Workshop on apple agroforestry systems at Wakelyns:
This event, to be held on 14th December 2011, will explore the potential of integrating top fruit and arable production using agroforestry. More...

First SOLIBAM project newsletter launched:
The first newsletter of the EU-funded research project Strategies for Organic and Low-Input Integrated Breeding and Management (SOLIBAM), has been published. More...

New guide to farmer experiences with homoeopathy:
Homoeopathy at Wellie Level (HAWL) have published a new guide to practical experiences with homoeopathy on farms. More...

Results of Potato Virus Y study published:
One of the most serious diseases of potato is caused by Potato Virus Y (PVY)... More...

New reduced tillage research project starts at ORC:
In September 2011, the Organic Research Centre began work on a new project – “Reduced tillage and green manures for sustainable organic cropping systems”... More...

CAP Reform proposals mean big changes for organic farming support from 2014:
ORC researchers present policy analysis to OCW's Welsh Organic Conference. More...

Portuguese develop new organic action plan:
ORC's Nic Lampkin attended a conference on a future national policy for organic farming in Lisbon on 18th November, marking the start of Portuguese organic week... More...

IFOAM EU conference on resource efficiency and food security:
ORC's Susanne Padel attended the IFOAM EU Group’s conference in Brussels on 9th November 2011... More...

IFOAM EU conference on resource efficiency and food security:
In 2010, ORC produced a review for the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of the European and other OECD experiences with agri-environment schemes as a model for paying producers for ecosystem services and public goods. This has been published as: Lampkin, N. (2011) Relevance of OECD agri-environmental measures for PES. In: Ottaviani, D. & Scialabba, N el-H (eds.) Payments for Ecosystem Services and Food Security. Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome. pp.45-67.

ORC submits evidence on CAP Greening to EFRA Select Committee:
ORC has also submitted evidence to the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) select committee inquiry into the impacts of the proposed Greening element of the direct payments, which will be taking oral evidence in November. Our evidence, and the results of the Inquiry, will be published in due course.

Registration open for ORC conference:
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2011/12 Organic Farm Management Handbook:
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