



6th Organic Producers' Conference 18 and 19th January 2012

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Now a well-established part of the UK organic conference calendar, ORC's 6th Organic Producer Conference continues the tradition of bringing innovative organic producers and other businesses together with consultants and researchers to explore the latest ideas for improving the technical, business and environmental performance of organic systems.

With a clear commitment to core organic principles as a basis for developing sustainable food systems, we believe that organic/agro-ecological approaches to food production represent a scientifically credible and justifiable alternative to more industrialised and resource-dependent forms of agriculture. These approaches have relevance not only to certified organic businesses, but also to non-organic producers looking to improve their husbandry and performance.

We are very pleased to confirm that Professor Miguel Altieri, the leading exponent of agro-ecological approaches to farming in the US and Latin America, will present the keynote speech in the closing session. At this stage, work is continuing on finalising other speakers for the event – suggestions for speakers or additional topics to cover are still very welcome. We aim to publish the detailed programme in early November 2011.

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2012 Organic Producers' Conference: Outline Programme

NB content and times of sessions subject to change

Wednesday 18th January					
09.30-11.00	IOTA Organic Advisers' Meeting				
10.30-11.30	Registration				
11.30-13.00	Opening plenary: The impact of the CAP reform proposals on UK organic producers				
14.00-15.30 Workshop session 1	<i>Arable</i> Agroforestry/ arable systems globally (Led by ORC)	<i>Hort</i> Untapped horticultural markets (Led by OGA, ORC)	<i>Dairy</i> Grass seed and variety availability issues (Led by TBC)	<i>Meat</i> Changing organic feed regulations – principles or pragmatism? (Led by ORC)	<i>Other</i> Supply chain sustainability (Led by OCW)
16.00-17.30 Workshop session 2	<i>Arable</i> Biosolids and biosolid products: the way forward (Led by SAC)	<i>Hort</i> Community vegetable production (Led by OGA, SA)	<i>Dairy</i> Improving dairy cow health and welfare (Led by ORC)	<i>Meat</i> Sheep health: scab and other issues (Led by Soil Association)	<i>Other</i> Corporate organics and organic/ethical principles: the debate (Led by ORC)
17.30-19.00	Fringe meetings with producer groups and others – to include Participative Research and Development Network and Access to Land meetings				
19:30-24:00	Conference dinner/dance: Featuring Steam Chicken (www.steamchicken.co.uk)				
Thursday 19th January					
09.00-10.30 Workshop session 3	<i>Arable</i> Optimising N inputs and timing for cereals (Led by ORC, Organic Arable)	<i>Hortic</i> Functional biodiversity for growers (Led by OGA, ORC)	<i>Dairy</i> SOLID project: dairy research needs (Led by IBERS, ORC)	<i>Meat</i> Carbon emissions from extensive organic livestock systems (Led by IOTA)	<i>Other</i> Communicating organic: are ads, apps & raps the way forward? (Led by OCW, OTB)
11.00-12.30 Workshop session 4	<i>Arable/Hort</i> Non-inversion tillage for arable and fieldscale vegetable crops (Led by IOTA, Organic Arable, OGA)		<i>Dairy/Meat</i> Trends in organic livestock financial performance (Led by ORC)		<i>Other</i> Legumes: multi-species and multifunctional (Led by SAC, ORC)
14.00-15.30	Closing plenary: Prof. Miguel Altieri (USA): Making agro-ecology work in practice				
16.00-17.00	Post conference specialist meetings		Update for advisors on policy and regulation developments (Led by IOTA)		

Conference costs and booking form

Options	Reduced rate for PRODUCERS*, IOTA members and STUDENTS				Full rate for all other participants				
	Early Bird Rate** Book by 21 st December	Number	Standard Rate From 22 nd December	Number	Early Bird Rate** Book by 21 st December	Number	Standard Rate From 22 nd December	Number	Total cost
Full participant (single) Conference admittance for both days with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (single occupancy)	£216.00 (£180.00 plus VAT)		£270.00 (£225.00 plus VAT)		£270.00 (£225.00 plus VAT)		£306.00 (£255.00 plus VAT)		
Full participant (sharing) (per person) Conference admittance for both days with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (double occupancy)	£186.00 (£155.00 plus VAT)		£234.00 (£195.00 plus VAT)		£234.00 (£195.00 plus VAT)		£270.00 (£225.00 plus VAT)		
Non-participating guests Can be accommodated at a supplement to the single participant fee (includes breakfast but not other meals)	£36.00 (£30.00 plus VAT)		£36.00 (£30.00 plus VAT)		£36.00 (£30.00 plus VAT)		£36.00 (£30.00 plus VAT)		
Day participant Wednesday 18th January 2012 (including lunch)	£60.00 (£50.00 plus VAT)		£72.00 (£60.00 plus VAT)		£72.00 (£60.00 plus VAT)		£84.00 (£70.00 plus VAT)		
Day participant Thursday 19th January 2012 (including lunch)	£60.00 (£50.00 plus VAT)		£72.00 (£60.00 plus VAT)		£72.00 (£60.00 plus VAT)		£84.00 (£70.00 plus VAT)		
Conference dinner Additional option for day participants and non-participating guests	£36.00 (£30.00 plus VAT)		£42.00 (£35.00 plus VAT)		£42.00 (£35.00 plus VAT)		£48.00 (£40.00 plus VAT)		
							TOTAL COST £		

* For Producer Rate a **Holding Number** must be provided.

** For **Early Bird discount**, booking forms **AND** payment must arrive by 5 pm on **21st December 2011**.

CAR PARKING is available on campus at a cost of £3.50 per day. Please book direct with Conference Aston using the form that will be provided when you register

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

Please complete a separate form for **EACH** participant attending:

Title:	First Name:	Last Name:					
Organisation:							
Details for Name Badge:							
Address:							
						Postcode:	
Email:							
Telephone:							
Producer Holding Number (required to qualify for reduced producer rate):							
IOTA Member (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>				Student (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Areas of interest (please tick):							
Grower	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pigs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adviser/consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state) <input type="checkbox"/>							

Special dietary requirements Vegetarian Vegan Other

Any other special requirements (i.e. wheelchair access, etc) (please give details):

Accommodation: Please state here if you have any special requirements for accommodation, i.e. wheelchair ramp, ground floor, etc.

Payment details:

I enclose a cheque for £	made payable to Progressive Farming Trust Ltd
or debit my Mastercard/Visa/Maestro:	
Name of Cardholder:	
Card No:	Expiry Date:
Start Date of Card (Maestro only):	Issue No (Maestro only):
Security No (last 3 digits on signature strip on back of card):	
OR to pay by BANK TRANSFER: <input type="checkbox"/> please tick Bank: Triodos A/c No: 20227140 Sort Code: 16-58-10	

If you would like to submit this form by e-mail, but prefer not to e-mail your credit card details, please e-mail the form and then telephone 01488 658279

CANCELLATION policy:

Please note that refund of payments due to cancellation by you will only be possible until 5 pm on **Wednesday 21st December 2011**, and will incur an administration charge of 20%. Unfortunately no monies can be refunded for cancellations after this date. We regret that there will be no refunds if delegates are unable to get to the conference because of bad weather.

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