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Heading South Award Winner Focuses on Wind-Borne Diseases



Anton Bekkerman received the 2010 Heading South Award, which provides funding for him to attend the 2010 AARES Conference in Australia.

Anton Bekkerman, Assistant Professor at Montana State University, has been named the 2010 Heading South Award winner. As the winner of this award, Bekkerman receives funding to present his paper "Don't Compensate, Mitigate: Welfare Impacts of Check-Off Programs for Wind-Borne Diseases in the U.S."

at the 2010 Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) Conference in Adelaide, Australia.

"I believe that the presented work on wind-borne invasive species can provide important perspectives and lead to future research in the field within the U.S. and Australia," Bekkerman said. "[Those] agricultural sectors have been subject to a number of destructive invasive species."

The Heading South Award is part of an exchange program between AAEA and AARES. Each year, both associations honor two young professionals who are members of both organizations, and give them the opportunity to take part in a new annual meeting. One resident of North America is invited to take part in the AARES Annual Meeting in Australia (the Heading South winner), and one resident of Australia or New Zealand is invited to present as part of the AAEA Annual Meeting (called the Heading North winner). Each winner receives funding for his/her trip, sponsored by both The AAEA Foundation and AARES.

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