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**Subject:** Re: AAGB-2015 Brisbane Australia  
**Date:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:55:28 AM

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Yes, and Yes.  
-scott

On Feb 5, 2015, at 10:53 AM, Richard Wilson <[rfwilson@mindspring.com](mailto:rfwilson@mindspring.com)> wrote:

I hope you are well. As you may know, plans are being made to hold the 8th Meeting of the International Peanut Research Community (Advances in Arachis through Genomics & Biotechnology. AAGB-2015) in Brisbane Australia. The suggested dates are: Thursday, Nov 19 until Saturday, Nov 21, 2015; immediately following the Tropical Agriculture Conference (TropAg 2015). Dan O'Connor, our delegate to the AAGB organizing committee, would like to finalize contracts on meeting space and housing as soon as possible, and requests our input on two questions:

- 1) Are these dates available on your calendar?
- 2) Do you tentatively plan to attend AAGB-2015?

I would be grateful for your response by February 12, 2015. Please forward this email to others who may attend AAGB-2015. Thank you for your consideration of this request at your earliest convenience.

Rich

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From: Howard Valentine [<mailto:hvalentine@peanutsusa.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:06 AM  
To: Richard Wilson ([rfwilson@mindspring.com](mailto:rfwilson@mindspring.com))  
Cc: Steve Brown  
Subject: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Rich,

Please respond to Dan on your availability. Also please forward these dates to all the PGC Board members to make sure the dates work for them.

Thanks,

Howard

From: Scott Allen Jackson [<mailto:sjackson@uga.edu>]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 8:49 PM  
To: Daniel O'Connor; Howard Valentine; Tom Stalker; [victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)  
Cc: Sarah Meibusch; Robert Henry  
Subject: Re: Peanut Research Conference 2015

These work for me. Others?

scott

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From: Daniel O'Connor  
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 5:57 PM  
To: Howard Valentine; Scott Allen Jackson; Tom Stalker; [victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)  
Cc: Sarah Meibusch; Robert Henry  
Subject: RE: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Hello Howard,

I have been speaking again with the Sarah Meibusch at QAAFI and the Brisbane Convention Centre and the only dates that will be suitable for AAGB are Thursday, Nov 19 until Saturday, Nov 21.

Tom has the quote for the convention centre.

If those dates are not suitable, I can look at other options for earlier in November at the Convention Centre or another location in Brisbane.

It would be great to lock in these dates very soon.

Regards,  
Dan

From: Howard Valentine [<mailto:hvalentine@peanutsusa.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, 14 January 2015 10:02 AM  
To: Daniel O'Connor; Scott Allen Jackson; Tom Stalker; [victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)  
Cc: Sarah Meibusch; Robert Henry  
Subject: RE: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Dan,

The tentative program looks doable. We need to talk it over a little to make sure the others on this email are comfortable with the plan. I will try to get some feedback to you by early next week. I will also ask Erica Davies who is cc'd on this email to

Tom,

Will you please send Dan some information on the Savannah meeting, including attendees

from each country, registration, and what we paid speakers. Any other information you think Dan could use.

Thanks,

Howard

From: Daniel O'Connor [<mailto:d.oconnor@uq.edu.au>]  
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:37 PM  
To: Scott Allen Jackson; Howard Valentine; Tom Stalker; [victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)  
Cc: Sarah Meibusch; Robert Henry  
Subject: RE: Peanut Research Conference 2015  
Importance: High

Hello Everyone,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and best wishes for 2015.

I have spoken with Sarah this morning (QAAFI – Deputy Director) about linking AAGB 2015 with TropAg 2015 conference (<http://tropagconference.com.au/>).

TropAg 2015 is the inaugural Tropical Agriculture Conference to be held in Brisbane on November 16-18, 2015.

As mentioned, by Howard below, there a couple of good sessions on Tuesday (November 17) that would be of interest to the peanut community.

- Dr Viv Anthony, Syngenta Foundation. Can "Demand-driven" approaches to breeding increase smallholders' adoption of new plant and animal genetics.
- Cathie Martin, John Innes Centre, Can fundamental research play a role in the productivity challenge?
- Prof. Ken Cassman, U of Nebraska, How do bridge gap between possible and existing production?

AAGB could potentially be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre as it is a large venue that can cater for small and large conferences, <http://www.bcec.com.au/image-gallery/rooms-spaces-gallery>.

If I could get some tentative numbers for AAGB I will contact Kim at the convention centre and get a quote organised.

Regards

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To: Daniel O'Connor  
Cc: Howard Valentine; Sarah Meibusch; Tom Stalker; [victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)  
Subject: Re: Peanut Research Conference 2015

That sounds good to me too. Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 26, 2014, at 4:59 PM, Daniel O'Connor wrote:  
Hi Howard and Sarah,

Those speakers do look like a good overlap. The peanut group may be able to provide a one or two additional speakers for those sessions. Combining the dinners would be a great.

Regards,  
Dan.

From: Howard Valentine [<mailto:hvalentine@peanutsusa.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, 25 December 2014 4:21 AM  
To: Sarah Meibusch; Daniel O'Connor  
Cc: 'Tom Stalker'; '[victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)'; 'Scott Allen Jackson'  
Subject: RE: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Dan and Sarah,

It looks like Dr. Anthony and Dr. Cassman would be good overlapping speakers. We could add opening speakers in the afternoon for AAGB 15. Also perhaps we could combine dinners on Tuesday night as our opening dinner and your closing dinner? Just some ideas of how to move from one conference to the other.

Thanks for working with us on putting AAGB and TropAg together,

Howard

From: Sarah Meibusch [<mailto:sarah.meibusch@uq.edu.au>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2014 12:02 AM  
To: Daniel O'Connor; Howard Valentine  
Cc: 'Tom Stalker'; '[victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)'; 'Scott Allen Jackson'  
Subject: RE: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Dear Dan and Howard,

Attached is the most recent draft program of the TropAg conference. The program is designed to finish half way through Wednesday to allow other conferences like yours to begin in the afternoon.

We would be happy to discuss with you common speakers to offset both of our expenses.

Best wishes  
Sarah

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From: Daniel O'Connor  
Sent: Wednesday, 24 December 2014 10:07 AM  
To: Howard Valentine; Sarah Meibusch  
Cc: 'Tom Stalker'; '[victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)'; 'Scott Allen Jackson'  
Subject: FW: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015  
Importance: High

Hi Howard,

I have forwarded the email to Sarah Meibusch, who is the Deputy Director of QAAFI, and is the main contact for TropAg2015.

Sarah, could you please address Howard's query below.

Thank you.

Regards,

Dan

From: Howard Valentine [<mailto:hvalentine@peanutsusa.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, 24 December 2014 1:45 AM  
To: Daniel O'Connor; 'Tom Stalker'; '[victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)'; 'Scott Allen Jackson'  
Subject: RE: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Dan,

What topics would the two groups have in common during the overlapping day?

Howard

From: Daniel O'Connor [<mailto:d.oconnor@uq.edu.au>]  
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 9:04 PM  
To: Howard Valentine; 'Tom Stalker'; '[victor.nwosu@effem.com](mailto:victor.nwosu@effem.com)'; 'Scott Allen Jackson'  
Subject: RE: FW: Peanut Research Conference 2015

Hi Howard,

Thanks for the update. The main issue that need to be decided is initially is:

Would it be ok for the Peanut Meeting to overlap one day with the QAAFI (Uni of Queensland) TropAg2015 conference, <http://tropagconference.com.au/?>  
Rob Henry and QAAFI are pretty keen to link up for the final day of TropAg, November 16-

18, and the remainder of the peanut meeting could run the 19th & 20th.  
TropAg is being held at the Brisbane Convention so the final two days of the genomics meeting could be held at the same location but possibly in a smaller room/s.

Once this is decided I can lock in dates and get some quotes for the venue and accommodation.

Regards,  
Dan.

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