

News

Crops researcher vacancy at ORC:

We are looking for a Crops Researcher with plant/ ecological genetics expertise to be based at our Wakelyns Agroforestry site in Suffolk. **Closing date for applications 11 June 2013.** [More....](#)

Staff changes at ORC:

In the last few months we have seen significant staff changes at ORC, with [Dr. Thomas Doering](#) (Crops Team Leader) moving to Berlin, [Helen Pearce](#) (Crops researcher at Wakelyns Agroforestry) deciding not to return from maternity leave, [Louisa Winkler](#) (Crops research assistant at Wakelyns Agroforestry) leaving to pursue PhD studies in the United States, [Liz Adams](#) (Research Communication Officer) leaving to work with Organic Lea in London and [Roger Hitchings](#) retiring after 15 years engagement with ORC, heading the Organic Advisory Service and most recently the Information Services Team.

We are pleased to announce that Thomas will be replaced by [Dr Robbie Girling](#), recently at Southampton University, and that Liz and Roger have been succeeded by [Phil Sumption](#) (previously at Garden Organic). Both Robbie and Phil are based at Elm Farm. Other recent appointments include [Tom Hughes](#) (Crops research technician at Wakelyns Agroforestry) and [Sally Westaway](#) (Agroforestry researcher at Elm Farm).

New Trustees join our Council of Management:

We are pleased to welcome two new [trustees](#) – David Wolfe, bringing legal expertise to the Council, and Vikas Agrawal, who takes on the role of Treasurer.

The Prince of Wales's Food and Farming Summer School, 17-19 July 2013:

We are honoured that His Royal Highness has invited ORC to run this key event this year – the programme for the event has now been published and we are open for registrations. **Closing date for registrations 21 June 2013.** [More...](#)

ORC Wakelyns Agroforestry Open Day, 26 June 2013:

The programme for our annual event has been published – with a focus on 'Agroecology – Science and Practice for Sustainable Farming' and registration for the event is now open. [More...](#)

New project starts at ORC - Coordinating organic plant breeding activities for diversity (COBRA):

ORC is leading a European-wide project to support the development of plant breeding focused on the needs of organic producers. [More...](#)

Organic Centre Wales focus for new activities:

ORC-led project to provide policy advice and other services to the Welsh Government starts with consultations on future policy options. Further information will follow shortly on [ORC](#) and [Organic Centre Wales](#) websites.

CSA survival guide published:

A report on how to keep CSA's flourishing has been written by ORC's Roger Hitchings and published by Organic Centre Wales. [More...](#)

Copper-free farming in Europe:

First CO-FREE project newsletter published [More...](#)

Hedgerow survey volunteers needed:

Enthusiasm, boots and natural history knowledge required! [More...](#)

Third SOLID newsletter published:

News on the latest organic and low-input dairy research [More...](#)

Fund to plant trees launched:

New scheme targets organic farms [More...](#)

Seminars with Iain Tolhurst:

1-day practical sessions on organic farming [More...](#)

UK consumer reactions to organic certification logos:

Are they willing to pay more? [More...](#)

Upcoming events

27 May 2013: [STOAS Course 1 Part 2](#)

Informing managers/leaders on sustainable practices and tools

3 June 2013: [STOAS Course 2 Part 2](#)

Sustainability training for organic advisers and inspectors

2 July 2013: [National Organic Cereals 2013](#)

Largest 1-day event dedicated to organic farming

2 July 2013: [IFOAM EU's 7th European Organic Congress](#)

Programme published and open for registrations

17 July 2013: [The Prince of Wales Food & Farming Summer School](#)

Debating solutions to the challenges facing farming

22 January 2014: [ORC 2014 Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Save the date!

More about us

Participatory research network – join in!

We are developing a network of producers and other businesses to get producer/business-led, participatory research projects off the ground. You can join the network and receive the Handbook and Bulletin as part of the package. [More...](#)

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2011/12 Organic Farm Management Handbook

There are still a few copies left of the current edition of the Handbook, stuffed with fact and figures on organic farming. Buy one now! [More...](#)

Other publications available

A wide range of our research and other publications can be accessed via our website, and some printed versions are available to order. [More...](#)

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