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**Statement of Purpose:** I am honoured to be nominated for President of the AARES. In an era marked by increasing scarcity of food and natural resources, our Society can play a key role in fostering research and facilitating policy discussions among academia, industries, governments and international organisations.

Over the past few years I have been privileged to contribute to our Society in different roles, including Federal Treasurer for the last four years, LOC Chair of the 2022 AARES Conference, 2016-2019 Councillor and 2015 President of the New England Branch. These experiences have allowed me to recognise the opportunities for AARES to promote collaboration among members in this evolving technological and economic environment.

As AARES President, I will devote my efforts on strengthening our connections with international organisations and sister societies in the US and Europe. I plan to invite their esteemed colleagues that I have met through my work to present at the AARES Conference. This approach will enrich our program and help attract more conference participants.

I believe the most valuable asset of our Society lies in the experiences of our distinguished senior members, making it essential to enhance more interactions between early and mid-career professionals and our senior colleagues, who can provide invaluable guidance and mentorship. I also recognise the importance of supporting early and mid-career members in their professional development; therefore, I will promote activities and awards tailored to support their growth.

I acknowledge the hard work that has been done, including the development of a Strategic Plan, and I am committed to its continued implementation, promoting collegiality through branch events and activities that engage members across different branches.

**Degrees and Positions:** I am Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics - Value Chains at UNE Business School, University of New England, Australia. Previously, I worked at the Regional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Santiago, Chile, and the SABIO Business Incubator.

I am Managing Editor of IFAMR and I have been visiting scholar at the Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA) of FAO, the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at University of Wyoming, the Department Agricultural and Food Market Research at University of Bonn, and the Centre for Global Food and Resources at University of Adelaide.

I hold a PhD in Economics from University of New England and a Master on Agricultural Economics from Chilean Catholic University. You can access my profile at <https://www.une.edu.au/staff-profiles/business/lmorales>.