

## Nic Lampkin

On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, Nic Lampkin will be stepping down as Chief Executive Officer of the Organic Research Centre.

Nic has played a critical role in steering the Organic Research Centre through challenging times since he took over from Lawrence Woodward in 2010.

During his term, ORC was successfully re-established as the UK's leading independent research organisation in the field of organic farming and agroecology, with significant increases in project (in particular from EU sources) and unrestricted donation income achieved.

Nic has worked tirelessly for the good of the organisation and of the organic movement, leading the establishment of and chairing the English Organic Forum, securing significant increases in organic payments under the English and Welsh rural development programmes from 2015, and more recently leading the development of an industry-led Organic Action Plan for England under the auspices of the Defra/EOF Organic Roundtable which he has chaired.

Nic's work has been widely recognised externally, including his appointment as Visiting Professor at the University of Reading from 2010-2012 and his appointment as Associate of the Royal Agricultural Societies (ARAgS) in 2016. He also served as a full member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Technical Aspects of Organic Production, from 2011-2017, contributing to the setting of legal standards for organic farming in the EU.

He led the production of a landmark report on the Role of Agroecology in Sustainable Intensification for the Land Use Policy Group of the UK Nature Conservation Agencies, which has been widely recognised for its balanced coverage of the evidence on the impacts of organic farming and other agroecological approaches and their potential contribution to future UK agriculture.

Commenting, Nic said: "I am proud of the way that ORC has grown in reach and reputation during my time at the helm. This is a critical time for the future of ORC, with the implications of Brexit (or not) still so uncertain. I am looking forward to continuing to support the development of the organic sector in the UK and elsewhere in Europe."

Mike Turnbull, Chair of the Trustees' Council of Management, acknowledged: "I take this opportunity to recognise and thank Nic for his dedication and commitment to the ORC during his tenure as Chief Executive. Nic's knowledge, his networks and the well-merited esteem of his peers have played a big part in securing for ORC the valued position it holds in the UK organic world. I am pleased that Nic will continue to support the work of the Organic Research Centre as we seek a sustainable way forward."

Should you wish to do so, Nic can be contacted using the e-mail address [niclampkin@outlook.com](mailto:niclampkin@outlook.com)

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