

Join Today to support AFCP in delivering even greater impact from charities for UK Food and Farming



Autumn 2019 Newsletter

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AFCP National Forum, Tuesday 5 November 2019

‘Education -the essential farming and food chain input’

The Peterborough Suite, East of England Arena and Events Centre,
Peterborough PE2 6XE

Welcome to the seventh AFCP newsletter - AFCP 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.

See below for details of AFCP November Forum, a welcome to new member, news about our latest collaborative studentship, a report on the South West Regional Forum in October, the launch of the Essex Plant Innovation Centre and some news of ex students funded by charities.

NATIONAL FORUM

Partnering with the East of England Agricultural Society, we have developed a programme for this year’s Forum which will be of interest to many of you, including speakers from a broad range of charities and institutions working in education related to agriculture.

The Forum will be chaired by the Bishop of Ely, who leads on education for the Lords Spiritual as well as having strong links with the EEAS.

AFCP Members and Partner Members are entitled to one free place, so make sure you don't miss out! The charge for additional members and non-members is only £30, which covers the cost of catering. Contact elizabeth@iagre.org to register by 25 October. The full programme is attached and available at <https://www.afcp.org.uk/forum2019>.

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome a new member charity to AFCP :

Social Farms & Gardens

This is a UK wide charity supporting communities to farm, garden and grow together. It was formed by the merger of two long established membership-based charities, the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK.

Social Farms and Gardens is the leading UK charity dedicated to supporting city farms, community gardens, care farms & other green spaces. They advocate and campaign for greater recognition, funding and opportunities for nature-based activities and are proud to support thousands of grass root organisations from small fruit and vegetable plots on urban housing estates to large-scale rural care farms; transforming lives and connecting people.

There are more details on the AFCP website or see

<https://www.farmgarden.org.uk>

NEW AFCP/AHDB STUDENTSHIP

Our latest collaborative studentship, entitled "Potential of biopesticides and optimising use of conventional insecticides for control of cabbage stem flea beetle (*Psylliodes chrysocephala*)" has just commenced at Harper Adams University. We look forward to following the development of this important project and having the opportunity to talk to student, Claire Hoarau.

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL FORUM

The SW Forum was held on October 2nd at the Bath and West Showground and was attended by representatives of charities, members of LANDEX colleges and other invitees. In particular, this gave the charities supporting the AFCP/AHDB studentship 'Optimising the health and welfare of dairy and dairy cross-bred calves' to hear about progress from the student, Robert Hyde, and to discuss project with him. The morning also included presentations on a new Livestock Information Programme, control of Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and AHDB's role in driving the dairy research agenda.

LAUNCH OF THE ESSEX PLANT INNOVATION CENTRE (EPIC)

Graham Jellis (chair of AFCP) was invited to speak at the launch of EPIC at the University of Essex, one of our partner universities, in September.

The Centre brings together the research skills, expertise and technologies across the university's science faculty, the Institute for Analytics and Data Science (IADS) and the Essex Business School to address the challenges facing farmers, technologists and all those in the agricultural and horticultural sectors.

The launch was attended by over 40 companies with an interest in agriculture and horticulture and provided a real opportunity for them to discuss collaboration with the university.

See <https://www.essex.ac.uk/centres-and-institutes/essex-plant-innovation>

CHARITY FUNDED POST-GRADUATES NOW EMPLOYED BY PLANT BREEDING COMPANIES

It is always gratifying to learn that funds provided for post-graduate training have resulted in students moving into the industry. Recently, two researchers who studied at the University of Hertfordshire have been employed by plant

breeding companies. Dr Coretta Kloeppel, who was part-funded by the Felix Thornley Cobbold Trust, has joined Elsoms as a vegetable breeder and Dr Georgia Mitroussia, who was part-funded by the Perry Foundation with some extra support from the NFU Mutual, has joined Limagrain as their UK Oilseeds breeder.



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