



# 7<sup>th</sup> Organic Producers' Conference

## 22-23 January 2013

**Lakeside Centre  
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## Making producer-led innovation a reality

ORC's annual Organic Producers' Conference is the event where organic and other producers interested in ecological approaches to sustainable food production come together with researchers and advisers to share ideas on making agriculture perform better, for businesses and society.

This year, with innovation the buzz word, we challenge the idea that technological innovation is only about patentable products such as GM crops and high tech inputs. Innovation is also about how we work with ecological knowledge to design self-reliant production systems, less dependent on external inputs and more resilient to shocks when the availability of those inputs is restricted.

We challenge the notion that valid research is only carried out in academic ivory towers and large corporations. We see huge potential in supporting producers to explore their own creative ideas, through a participatory approach to innovation, where researchers and advisers facilitate rather than dominate the process.

This conference provides the opportunity to hear about and debate new ideas that are already being investigated, as well as to get together with like-minded people to develop new ideas for projects to help you move forward.

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# 2013 Organic Producers' Conference: Outline Programme

Content and times of sessions are subject to change

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013

09.00-10.30	Pre-conference meetings				
10.00-11.30	Registration and refreshments				
11.30-13.00	Opening plenary				
	Delivering the goods – for the consumer and for society				
	<i>Arable</i>	<i>Horticulture</i>	<i>Grassland</i>	<i>Livestock</i>	<i>Other</i>
14.00-15.30 Workshop session 1	New approaches to arable crop cultivation and cover crops (TILMAN)	Plant breeding and seeds for organic growers (OGA)	Greenhouse gas emissions from grassland systems (SAC)	Current animal health issues: management, veterinary advice, tools (ORC)	CAP reform – the latest developments, EU and UK perspectives (ORC)
16.00-17.30 Workshop session 2	GMOs: recent developments and organic breeding alternatives (ORC)	Innovations in grower tools and cultivation approaches (OGA)	Soil management for grassland producers (IBERS)	High organic concentrate feed costs - causes and solutions (ORC)	OELS (England) - current experiences and new 2013 options (ORC)
17.30-18.30 Small group meetings	Participatory arable research opportunities	Participatory horticultural research opportunities	Participatory dairy research opportunities	Participatory beef/sheep research opportunities	Participatory pig/poultry research opportunities
19:30-24:00	Conference dinner and bar				

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

09.00-10.30 Workshop session 3	Weed control in arable crops  (Organic Arable)	Coping with extreme weather variability  (OGA)	Enhancing biodiversity on dairy farms (ORC, Woodland Trust)	Decertification - the only option? Facing the financial challenges (SA)	Anaerobic digestion: issues, farm-scale options and digestate (ORC)
11.00-12.30 Workshop session 4	Pesticide contamination in storage and transport  (Organic Arable)	CSAs & other community-based opportunities for professional growers (OGA, OCW)	Pasture-fed livestock – practices, standards and marketing (PFLA)	EU Regulation changes: implications for poultry producers (ORC)	Sustainability - nutrients, carbon, public goods, bio-diversity - tools for the job (IOTA)
14.00-15.30 Closing plenary	Feeding the world: the real contribution of organic/agro-ecological approaches				

## 2013 Conference costs – to book, please complete and return this form and the form overleaf

Options		Reduced rate for producers*, IOTA members, ORC Friends** & students			Full rate for all other participants				Total cost
		Early Bird Rate # Book by 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Number	Standard Rate From 22nd December	Number	Early Bird Rate # Book by 21st December	Number	Standard Rate From 22nd December	
<b>Full participant (single)</b>	Conference admittance for <b>both days</b> with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (single occupancy)	<b>£216.00</b> (£180.00 plus VAT)		<b>£270.00</b> (£225.00 plus VAT)		<b>£270.00</b> (£225.00 plus VAT)		<b>£306.00</b> (£255.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Full participant (sharing) (per person)</b>	Conference admittance for <b>both days</b> with lunches, conference dinner and B&B (double occupancy)	<b>£186.00</b> (£155.00 plus VAT)		<b>£234.00</b> (£195.00 plus VAT)		<b>£234.00</b> (£195.00 plus VAT)		<b>£270.00</b> (£225.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Non-participating guests</b>	Can be accommodated at a supplement to the single participant fee (includes breakfast but no other meals)	<b>£36.00</b> (£30.00 plus VAT)		<b>£36.00</b> (£30.00 plus VAT)		<b>£36.00</b> (£30.00 plus VAT)		<b>£36.00</b> (£30.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Day participant</b>	<b>Tuesday 22nd January 2013</b> (including lunch)	<b>£60.00</b> (£50.00 plus VAT)		<b>£72.00</b> (£60.00 plus VAT)		<b>£72.00</b> (£60.00 plus VAT)		<b>£84.00</b> (£70.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Day participant</b>	<b>Wednesday 23rd January 2013</b> (including lunch)	<b>£60.00</b> (£50.00 plus VAT)		<b>£72.00</b> (£60.00 plus VAT)		<b>£72.00</b> (£60.00 plus VAT)		<b>£84.00</b> (£70.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Conference dinner</b>	Additional option for day participants and non-participating guests	<b>£36.00</b> (£30.00 plus VAT)		<b>£42.00</b> (£35.00 plus VAT)		<b>£42.00</b> (£35.00 plus VAT)		<b>£48.00</b> (£40.00 plus VAT)	
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Can you make an additional donation to help sponsor a participant, speaker, session or the overall event? Enter amount: If you would like to discuss sponsorship options first, please get in touch.								

\* For Producer Rate a **Holding Number** must be provided on the form overleaf

\*\* ORC Friends are registered, regular donors

# For **Early Bird discount**, booking forms **AND** payment must arrive by **13.00 on Friday 21st December 2012**.

**TOTAL COST £**

**CAR PARKING is available on campus at reduced rate of £3.50/day, £4.50/24 hours. Please book direct with Conference Aston using the form that will be provided when you register**

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form and the form overleaf

## PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

Please complete a separate form for EACH participant attending:

<b>Title:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>		
<b>Organisation:</b>				
<b>Details for Name Badge:</b>				
<b>Address:</b>				
		<b>Postcode:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>				
<b>Telephone:</b>				
<b>Producer Holding Number</b> (required to qualify for reduced producer rate):				
<b>IOTA Member</b> (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Student</b> (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Friend of ORC</b> (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Speaker</b> (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Areas of interest</b> (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"/>				
<b>Trade stands are available</b> –send me details (please tick): <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Special dietary requirements</b> (please tick):		Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	Vegan <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Any other special requirements</b> (e.g. shared or ground floor accommodation, wheel chair access, etc.)				

## Payment options:

- By Cheque: payable to Organic Research Centre, enclosed with this form,
- By Credit card: please use our on-line Paypal/Credit card facility at [www.organicresearchcentre.com](http://www.organicresearchcentre.com) and submit this form by e-mail or fax. This is our preferred option for receiving payments from outside UK.
- BACS transfers are also possible – please submit form by e-mail or fax requesting account details. If making non Sterling (GBP) payments, please consider credit card option.

For Early Bird discounts, booking forms and payment must arrive by **13:00 on 21st December 2012. Registrations are not valid until payment is received.**

## Cancellations:

Refund of payments due to cancellation by you will only be possible if notice of cancellation is received by **13.00 on Friday 21st December 2012**. Such cancellations will incur an administration charge of 20%. 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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