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DEANS ESTABLISH NEW CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE WEBSITE

Professional careers in agriculture will be easier to search for due to a new website “Career Harvest” launched by Parliamentary Secretary Dr Mike Kelly in Canberra last week. The website is the work of the Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture, supported by funds from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

“This provides, for the first time, a comprehensive and detailed account of the exciting range of professional careers in agriculture, horticulture, animal production, fisheries and forestry” explains ACDA President Professor Rick Roush. “It complements the career websites devoted to vocational careers” he added.

Over 250 career options are described, with qualifications required, the institutions where the qualifications can be gained and in some cases a testimonial from people working in that position.

Professor Roush said that “Career Harvest” would help to build the image of the industry as exciting, high tech and full of wonderful opportunities. “A full range of options exist from laboratory to field, from finance to marketing, from advisory to research. There is something there for everyone” Professor Roush added.

The ACDA has regularly identified a shortfall in graduates for the industry. The global concern about food supply over coming decades indicates a buoyant job market for the foreseeable future.

Career Harvest can be accessed at www.csu.edu.au/special/acda/careers/ or through the ACDA website.

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