

## 16<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH ASSEMBLY ON BRASSICAS

The 16<sup>th</sup> ARAB Conference was held in Ballarat, Victoria from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 with theme of “Changing Foods, Changing Climate, Changing Canola”. The first ARAB meeting was convened in 1979 by the late Dr. Noel Thurling at the University of Western Australia, Perth, WA. The group has met every second year since then.

102 delegates, representing 6 countries, attended the conference and it was organised by a committee chaired by Dr. Wayne Burton, Department of Primary Industries, Horsham. Papers presented covered all aspects of oilseed *Brassicas* including reviews of the industry in Australia, India and China, agronomy and physiology, diseases, plant breeding, molecular plant breeding and crop quality. Conference proceedings are available from the organisers ([wayne.burton@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:wayne.burton@dpi.vic.gov.au) or [laura.maher@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:laura.maher@dpi.vic.gov.au)) for AUD\$50 and will also be posted on the Australian Oilseeds Federation website ([www.australianoilseeds.com](http://www.australianoilseeds.com)).

The next conference will be held in 2011 in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

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