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ORC is recruiting!
We are looking to appoint an Information Officer as project/content manager for the development of practical information resources related to agroecology, organic and sustainable farming. More...

ORC: Developing more sustainable food and farming systems based on organic and agroecological principles. See our new four-page leaflet explaining What we do, Why we do it and What we’ve achieved

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ORC one-day introductory seminars on organic food production and supply chains. January and February 2015
Now is a good time to take a fresh look at organic farming as a realistic and viable business option. The new, favourable Countryside Stewardship support rates for organic farming in England, together with a recovering market, means that the time is right. The Organic Research Centre has put together a programme of seminars aimed at farmers/farm managers, advisers/land agents, researchers, young people including students/apprentices, and others involved in the food supply chain. These seminars aim to introduce the principles and practices of organic farming, alongside up-to-date market and business information, to enable attendees to evaluate the options. More

All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology: Organic food and farming – current state, potential benefits and policy opportunities
The aim of this event on 27th January, to be held in Westminster, is to provide Members of Parliament and other policy makers with an update on the current state of organic food and farming in the UK. More

News

Organic Data Network reports:
Results from the project summarised. More...

Cultivating Innovation:
Call for abstracts on Intellectual Property in agriculture More...

Govt must protect our right to grow and eat GM free:
EU vote opens the door to more GM crop approvals More...

ORC one of ‘101 Global Food Organizations to Watch in 2015’:
Food Tank recognises work of ORC More...

Organic Producer’s Conference proceedings live!
The Organic Producer Conference was a great success with some very positive feedback from delegates. See videos, photos, presentations and reports from the conference here
Upcoming events

27 January 2015: All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology
Organic food and farming – current state, potential benefits and policy opportunities

28 January 2015: Introduction to organic farming
One day seminar on organic farming and food supply chains - principles and practice

29 January 2015: The business of organic food production
An introductory seminar at Elm Farm

3 February 2015: Farming profitably in a changing climate
Improve your farm business and reduce your carbon emissions

4 February 2015: Organic arable and horticultural systems
Introduction to Organic Arable and Horticultural Production Systems and Markets

12 February 2015: Organic livestock husbandry and markets
Introductory seminar at Abbey Home Farm

25 February 2015: Organic food supply chains and the environment
One-day seminar at Elm Farm

26 February 2015: Farm sustainability assessment
One-day seminar at Duchy Home Farm

24 March 2015: Bringing livestock onto an arable farm
Field lab at Shimpling Park Farm

14 April 2015: Cultivating Innovation
How (and how not) to think about Intellectual Property in agriculture and plant science

For more Field Lab events and Soil Association farm walks click here

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Farmers’ Organic Research Club – join in!
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