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**Re: Invitation Letter**

**Dear Professor Yuping Rong,**

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am pleased to invite you to participate in a field survey to evaluate the current condition and management practices of rangelands and agricultural lands in southwestern Australia (23 May 2025 to 31 May 2025). This survey will traverse 2,900 km from Perth on the Indian Ocean coast in Western Australia (WA) to Adelaide in South Australia (SA).

Day 1: Travel through the expansive cultivated lands of WA, which supports the production of cereal, legume, and canola crops as well as sheep grazing. The journey will follow closely the 600-km route of the pipeline that pumps water from Mundaring Weir to Kalgoorlie. The survey route will pass through a region known as the Great Western Woodlands, which is the most intact semi-arid temperate woodland in the world and supports about 25% of the world's *Eucalyptus* species. The survey will involve assessing the area's extraordinary biodiversity and timber resource history.

Day 2: A day in Kalgoorlie will be spent surveying the environmental management and historic and current mining in the area.

Day 3: The survey route will continue south through the woodlands to Norseman and then east along the Eyre Highway to Balladonia where the landscape will transition to the Nullarbor karst, which is believed to be the largest limestone karst in the world. The Nullarbor is underlain by expansive caves and is a flat landscape with sparse tree cover and a shrub layer that has been disrupted in many places by fire and rabbit infestations.

Day 4: The survey route will cross the border between WA and SA at Eucla with spectacular views across the coastal plain. Sheep and cattle are grazed on large stations (> 200,000 ha) in this area, and the survey group will have discussions with operators of these enterprises. Our survey will continue along cliffs that overlook the Southern Ocean and the head of the Great Australian Bight.

Day 5-6: After traveling east for 1,350 km along the Eyre Highway, our survey group will enter agricultural lands in SA with stops at the Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre between Ceduna and Port Augusta. Survey visits will include a sheep station and a conservation reserve.

Day 7: In Port Augusta the survey team will survey the Arid Lands Botanic Garden and examine the development of renewable energy infrastructure in the area, especially solar generation of electricity.

Day 8: The survey will travel south for 380 km through rich agricultural lands in the Southern Flinders Ranges pausing for a visit to Clare Valley before reaching Adelaide.

Please note that this letter is an invitation only. You and your organisation will be responsible for all of your travel costs for the survey, which will be approximately \$3,300 AUD (including all costs for transportation, accommodations, and meals).

If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Congress Organisers ([conference@aomevents.com](mailto:conference@aomevents.com)) and the survey leader, Dr. Don Burnside ([don.burnside@iinet.net.au](mailto:don.burnside@iinet.net.au)).

We look forward to having you on the rangeland survey trip and at the IRC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Burnside". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dr Don Burnside**  
Congress Co-Chair