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RNA WINS BID TO HOST PRESTIGIOUS WORLD AG CONFERENCE

Brisbane City has beaten Melbourne and Norfolk England in its bid to host the 26th Commonwealth Agricultural Conference in 2014.

The decision was announced in Edinburgh last night by the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC).

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny said it was an honour for the RNA and Brisbane to be selected to host such a prestigious international event.

“Brisbane won the bid over Norfolk, the original city where the RASC was formed in 1957, so the decision is even more rewarding.

“The conference will bring delegates from the confederation of 48 show societies across 21 countries and represents a terrific opportunity to showcase Brisbane, Southeast Queensland, the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) and our agricultural industry,” he said.

The conference will be held during the Ekka which begins on 7 August 2014.

As well as seeing the attractions of Brisbane City and surrounds, delegates will visit some of Queensland’s leading agricultural industries.

The Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) was founded in 1957 by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT, and 12 international Agricultural Societies at the Royal Norfolk Show. The initial aim was to promote the work of Agricultural Show Societies by providing a network/forum for discussion of the latest ideas and experiences.

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