



New Zealand Grassland Association Inc

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NZGA 70TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARLBOROUGH CONVENTION CENTRE, BLENHEIM, NEW ZEALAND OCTOBER 14-16 2008

CALL FOR PAPER OFFERS

The New Zealand Grassland Association Inc calls for offers of papers for presentation at the 2008 Annual Conference to be held from 14 to 16 October 2008, at the Marlborough Convention Centre, Blenheim, New Zealand and for inclusion in the Annual Proceedings (Volume 70).

The theme of the conference will be "Innovative and adaptive farming systems".

Abstracts only should be sent (a) electronically (preferred) in Word format (no pdfs, please) to secretary@grassland.org.nz; (b) by mail to Ross White, Executive Secretary, NZGA, P O Box 8099, Gardens, Dunedin 9041, New Zealand; or (c) by courier to 14 Blacks Road, North East Valley, Dunedin 9001. The Editor of Vol 70 will be Dr Alison Popay, of AgResearch Ruakura.

The closing date for abstracts is Friday February 22 2008. Authors will be notified in March whether or not their paper has been accepted. Papers in final form will be due in May 2008.

NOTE: The NZGA executive has determined that offers should be submitted -and will only be accepted – on the appropriate form. This, and our Guidelines for Authors, may be downloaded from www.grassland.org.nz (use the Downloads tab), or may be obtained from the Executive Secretary at the address above, by telephoning +64 3 4770712 or 0800 GRASSLAND (NZ), or by faxing +64 3 4736495.

Conference papers for sessions in the following guideline areas are sought, particularly those related to the overall conference theme. However, abstracts on all aspects relating to grassland farming will be considered.

PROPOSED SESSION THEMES:

Food for the 21st century – can farmers meet consumer expectations?

- Invited papers
- Offered papers

Future farming

- High performance farming
- Low input, sustainable
- Emissions trading and carbon footprints

Dryland pasture systems

- Making good with less water

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- Pasture species
- Tree and fodder crops
- Winter and spring activity

Pasture and crop establishment in adverse environments

- Weed and pest issues

Fragile soils - management and conservation

Land use options

- Diversification
- Multiple land use opportunities
- Viticulture
- Irrigation

Any other topic related to grassland farming

We would be grateful if you would circulate this call for papers to colleagues and friends.

Yours sincerely

ROSS WHITE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY