



March 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to this Spring Edition of the AFCP newsletter which includes details of the Forums we have planned to date and the ongoing review of AFCP.

AFCP exists to inspire closer collaboration between charities and organisations in order to drive greater impacts from the charitable donations being made in food and farming.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

AFCP Forum Management of oilseed rape diseases and pests

16th June at the University of Hertfordshire

AFCP National Forum - 'Growing: Young Minds and New Ideas'

15th November at Hartpury University and Hartpury College

AFCP Student Forum

Now postponed to Spring 2022 - details will be available later in the year.

AFCP FORUMS

Management of oilseed rape diseases and pests is now scheduled for Wednesday 16th June **at the University of Hertfordshire.**

This forum will feature work funded by charities and others and provide an opportunity to learn about current developments in disease and pest

management. The programme and booking details are available [here](#).

The biennial National Forum - 'Growing: Young Minds and New Ideas' is planned for November 15th at Hartpury University and Hartpury College, Gloucestershire.

Full details will be available in the summer newsletter but the programme will include a talk on, and visit to, the Hartpury Agri-Tech Centre (see [Agri-Tech](#)). Other speakers will talk on agri-tech issues and also on providing young people with a balanced and informed insight into food production, farming and the environment.

Our biennial Student Forum, to be held at Cranfield University, has been postponed until March 2022. Further information will be available nearer the time.

REVIEW OF AFCP

The Board is currently reviewing all of AFCP's activities including

- Communications: website, newsletters, marketing
- Links with broader community: Forums, funding models
- Sharing best practice: coordination and governance.

Following a Zoom meeting with about twenty members last month, there was agreement that communication between members could be enhanced to facilitate co-funding of projects and sharing of best practice. Suggestions included the establishment of a WhatsApp group and/or a protected area of the website, and we will keep you posted of developments on this front.

If members have views on this, or any other matter relating to the review, we would like to hear from you. Please contact either Graham Jellis, Elizabeth Stephens, or any member of the Board.

REMINDERS and UPDATES

Digitisation of the Brighton Crop Protection Conference Proceedings, a project co-funded by a number of charities, is progressing well. Currently the search facility is being developed. It is now possible to identify relevant PDFs and the next stage is to implement the function to identify the specific pages where the keywords appear.

Charity website data It is important that we keep the **website as up-to-date** as possible. Please check your entry to ensure that it reflects your charity/organisation and that the contact details are correct, and let Elizabeth know of any changes needed.

Subscriptions for 2021 are now due for most members.

Thank you to those who have paid already. If you have not done so, we would appreciate it if you could pay these as soon as possible.



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