

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



## Summer 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the third 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### **3rd October 2018 AFCP Regional Meeting at Bath and West Showground**

A South-West Regional Meeting is being kindly hosted by the Bath and West of England Society at its **Rural Innovation Centre**. The main item will be new calf health research being funded by a collaboration of AFCP charities alongside the AHDB. The Sutton Bonnington PhD aims to deliver a 'best practice programme' to minimise mortality in dairy and dairy-cross cows and explore whether non-antibiotic approaches could be a substitute for antimicrobial treatments.

This meeting also presents a wider opportunity for charities and organisations to come together to discuss common objectives in supporting science, education and skills development.

Please contact [graham.jellis@gmail.com](mailto:graham.jellis@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. The organisations already involved include:

- Royal Bath and West of England Society
- Seale -Hayne Educational Trust
- Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust
- Perry Foundation
- Pocock Memorial Trust
- Bicton Agricultural College
- AHDB
- Nottingham University

### **Tuesday 6th November 2018: AFCP AGM and BOARD meeting**

These meetings will be held at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL, starting at 11am with AGM and CEO Report before lunch and Board meeting following lunch. Please find the programme for the day and supporting papers on the website. If you would like to attend please contact [elizabeth@iagre.org](mailto:elizabeth@iagre.org)

## **HARPER ADAMS MIDLANDS MEETING**

Many thanks to Peter Mills and the team at Harper Adams University for kindly hosting the AFCP's first regional Midlands meeting.

We are most grateful too for the contributions of the following organisations in discussing common research, educational and charitable goals and objectives:

- Douglas Bomford Trust
- PGRO
- Innovation for Farmers (I4F) and RASE
- British Grassland Society

- Worshipful Company of Farmers
- AHDB
- Harper Adams University

## **READING UNIVERSITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT FOR NEW PRECISION CENTRE AND RARE BOOKS**

### **PRECISION ANSWERS**

The School of Agriculture and Policy Development at the University of Reading is intending to establish a world-leading centre of innovation and expertise - Centre for Adoption of Precision Agriculture Technology (CAPAT)

It aims to meet the challenges of sustainable intensification and is seeking co-funding from relevant agrifood charities to support both the Centre and a Chair for Precision Farming.

The Centre aims to address the barriers to farmers in adopting more precise technologies in both developed and developing countries. Reading's multi-disciplinary strengths and international expertise in both social and natural sciences as well as research on appropriate precise technologies for crop and livestock systems will be crucial in this endeavour.

The University is already at the forefront of research and teaching in promoting holistic approaches to sustainable intensification of crop and livestock food systems. Its research shows that innovation, such as single droplets 'fired' onto weed leaves, offers the potential to reduce herbicide inputs by over 90% without yield penalty.

If you are interested in finding out more about CAPAT please contact Professor Alistair Murdoch [a.j.murdoch@reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.murdoch@reading.ac.uk).

## SAVE THE RUSSELL BOOKS

The Lawes Trust are selling its Russell collection – a unique collection of 3,000 manuscripts and books. Reading University are keen to purchase three of these important agricultural books for its MERL library and keep the heritage in the UK.

The Lawes Agricultural Trust's Russell Collection was assembled between the two wars in the 1920s and 1930s by Sir John Russell and contains rare books relating to farming, livestock, landscape gardening and wine. There are concerns that the collection could be dispersed amongst private collectors and lost to the UK agricultural industry.

£15,000 is needed to support the purchase of these books. Please contact Laura Davis: [I.d.davis@reading.ac.uk](mailto:I.d.davis@reading.ac.uk) if your charity would like to be involved.



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CHARITABLE FUNDING?**

You're a researcher, a student, maybe planning to do a PhD or CPD to further your career. You have project in mind. In involves...

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**ARE YOU A CHARITY SEEKING  
CHARITY PARTNERS?**

You're a charity administrator, Trustee or Board Member and keen to make best use of your available research or grant monies, but...

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**ARE YOU A CHARITY SEEKING R&D  
OR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS?**

You're a charity administrator, Trustee or Board Member, and keen to make best use of next year's available research or grant...

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**ARE YOU AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING  
CHARITABLE HELP OR SUPPORT?**

The UK farming and food community can sometimes face extreme financial hardship. Fortunately there are charitable institutions...

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