



Summer 2019 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday November 5th AFCP National Forum at the East of England Showground, Peterborough.

Wednesday October 2nd AFCP Regional Forum, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallett

Welcome to the sixth AFCP newsletter, which aims to inspire support for closer collaboration between charities and organisations in order to drive greater impacts from the charitable donations being made in food and farming.

This Summer Edition includes news of the Student Forum in April, forthcoming events this year, and progress with developing new studentships to be funded jointly by AHDB and AFCP charities.

More opportunities for funding?

One of AFCP's objectives is to make charities aware of funding opportunities, especially collaborative funding. If universities and colleges have potential projects they would like us to publicise to charities, please send us the details.

Likewise, if charities have applications from students or institutions which are either not right for them, or they don't have the resources to fund, we would be happy to publicise these (subject to the applicant's agreement).

**Student Forum - April 11th
at the University of Reading**

Twenty seven students funded by at least five of our member charities presented posters at Reading University this year and many also gave short presentations.

In addition, AFCP Patron, Lord Curry, gave the students an inspirational talk entitled 'Career prospects in a post-Brexit world'. Don Curry commented on the enthusiasm and commitment of the students, and watching the lively discussion going on around the posters confirmed the value of funding such research, and training young people for a future in agriculture or related disciplines.

We are very grateful to Dr Ken Pallett of the Perry Foundation for organising this event on behalf of AFCP.

Many of the posters are available on the AFCP website at

<https://www.afcp.org.uk/afcp2019studentforumposter>

AFCP National Forum - November 5th at the East of England Showground, Peterborough.

AFCP and the East of England Agricultural Society are jointly organising this event with the theme of **'Education - the essential farming and foodchain input'**.

The Forum will be chaired by Rt Revd Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, who is Lead Bishop for Education in House of Lords and Patron of the Marshal Papworth Trust.

Speakers on a range of topics relating to the theme, including:

- Carl Edwards (LEAF Education),
- Sophie Antonelli (Social Farms and Gardens),
- Chris Knight (Hewisons, speaking on education, charities and the law)
- Joanna Wolsterholme (Cambridge University, CambPlants)
- Sharon Green (University of Lincoln National Centre for Food Manufacturing)

- Paul Tate (Kids Country)

A provisional full programme is available at www.afcp.org.uk. AFCP Member organisations are entitled to one free delegate, and there is a small £30 charge to cover catering costs for other delegates.

Please register for this event by contacting elizabeth@iagre.org.

AFCP/AHDB studentships

Interviews were recently held for a student to join the third jointly funded AHDB/AFCP project, entitled 'Potential of biopesticides and optimising use of conventional insecticides for control of cabbage stem flea beetle (*Psylliodes chrysocephala*)'.

Claire Hoarau has been selected as the post-graduate student for the project. Claire has an MSc in Plant Production from the Université d'Avignon, France, and the work will be done at Harper Adams University supervised by Dr Tom Pope.

The soils project, based at NIAB and University of Cambridge, has now been running for over a year, and a calf health project at Nottingham University has been running since last autumn.

A further joint studentship is currently being considered, in dairy research. Four charities have expressed an interest to date.

West of England Regional Forum

A regional forum is to be held at the Royal Bath and West Showground on the morning of Wednesday October 2nd, kindly hosted by the Royal Bath and West of England Society.

The programme will include an update on the Calf Health AFCP/AHDB project. More details will be circulated later.

Wanted! Students at the British Crop Production Council Congress

Charity-funded students have a great opportunity to be involved in the BCPC Congress being held at the Hilton Brighton Metropole on November 19-20.

The title of the congress is *Understanding the demands and opportunities of “Green Brexit” — how do we deliver food production alongside environmental enhancement?* and students with research projects relating to this theme are invited to submit a poster. If accepted, they will be able to attend the congress at the very reduced rate of £100 per day.

Details of the congress programme can be found at

<https://www.bcpccongress.org/news/>.

Initially, interested students should email AFCP using the contact page on the AFCP website.

Opportunity for Collaborative Funding with the Ecological Land Cooperative

The Ecological Land Cooperative supports rural regeneration by developing affordable sites for farms which are commercially viable without subsidy and are ecologically beneficial. They are keen to work with charities in the development of research projects on the farms which they own. Further details and contact information are provided in the attachment to this newsletter.



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