



## E-Bulletin No. 20, September 2013

### IOTA 2013 conference: Enhancing the environmental delivery of organic farming, Monday 30th September 2013, Loddington Leicestershire

#### Booking deadline extended to Monday 23rd September 2013

The IOTA conference will be an opportunity for advisers and trainers to get up to date on future organic farming policy and support and discuss how organic farming can better meet environmental objectives. It will include the latest policy and organic support, experiences of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) Loddington which has been instrumental in developing many of the OELS/ELS Options, ideas on managing community projects and an update on research on the environmental impact of organic farming. [More...](#)

### News

#### Hands-on-Hedges - Practice meets Policy:

Promoting hedges in landscape. Sally Westaway attended an international field symposium on hedgerows in the Netherlands [More...](#)

#### UN says 'Act before it is too late'

Take 'mosaic' approach to agriculture, boost support for small farmers, UNCTAD Report urges. [More](#)

#### Breeding blight resistant potato varieties

Dutch perspectives on breeding blight-resistant potatoes, from the Bioimpuls programme, including new Potato Breeding Manual [More...](#)

#### Questionnaire for seed companies:

Survey aims to get feedback from seed companies about their experiences of the organic market. [More...](#)

#### Final report on Protected Cropping:

EC Expert Group for Technical Advice in Organic Production (EGTOP) publishes its recommendations for organic protected cropping [More...](#)

#### Sustainable Horticulture Masters:

ORC are a partner in Schumacher College's postgraduate programme in Sustainable Horticulture and Food Production. They have announced a Martin Wolfe scholarship in Agroforestry [More...](#)

#### WecoDyn in action:

Paul at Wakelyns has been experimenting more with the Weco Dyn on some of the stubble fallow land. Some photos [here](#)

### **Using legume-based mixtures:**

Final project report for the Using legume-based mixtures to enhance the nitrogen use efficiency and economic viability of cropping systems (LegLINK) project is now online [More...](#)

## **Upcoming events**

### **30 September 2013:** [IOTA 2013 annual conference](#)

Enhancing the environmental delivery of organic farming

### **9 October 2013:** [Soil Association conference: Good food for all](#)

Day one: Partnership for change in schools, cities and communities

### **10 October 2013:** [Soil Association conference: Giving it welly](#)

Day two: Grassroots innovation for sustainable agriculture

### **6 November 2013:** [Making Europe more organic](#)

Celebrate 10 years of IFOAM EU in Brussels

### **18 December 2013:** [Rethinking Agricultural Systems in the UK](#)

Two day conference in Oxford

### **22-23 January 2014:** [ORC 2014 Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Save the date! Look out for programme and booking details in October.

### **13 October 2014:** [IFOAM World Congress 2014](#)

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