IOTA 2013 Conference

**Enhancing the environmental delivery of organic farming
Monday 30th September 2013, Loddington Leicestershire**

PROGRAMME

A conference open to all advisers and trainers working with organic farming and environment management, wildlife advisers, researchers and staff from agricultural colleges, national agencies and certification bodies.

• CAP reform and the new organic options
• Making profitable use of grant schemes
• Practical ways in which farming can deliver environmental services: wildlife, soil, water and climate
• Advisory tools and methods

The IOTA conference will be an opportunity for advisers to get up to date on future organic farming policy and support and discuss how organic farming can better meet our environmental objectives. It will include the latest policy and organic support, experiences of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) Loddington which has been instrumental in developing many of the OELS/ELS Options, ideas on managing community projects and an update on the research on the environmental impact of organic farming.

10.00 Coffee
10.30 The challenge – Mark Measures
10.45 Research – summary of the evidence for organic farming - Jo Smith (ORC)
11.15 CAP reform, overview - Nic Lampkin (ORC)
11.45 Organic NELMS options, including groups – Steve Bellingham (NE)
12.15 Discussion
12.30 Lunch
1.30 Wildlife and environment management - Farm walk - Alastair Leake (GWCT)
2.30 Practical guidelines on grassland management for the environment - Gethin Davies (RSPB)
3.30 Workshop – chaired by Mark Measures
　　　　o Experiences of using advisory tools: Public Good Tool, Nutrient budgeting.
　　　　o Facilitating community and farmer groups – Joy Greenall; farming, wildlife and landscape and catchment management.
　　　　o Establishing links between advisers and environmental organisations.
4.30 Tea and close