

NEWS

ORC's 2012 conference ends on a high note:

Miguel Altieri sets out the challenge for organic food and farming systems to fully integrate agro-ecological principles. [More....](#)

Miguel Altieri addresses London audiences as well as ORC conference:

Prof. Miguel Altieri of Berkeley University, California, will address several UK audiences in a tour of the UK from 17-19th January 2012. [More...](#)

Jim Paice message of support for organic producers:

The 6th ORC Organic Producers' Conference at Aston University, Birmingham, opened on 18th January with a strong message of support from Defra's farming Minister Jim Paice. [More...](#)

Reducing organic top fruit copper use – new ORC project:

In January 2012, a new EU-funded project "Innovative strategies for copper-free low input and organic farming systems" (Co-Free) started at ORC. [More...](#)

Agroforestry workshop explores integrating top fruit and arable:

Cider growers and arable farmers met at an ORC workshop on 14th December 2012 to discuss benefits of mixing trees and crops. [More...](#)

Free farm visits for (O)ELS participants:

In autumn 2011, Natural England launched a new service of one-to-one farm visits to help farmers in Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) get the most out of their agreements. [More...](#)

Plant virus control review paper published:

ORC's Thomas Döring reviews the potential and limitations of epidemiological approaches for virus control. [More...](#)

ORC submits evidence on CAP Greening to EFRA Select Committee:

The evidence which ORC submitted in November is now available on the EFRA Select Committee website. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th to 18th February 2012 – Biofach World Organic Trade Fair and Congress, Nuremberg, Germany:

ORC staff Susanne Padel and Nic Lampkin will be speaking in sessions on the World Organic Market, organic research (TP Organics), the [GOMA Conference](#) and CAP Reform. [More...](#)

23rd February 2012 – IOTA Legume LINK event, Abbey Home Farm, Cirencester:

A workshop on legume management for advisers, researchers, growers and farmers organised by IOTA. [More...](#)

2nd March 2012 – Soil Association annual conference, London:

A celebration of innovation in food and farming today. [More...](#)

17th April 2012 – IFOAM EU Congress – Smart change:

IFOAM EU Group's 6th European Organic to debate policy change needed for CAP. [More...](#)

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