



## THE CRAWFORD FUND 2016 SCHOLAR DAYS' SPEAKERS

DAY 1 - Monday 29 August, 2016

**Prof Louise Fresco** is President of Wageningen University and Research Centre, one of the leading research institutes worldwide in the field of food, agriculture and life sciences. Louise served as Assistant Director-General for Food and Agriculture of the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, conducted field work in over 50 developing countries, served on the supervisory board of Rabobank, serves on the Board of Unilever and is also a published author and documentary maker. Louise's latest book is *'Hamburgers in Paradise—The stories behind the food we eat'* by Princeton University Press. It follows decades of research and explains how science has enabled us to overcome past scarcities and why we have every reason to be optimistic about the future.

**Andrew Campbell** is the new CEO of ACIAR. Andrew was formerly the Director of the Research School for the Environment and Livelihoods at Charles Darwin University and previously Managing Director of Triple Helix Consulting. He has played influential roles in natural resource management for 25 years, with considerable research leadership experience, notably as Executive Director of Land and Water Australia from 2000-2006. He has had senior policy roles in land, water and biodiversity management in the Government environment portfolio, and was instrumental in the development of Landcare. He is Chair of the Board of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network, a Visiting Fellow at the Fenner School Environment and Society, ANU, a Commissioner with the IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas and a member of the Science Advisory Panel of Landcare Research New Zealand.

**Dr Joanita Jong**, Timor-Leste's first female veterinarian, is the newly appointed National Director for the Veterinary Directorate in Timor-Leste's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. She supervise the Department of Public Health and Animal Welfare; the Department of Controlling Medicines and Equipment for Animals; and the Department of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Joanita is responsible for the supervision of data collection for Timor-Leste's national animal disease reporting system, the management of data collected from vaccination programs for cattle, buffalo, pigs and chickens, as well as performing ante- and post-mortem inspections at the national slaughter house. Joanita has made significant contributions to the development of her profession through capacity building within the country's network of Livestock and Veterinary Technicians, Extension Workers and other animal health staff, as well as local and NGO's.

**Ms Madaline Healey** is an entomologist and PhD candidate with Central Queensland University. Her research focus is population dynamics of agro-forestry ecosystems and development of integrated pest management (IPM) programs. Other research areas of interest include the biology and ecology of thrips, and forestry and horticulture research, particularly in South East Asia. Madaline is involved in international forestry and agricultural development research in South East Asia. She is passionate about working with local growers to enhance pest diagnostic skills and develop sustainable control programs. Madaline was a 2012 Crawford Fund scholar who went on to take a volunteer position with Scope Global, supported by the Crawford Fund, in Laos.

**Simona Achitei** is the Senior Manager of the Volunteer Program for Scope Global. Scope Global is a specialist project management company delivering international development and international education programs throughout Asia and the Pacific—it is a partner organisation managing the Australian Government's volunteer program. Simona leads and works alongside a great team of talented, passionate professionals to facilitate unique people-to-people linkages and capacity development outcomes as part of Australia's overseas aid program. She is humbled and inspired by the great stories of our Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID).

**Jack Hetherington** is a Research Program Officer at ACIAR and the Events Director for Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID). Jack graduated from the University of Sydney from a Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience in 2014 where he undertook an honours project titled 'the Impact of livestock ownership on food security in Sub-Saharan Africa'. He is very passionate about research for development and hopes to pursue further research relating to the role of livestock to food security and livelihood outcomes. Since working with ACIAR, Jack has been managing a series of projects assessing Mobile Acquired Data in the context of agricultural research in developing countries.

**Prof Lester Burgess** is a renowned researcher and teacher in the field of plant pathology who currently organises, mentors and trains Australian volunteers and scientists in plant pathology in Laos. He has been the Coordinator of the Crawford Fund Capacity Building Program in Trade, Crop Health, Biosecurity and Food Safety in Laos since 2009, and is a member of the Crawford Fund's New South Wales State Committee. He is the former Dean and now Honorary Professor of Agriculture at Sydney University. Lester was awarded the 2012 Crawford Fund Medal for his commitment to delivering training in plant protection in developing countries, including Laos and Tunisia. In addition to providing support to AVID, his current work involves working with farmers and local scientists in Laos.

## **DAY 2 – Wednesday, 31 August 2016**

**Dr Di Mayberry** is a research scientist at CSIRO, Brisbane, with a background in ruminant nutrition and modelling of livestock production systems. After completing her PhD, Di spent a year volunteering in the Philippines. She then completed a postdoc at The University of Queensland. Di is Australia-based, but is currently working on projects in Indonesia, China, Myanmar, India and Africa, in collaboration with a few of the CGIAR research centres (International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI); International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)), FAO and local partners, and funded by ACIAR and the Gates Foundation.

**Dr Dave McGill** is a former conference scholar and Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne. He is working with the Mackinnon Group to engage in international research for development projects with ACIAR and other funding bodies. He works with his contacts in Pakistan to develop project opportunities in the growing livestock sectors which impact the livelihoods of smallholder farmers. Other projects he is involved in look at using digital data collection from farmers as a means of improving data quality and output as well as improving the engagement and information flow between farmers and researchers. Prior to his PhD research on the genetic evaluation of Sahiwal cattle (a Pakistani breed), David was given an opportunity in Pakistan to manage a research for development project looking at extension in the dairy sector (the ASLP Dairy Project). This led to a three year role based in Lahore coordinating research activities, data collection and capacity building of local employees and field officers.

**Skye Gabb** is a former conference scholar currently completing a PhD researching the integration of tropical forage legumes in smallholder farming systems in Eastern Indonesia. In addition to her PhD, Skye has worked in agricultural research in Australia and Uganda and has also spent ten months as an AVID volunteer research officer in Eastern Indonesia. Skye has an MSc Agriculture and Development from the University of Reading in the UK, and a Bachelor of Rural Science from the University of New England.

**Jenny Hanks** is a former conference scholar and currently works for the University of Melbourne to manage the ACIAR funded project on livestock research in the dry zone of Myanmar. Jenny graduated from veterinary science in 2011 and has worked in mixed practice, and at ACIAR as a graduate research officer. Prior to this she spent some time volunteering on projects in Laos and Pakistan, which also involved working with livestock and small-scale farmers in a similar way as in Myanmar. Jenny is studying for a Master of Veterinary Public Health Management part time and has been learning Burmese. Jenny has just returned to Australia after living in Yangon for the past couple of years and is now based in Melbourne. She's continuing project work in Myanmar with regular visits planned until the project finishes next year.