



## **January 2020 Newsletter**

Welcome to the eighth AFCP newsletter, including changes in the AFCP Board, details of the forthcoming AFCP Oilseed Rape Forum, a welcome to a new member charity, a report on the National Forum in November, and news from Hartpury College and FACE-Education.

AFCP exists to inspire closer collaboration between charities and organisations in order to drive greater impacts from the charitable donations being made in food and farming.

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

At the AGM in November, three new Board Members were appointed: Gordon Bennett, Alex Payne and Jim Stevens. Between them they have considerable experience of levy boards, Landex colleges and agricultural charity funding, and we look forward to working with them to help AFCP further develop its activities in the new decade.

After many years' service, three of our Board Members, Stuart Burgess, Chris Moody and Phil le Grice are standing down. AFCP is very grateful to them for their input to Board Meetings, the development of AFCP and for their links to our membership and others in the industry.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are delighted to welcome a new member charity to AFCP :

**Lugden Hill Charity.**

This is a relatively small charity established in 2018 for the advancement of science and research in agriculture and horticulture, education and training in those fields, and for the support of community and environmental projects. Preference is for students born or living in Norfolk, and for community and environmental projects in West Norfolk in particular.

## **FORTHCOMING AFCP FORUM**

### **Oilseed rape - Managing diseases and pests**

University of Hertfordshire, College Lane Campus

Thursday 16 April 2020

There has been considerable support from charities for research on diseases of oilseed rape, particularly stem canker and light leaf spot, and recently five charities have joined together with AHDB to fund a studentship on control of cabbage stem flea beetle.

This Forum, organised with the University of Hertfordshire, provides an opportunity for those interested in this area of research to hear about the outcomes to date and where things are likely to go in the future.

Speakers and poster-presenters from across the industry will be presenting work funded by charities and others, to try and provide a comprehensive account of recent findings.

Further details will be available shortly on the AFCP website and will also be emailed to everybody on the newsletter mailing list -if you want to be sure that you receive them, please contact the Company Secretary (details at the end of this Newsletter).

**AFCP ANNUAL FORUM, NOVEMBER 2019**

## **Education – the essential farming and food chain input**

This meeting, held in association with one of our members, the East of England Agricultural Society, included a range of interesting talks on all aspects of education relating to agri-food, from events for primary school children to post-graduate training.

Many attendees commented on how useful it was to be able to network with others working in very different areas of education. All the presentations are available on the AFCP website at <https://www.afcp.org.uk/forum2019>.

## **NEW AGRI-TECH EDUCATION CENTRE AT HARTPURY**

The new Agri-Tech Education Centre at Hartpury College and University will be officially opened next month. The state-of-the-art facility will provide Hartpury students and the wider farming community with access to the very latest smart farming techniques and equipment. More information can be found at

<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/news/2019/06/anticipation-builds-as-2-million-hartpury-agri-tech-project-takes-shape/>

<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/news/2019/08/hartpury-announces-plans-to-develop-national-digital-innovation-farm/>

## **FROM LEAF-EDUCATION: FARMER TIME**

**Farmer Time** is all about harnessing the power of digital communications to inspire, engage and educate young people about not only the journey from farm to fork but also the ever-changing, diverse agricultural industry.

Children regularly chat live to their matched farmer from their classrooms through FaceTime or Skype, discuss ideas, ask questions, share knowledge and gain a 'real-time' understanding of the issues farmers face every day.

Currently, LEAF Education has made almost 500 pairings between schools and farmers but we need more farmers as increasing numbers of schools sign up. if you are a farmer, could you be involved in Farmer Time, or could you

encourage fellow trustees/or friends who farm to get involved? To find out more visit <https://leafuk.org/farmertime/home> or contact [julie.neale@leafuk.org](mailto:julie.neale@leafuk.org)



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