

Hear from



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Shadow Minister for
Agriculture and Rural Affairs



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Chief Scientist, Agriculture
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Dr Paul Leinster
Chief Executive,
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Jane Kennedy, MP
Conference Chairman

Agriculture, Research and Science – disconnect or reconnect?

Wednesday 11 November 2009

East of England Showground, Peterborough

With food security becoming more important than ever, the UK needs to be at the forefront of agricultural research. Instead, cuts in funding and poor facilities threaten the ability of the UK agricultural industry to play an innovative and profitable role.

This conference examines the research needs of the industry and how the science challenges of the future can be met.

Cuts in the research sector

In the past 30 years, government investment in applied agricultural research – in real terms – has declined tenfold. Yet the challenges get ever bigger:



- ruminant nutrition
- grassland production
- novel crops
- food safety
- pre-commercial breeding
- livestock disease
- climate change
- pest and disease management.



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Our sixth **Agribusiness** conference tackles the vital issue of the future of agricultural research and its role in meeting the needs of the agricultural supply industry.

Who should attend?

AIC members
 AIC trade assurance participants
 Government
 Trade bodies
 Non-government organisations
 Agribusiness suppliers
 Academics

Pre-conference supper

10 November 2009

The pre-conference supper will be held at the Holiday Inn West, Peterborough to give delegates an opportunity to meet and network with others before the conference commences. Please complete the booking form to reserve your place.



Food, agriculture and the agrisupply chain face continued structural and environmental challenges in the 21st century. For these sectors to thrive and keep pace with the increasing yield demands coupled with production constraints requires a large commitment to research and development. The UK needs to be at the forefront of the next 'agricultural research revolution' to remain competitive and to allow the agricultural supply chain to take full advantage of any new opportunities. This year's **Agribusiness 2010** looks at the extent and funding of agricultural research from the leading scientific institutions and also gains a political view on the research priorities for agriculture and agribusiness in the future.

09.00	Registration: Trade stands and exhibition
10.00	Welcome <i>David Yiend – Chairman AIC</i>
10.05	Conference Chairman <i>Jane Kennedy MP – Liverpool and Wavertree</i>
10.10	Keynote speaker <i>TBC</i>
10.40	The opposition's view of research funding and priorities within the agricultural sector <i>Jim Paice MP – Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs</i>
11.10	Discussion Period
11.20	Coffee
11.45	Why science matters to agriculture and agribusiness <i>Dr Helen Ferrier – Chief Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Adviser, NFU</i>
12.15	Managing the research agenda of the natural environment <i>Dr. Paul Leinster CBE – Chief Executive, Environment Agency</i>
12.45	Discussion Period
12.50	Lunch
14.05	AIC's role in harnessing the agricultural research revolution for the agrisupply chain <i>David Caffall, Chief Executive, AIC</i>
14.30	The application of near market research to agriculture and the agrisupply industry <i>Professor Ian Crute – Chief Scientist, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board</i>
15.05	Driving agrifood research within the UK <i>Dr. Celia Caulcott – Director of Innovation and Skills, Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council</i>
15.40	Discussion Period
15.50	Closing Remarks <i>David Yiend, Chairman AIC</i>

Please note this programme may be subject to change at short notice.



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ADVANCE BOOKING FORM

EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH – 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Company name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Contact name:	
Tel:	Email:

Registration – please write clearly in block capitals, using the name you wish to appear on delegates' badges

Name:	Position:
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Please photocopy this form for additional delegates

Each AIC member company is entitled to one FREE place. Tick box to claim your place	<input type="checkbox"/>
An invoice will be issued if entitlement already claimed	

Conference requirements	No. of tickets	ex VAT (£)	inc VAT (£)
Conference ticket: 11/11/2009 – East of England Showground, Peterborough		140.00	161.00
Pre-conference supper*: 10/11/2009 – 7.45pm Holiday Inn West, Peterborough		35.00	40.25
Pre-conference drinks reception: 10/11/2009 – 7.15pm Holiday Inn West, Peterborough		free	free
sub total			

*Pre-conference supper is fresh salmon and prawns or a vegetarian option of mushroom pasta. Please note special dietary requirements:

Payment – please tick

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please send my company an invoice
<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose a cheque (made payable to AIC Services Ltd) for £

NOTE: VAT invoices will be issued upon receipt of payment.

Signed: _____	Date: ____/____/2009
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Accommodation requirements must be booked direct. Rooms are being held at the following hotel on a first-come, first-served basis:
Holiday Inn West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough Tel: 01733 289988 – £95 inc VAT B&B (Quote AIC10 when booking)

Booking conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written notice of cancellation can be made to AIC up to 14 working days prior to the conference to receive a refund, less an administration charge of £30.• Delegates may be substituted providing AIC is informed prior to or on the day of the conference.

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