



## **Spring 2019 Newsletter**

Welcome to the fifth AFCP newsletter, which aims to inspire support for closer collaboration between charities and organisations in order to drive greater impacts from the charitable donations being made in food and farming.

### **MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

Debbie Beaton, currently the Chief Executive of AFCP, will be standing down at the end of April because of increasing work commitments in other areas. We are very grateful to her for the ideas which she has developed and the contacts she has made which will stand us in good stead for the future.

To name but a few things, Debbie has developed our website, provided a new and more eye-catching logo, developed and promoted the 'regional forum' concept and established valuable links with HighGround. She organised and ran a very successful National Forum at Hatfield University in 2017. Fortunately for AFCP, she has agreed to become a Board Member.

The Rev. Gordon Gatward has sadly had to resign from the Board due to health problems. We will miss his sound guidance in a number of areas and wish him well for the future. We currently wish to appoint one or two new Board Members to actively participate in the work of AFCP. Proposals or suggestions to the Chair or Company Secretary please.

Going forward, AFCP will develop a new management structure which includes more involvement of member charities and partners. We have had

help in the past, for example with Regional Events and the Student Forums, and are currently working with the East of England Agricultural Society in the planning of this year's National Forum. This is proving to be a successful model which we intend to build on in the future.

## **STUDENT FORUM 11 APRIL AT UNIVERSITY OF READING**

Plans are now complete for this year's student forum and we have had a good response from students funded or part-funded by charities. Fourteen students will be giving oral presentations linked to posters and a further sixteen students, in the earlier stages of their research, will just be presenting posters.

Prof. Julian Park from Reading University, which is kindly hosting the event, will introduce the day and Lord Curry of Kirkharle (who is AFCP Patron) will give a talk entitled 'Career prospects in a post-Brexit World'.

At the end of the afternoon session there will be an opportunity to join a tour of the School of Agriculture.

We are very grateful to Dr Ken Pallett of the Perry Foundation for organising this event on behalf of AFCP.

## **NATIONAL FORUM, 5 NOVEMBER AT THE EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, PETERBOROUGH**

AFCP and the East of England Agricultural Society are jointly organising this event with the theme of 'Charities and Education in Agriculture and the Countryside'.

The Forum will be chaired by Rt Revd Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, who is Lead Bishop for education in House of Lords and President Marshal Papworth Trust, and will include speakers on a range of topics relating to the theme.

More details later but save the date!

## **EASTERN REGION EVENT 'SOILS'**

The Eastern Region has met regularly over the past few years to share news and views. This event was somewhat different and focused on the fact that five of the region's charities are jointly funding a project at NIAB and Cambridge University entitled **Soil and Cover crop Associations Developing Rhizobiological Efficiency** (CADRE).

Along with presentations on the general theme of 'soils' from AHDB, NIAB, Morley and four students funded by Eastern Charities (Douglas Bomford Trust, The Morley Agricultural Trust and The Felix Cobbold Thornley Agricultural Trust), the student (George Crane) gave a report on his progress in the first year. A number of these presentations will be available on the AFCP website shortly.

## **NEW AHDB / AFCP JOINTLY FUNDED STUDENTSHIP**

Five AFCP member charities have agreed to jointly part-fund a further studentship, in partnership with AHDB.

The project is entitled 'Potential of biopesticides and optimising use of conventional insecticides for control of cabbage stem flea beetle (*Psylliodes chrysocephala*)' and the work will be done at Harper Adams University supervised by Dr Tom Pope.

This is the third such project AFCP charities have jointly funded with AHDB. The soils project, mentioned earlier, has now been running for just over a year, and a calf health project at Nottingham University has been running since last autumn.

A further opportunity to hear an update of the calf health project will be provided at a **Regional Meeting in the South West** this Autumn. More details later.



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