New job vacancy at ORC – closing date 9am, Tuesday 27\textsuperscript{th} August 2013

A reminder that we are looking for a senior/ principal livestock researcher to lead our SOLID dairy research project input and help develop our livestock research programme. Please pass this on to anyone you feel might be interested. \textcolor{blue}{More...}

Help us plan the 2014 Organic Producer Conference! (22-23 January 2014, Aston University, Birmingham)

You can find the draft outline programme \textcolor{blue}{here} – very much work in progress!

Your suggestions on priority or additional topics and potential speakers would be welcome.

Please reply to this message \textcolor{blue}{by Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September}, if possible answering the following questions:

a) Do you like the ‘Intensive sustainability’ (as an alternative to ‘Sustainable Intensification’) idea for the conference, with opening plenary focusing on the challenges and round table discussions after lunch debating solutions?

b) If not, what would you prefer instead?

c) In the workshops, which themes (arable, horticulture, animal, grassland or other) are of most interest to you?

d) In the themes you are interested in, are the priority workshop topics identified the best ones?

e) Would any of the alternative workshops suggested in the highlighted row at the end of the table be of more interest?

f) Do you have suggestions for other workshop topics we should be thinking about?

g) Do you have suggestions for possible speakers in any of the sessions (or would you like to offer a presentation yourself)? We’re keen to get a mix of producers, advisers, researchers and others involved in each of the sessions.

h) Would you or your organisation be willing to get involved with organising a session?
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Reports, photos and presentations from the day. [More...]

DairyCo project
Improving forage analysis. [More...]

Upcoming events

30 September 2013: [IOTA 2013 annual conference]
Enhancing the environmental delivery of organic farming

9 October 2013: [Soil Association conference: Good food for all]
Day one: Partnership for change in schools, cities and communities

10 October 2013: [Soil Association conference: Giving it welly]
Day two: Grassroots innovation for sustainable agriculture

6 November 2013: [Making Europe more organic]
Celebrate 10 years of IFOAM EU in Brussels

18 December 2013: [Rethinking Agricultural Systems in the UK]
Two day conference in Oxford

22 January 2014: [ORC 2014 Organic Producers' Conference]
Save the date!

13 October 2014: [IFOAM World Congress 2014]
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