



Summer 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to this Summer Edition of the AFCP newsletter which includes a report of the Oilseed Rape Forum held in June and details of the AFCP National Forum planned for November.

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 South West Regional Forum

21 September 2021 (on-line)

AFCP National Forum

15 November 2021 at Hartpury University, Gloucester

AFCP Student Forum

March 2022 (date to be finalised Autumn 2021) at Cranfield University

REMINDER

The accuracy of the information on our website depends on our members keeping us informed. Please email elizabeth@iagre.org if there has been a change of contact details, or if the description of your charity or institution does not accurately reflect your activities.

RESEARCH FORUM

The research forum '**Management of Oilseed Rape Diseases and Pests**' was a hybrid event held on June 16th at the University of Hertfordshire with delegates from around the world on-line as well as about two dozen in the lecture hall, including nearly all the speakers– over 100 delegates in all. AFCP would like to thank the University of Hertfordshire for their excellent support in arranging this event.

A video recording of the talks is available at [here](#), and you can also view all the posters relating to the event [here](#). The Proceedings of the meeting are currently being edited and should be available next month. More details will be circulated then.

AFCP NATIONAL FORUM

'Growing Young Minds and New Ideas' and AFCP AGM

The biennial **National Forum** is planned for November 15th at Hartpury University and Hartpury College, Gloucestershire.

The programme is now in the final stages of development and the provisional programme can be viewed [here](#). AFCP Member organisations are entitled to one free delegate; £30 charge for additional delegates and non-members.

Registration can be made with elizabeth@iagre.org.

REPORTS FROM AHDB AFCP STUDENTS

We currently have four students jointly funded by AHDB and a group of four or five charities. Two of these (George Crane and Bobby Hyde) are completing their research very shortly; Clare Hoarau has now nearly completed two years research on controlling cabbage stem flea beetle (and reported on this at the oilseed rape forum) and Fern Baker, working on carbon emissions in dairy production systems, is coming towards the end of her first year.

Because of recent internal events, AHDB have decided not to fund any new students in 2021 or 2022 but we hope we will be able to continue the current arrangement, or something similar, in 2023.

The first of the AFCP/AHDB jointly-funded students, George Crane, is currently completing his research and will be submitting his thesis later this year. On June 27th he gave an interesting talk at NIAB to which charities funding his research and AHDB were invited. More detailed information on the outcomes of the research will be available later but a summary has just been published in the August edition of Arable Farming.

A similar meeting will be held on-line on September 21st at 2pm when Bobby Hyde and Fern Baker will be talking to the South West Group of charities funding their work on calf health and carbon emissions in dairy production systems respectively. Bobby will be submitting his thesis this year; Fern is just completing her first year. Others interested in hearing about this work are welcome to attend this virtual meeting. Please contact graham.jellis@gmail.com or elizabeth@iagre.org to register your interest in attending.

Claire Hoarau spoke at the OSR Forum in June, and her presentation is available 1 hour 13 minutes into the [OSR Forum video](#); her Second Year report will be submitted at the end of September.

**AFCP WHATSAPP GROUP to promote charity
coordination and share best practice**

Following up on ideas mentioned in our last newsletter, and as part of our aim of improving charity coordination, AFCP have set up a WhatsApp Group.

The initial topics being covered are Grants - applications and strategy - together with Governance - including Trustee Training and Insurance

Gordon Bennett is the administrator so please contact him if you'd like to join or need more information. (perry.gbennett@gmail.com)

AFCP WEBSITE and COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

"The AFCP is getting a facelift!"

At the Agrifood Charities Partnership, we strive to get our message out as widely as possible - working together to support British food and farming. This means making sure we reach all our stakeholders as effectively as possible. So working with colleagues at our comms provider 1PCS, we're delighted to announce a project to improve our communications, making the AFCP more-approachable and appealing to a wider range of users. Watch this space over the coming months for a redesigned website, refreshed newsletter and more social media channels through which to connect.



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