

Hear from



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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.















The conference for the agri-supply industry

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.

Registration: Trade stands and exhibition
Welcome David Yiend – Chairman AIC
Conference Chairman Jane Kennedy MP – Liverpool and Wavertree
Keynote speaker <i>TBC</i>
The opposition's view of research funding and priorities within the agricultural sector Jim Paice MP – Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Discussion Period
Coffee
Why science matters to agriculture and agribusiness
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Please note this programme may be subject to change at short notice.



Closing Remarks

David Yiend, Chairman AIC





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AIC Conference

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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:				
Please photocopy this form for additiona	l delegates					
Each AIC member company is entitled to one FREE place. Tick box to claim your place						
An invoice will be issued if entitlement a		izz piace. Hek be	k to oldilli y	our place		
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:						
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Payment – please tick						
Please send my company an invoice						
I enclose a cheque (made payable to AIC Services Ltd) for £						
NOTE: VAT invoices will be issued upon	receipt of paym	ent.				
Signed:			Date	e:/	_/ 2009	
Accommodation requirements must be booked d		· ·	ŭ	*		

Booking conditions

- 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.

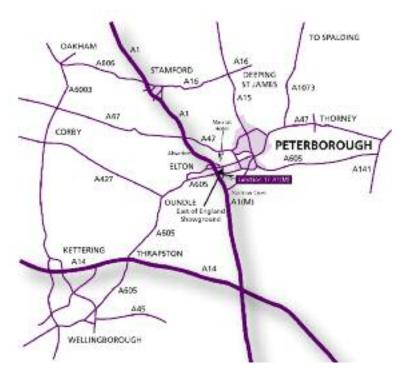
Please return to:

Agricultural Industries Confederation (attention Jackie Reader) Confederation House, East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE. Tel: 01733 385230 Fax: 01733 385270 Email: jackie.reader@agindustries.org.uk



The AIC conference has now become an important occasion for the UK agricultural supply industry. The conference is designed for the industry's senior executives and stakeholders, as well as being an exhibition with trade stands from a range of relevant organisations. Above all, it is an opportunity to network, make fresh contacts and to review current industry best practice within your sector.

Our aim is to deliver a thought provoking and informative day for members and stakeholders – delivered cost-effectively.



A14:

Take A605, bypass Oundle and Elton. Join A1 North-bound at junction 17 A1(M) at the signpost stating:

A1 North-bound Stamford Follow instructions as A1(M) North-bound.

From Peterborough:

A605 West-bound or use Parkway system – Showground fully signposted.



A1 South-bound

Turn left off the A1 at the signpost stating:

Alwalton Business Park

Showground Chesterton

Go through the thatched village of Alwalton. At the T-junction turn left, 50 yards to roundabout, turn right onto the Showground. Follow signs to Agribusiness 2010.

A1(M) North-bound:

Go past junction 17. Turn left off the A1 (immediately after the garage) at the signpost stating:

Showground Chesterton Alwalton Elton

At the T-junction turn left towards Peterborough, over the flyover, turn right at the roundabout onto the Showground. Follow signs to Auribusiness 2010.

Agricultural Industries Confederation

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Finding the venue

Road – Follow the signs to the conference from the entrance to the Showground. There is ample free parking outside the Peterborough Suite.

Rail – Rail passengers should travel to Peterborough station, located approximately 6 miles from the Showground. Telephone 08457 484950 for rail travel enquiries.

Taxi ranks are located outside the railway station. The Peterborough Bus Station is located opposite the railway station.

Bus – Peterborough Bus Station is located at the Queensgate Shopping Centre in the city centre. For timetable information, telephone the public transport information line on 08712 002 233.

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the night of November 10 at Holiday Inn West, Peterborough. Contact the hotel directly to take advantage of the discounted rates:

Holiday Inn West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough Tel: 01733 289988 – £95 inc VAT B&B (Quote AIC10 when booking)

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