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Less than a month until the early bird deadline of 20th December for ORC's conference!



With the recent launches of Defra's CAP consultation and Sustainable Intensification Research Platform, as well as the government's Agri-Tech Strategy, is there any place left for organic farming and similar agro-ecological approaches to sustainable food production?

Are the concept of sustainable intensification and the new strategies broad enough to not only focus on techno-fixes or can we find better ecological and knowledge-based solutions to meeting sustainability challenges? [Full programme, booking form and online booking now available](#)

Can you support our policy work financially? Now is a really critical time when we need your help!

With work on implementation of the new CAP and RDP policies including organic farming schemes in full swing, ORC has been 'in the thick of it', working with several organisations to get sensible policy support for organic producers in place in England, Wales and across Europe. The Welsh Government's consultation on organic support, developed with ORC leading the external advisory input, has been published (see below). We've worked with Natural England on the costings of the English organic options. We're also working with the IFOAM EU Group and the European Commission to make sense of the regulations on dual funding of organic farming under Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 to minimise the potential adverse impacts on organic producers. While some of this work is funded by government departments and agencies, most isn't. In 2013 we spent more than £25,000 on this work. Lord Newborough of Rhug Estate and John Pawsey have led the responses to our appeal – can you help too?



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News

SOLIBAM 3rd newsletter:

SOLIBAM news - Strategies for Organic and Low-input Integrated Breeding and Management

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Welsh government consultation on organic farming support:

Organic support 2014- 2020 [More...](#)

UNEP report on global action to close emissions gap:

Agroforestry should be scaled-up says report [More...](#)

Sustainable Organic and Low Input Dairying:

SOLID News no. 4 now available. Includes article on 'Monitoring productivity of a UK dairy system to increase soil carbon, based on diverse swards and incorporating mob grazing' [More...](#)

Integrating Science & Policy to Promote Agroforestry in Practice:

2nd European Agroforestry Conference, June 2014, announced [More...](#)

Call for organic research proposals:

Pre-announcement of the CORE Organic Plus call [More...](#)

Dormice at Elm Farm:

Dormice confirmed in hedgerows of Elm Farm [More...](#)

Research funds and field labs:

Research and field lab proposals invited [More...](#)

International Symposium on Organic Greenhouse Horticulture:

Report from Avignon [More...](#)

CAP reform consultation workshops:

Implementation of CAP Reform in England: [More...](#)

Preliminary results from Wakelyns harvest:

Selecting for straw and grain yield [More...](#)

Defra CAP consultation:

Consultation period opens in England [More...](#)

Organic production in Wales - the future:

Farming Connect and Organic Centre Wales open meetings [More...](#)

The A Team Foundation challenge:

Funding for food and farming projects [More...](#)

Game-changing research priorities:

Presentations to Soil Association conference [More...](#)

Organic data network:

4th workshop of EU project [More...](#)

Questionnaire for seed companies:

Organic market experiences wanted. Survey open until 22nd November. [More](#)

Hellos and goodbyes at Elm Farm staff lunch:

Photos from our October Staff lunch [here](#)

Drilling the cereal plots at Wakelyns

See photos from the trials at Wakelyns Agroforestry [here](#)

Upcoming events

6 December 2013: [True cost accounting in food & farming](#)

Sustainable Food Trust conference, London

16 December 2013: [Training for Trainers workshop](#)

Two day IOTA workshop, at ORC

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

Two day conference in Oxford

6-7 January 2014: [Oxford Real Farming Conference](#)

Tickets now available

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

Intensive Sustainability or Sustainable Intensification - which way forward for organic farming?

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

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