



Memorandum of Understanding between

**APEN (Australasia-Pacific Extension
Network)**

&

AIA (Ag Institute Australia)



Intent:

APEN and AIA are member-based organisations that, while retaining their own identities and points of difference, share many common and overlapping purposes, as well as sharing some members. It is therefore in the interests of both organisations to work collaboratively in a number of key areas.

Duration:

This MOU is to remain in force until another is agreed upon.

Details:

APEN and AIA agree to:

Cooperate in policy development:

- From time to time AIA and APEN have opportunities to contribute to reviews of agricultural and natural resource management policy. In these instances, we agree to develop separate submissions and exchange drafts of those submissions with the aim of developing a number of submissions that share similar themes and ideas.
- The 2014 call for submissions to the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper process provided a first opportunity for APEN and AIA to collaborate in this way.

Ensure that major APEN and AIA conference events do not clash with each other:

- Each organisation will notify the other when major event dates and venues are set.
- In addition, we will develop discounts for each other's members at major AIA and APEN events. The proposed discounts are that each organisation will offer members of the other organisation attendance at events at member rates.
- **Note:** APEN's next two Conferences are set for November 2015 in South Australia and the second half of 2017 in Far North Queensland.

Cooperate on Accreditation

- AIA has agreed to allow APEN members access to AIA's AgCredited scheme without having to join AIA. It is understood that all other charges, such as the annual charge to maintain accreditation (currently approx. \$320 p.a.) would apply equally to both APEN and AIA members.

Support a 'Council of Chairs' of agricultural science associations

- This idea arose at a meeting convened by AIA on 03/12/13 with APEN and other organisations.
- Both organisations support the concept and agree to collaborate on establishing this forum, enabling it to meet regularly, and providing appropriate representation.

<p><u>Signed for APEN:</u> Jeanette Long, APEN President</p> <p><u>Date:</u></p>	<p><u>Signed for AIA:</u> David Hamilton AIA President</p>  <p><u>Date:</u> 28/01/2015</p>
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