPOSED SESSION THEMES FOR publication by the Agronomy Society of New Zealand

#### 1) Cropping options/rotations for a changing climate.

#### 2) Progress in breeding pasture and crop species

including traditional and biotechnology methods.

#### 3) New crops

including fuel and pharmaceuticals.

#### 4) Forage and herbage seed crop agronomy

Including high rainfall cropping, grazed crops

#### 5) Irrigation options and efficiency of crop water use

#### 6) Decision support models for pastures and crops.

#### 7) Sustaining Natural Capital

Including; soil, land, water, nutrients.

**NOTE:** The NZGA executive has determined that offers should be submitted, and will be accepted, only on the official form. This, and our Guidelines for Authors, may be downloaded from [www.grassland.org.nz](http://www.grassland.org.nz) (use the Downloads tab), or may be obtained from the Executive Officer at [eo@grassland.org.nz](mailto:eo@grassland.org.nz).

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to the editor [errol.thom@dairynz.co.nz](mailto:errol.thom@dairynz.co.nz)

The closing date for abstracts is **Friday February 28, 2010.**

Authors will be notified in late March whether or not their paper has been accepted. Papers in final form will be due in **early June 2010.**

### NZGA authors are asked to indicate whether they would prefer

1) An oral presentation – 10-15 minutes spoken (full paper in proceedings)

2) A thumbnail presentation 1-2 minutes spoken with 3-4 slides (full paper in proceedings) – replaces posters from previous years.

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