

2010 ORGANIC PRODUCERS' CONFERENCE

- promoting organic principles,
best practice and policies

The Organic Research Centre's annual producer conference will be taking place once again in January 2010 at Harper Adams and we are developing a full and exciting programme (see over for outline).

This year, the conference has been extended to two full days with more workshops and contributions. This will allow us to explore the full range of issues and challenges which organic producers need to grapple with in developing their systems. As well as workshops organised by ORC, there are also workshops organised by IOTA, OGA and other groups.

We also want to look more closely at how organic farming can contribute to issues of importance to society such as climate change, food security and biodiversity conservation, and how we can improve the communication of these aspects to consumers, citizens, policy makers and other producers.

Call for papers still open

While we have arranged the outline programme, we are still open to suggestions for presentations suitable to the session themes. Proposals for papers with titles and short summaries (200 words) should be sent as soon as possible, but at the very latest by 31st October (postal strikes permitting!), to:

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Email: organicinform@organicresearchcentre.com

We aim to publish the full programme with speaker details by mid November.

Registration

Registration forms are now available on-line at:

www.organicresearchcentre.com and www.organicinform.org
or call 01488 658279/e-mail organicinform@organicresearchcentre.com

Early bird discounts apply to paid up registrations received by 27th November 2009 and further discounts are available for producers (with holding numbers), IOTA members and students.

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7th and 8th January 2010
Harper Adams University
Shropshire, TF10 8NB

Outline ORC 2010 Producer Conference programme (as at 20/10/09)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Parallel Session 1</i>	<i>Parallel Session 2</i>	<i>Parallel Session 3</i>	<i>Parallel Session 4</i>	<i>Parallel Session 5</i>	
Thursday 7th January 2010						
10:00-11:00 Opening Plenary	Sustainable food security					
11:00-12:30 Workshops	Participatory research: involving producers and advisers (with IOTA)	OGA growers meeting and website launch	Animal health and welfare planning (with Aniplan)	Soil fertility and crop nutrition (with COR)	Food quality: which production practices make a difference?	
12:30-14:00	Lunch					
14:00-15:30 Workshops	Making organic farming work financially (with IOTA)	OGA Growers session: Crop protection and breeding	Feeding livestock from the farm, on-farm feed processing	Cereal breeding: new approaches (with COR)	Biodiversity and ecosystem services	
16:00-17:30 Plenary debate	Organic Farming and Climate Change					
17:30-18:30 Meeting space	IOTA producer advisory clinic	Open	Open	Open	Open	
19:30-22:00	Conference dinner					
Friday 8th January 2010						
09:00-10:30 Workshops	Understanding market trends (with IOTA)	Innovative models for producer co-operation	Poultry breeding and pullet/turkey poult production/sourcing	Challenging GM: co-existence, alternative paths	Energy self-sufficiency/renewable energy opportunities	
11:00-12:30 Workshops	Pigs: developing organic systems/producer links	Protected cropping: new EU standards	Cattle and sheep: health and other issues	Agroforestry: Integrating trees with crops and livestock	Communicating the organic message	
14:00-15:30 Plenary	Identifying key actions (knowledge transfer, marketing, policy, research etc.) to help develop each sector Introduced by producer panel followed by group (round table) discussions					
	Arable	Horticulture	Dairy	Beef and sheep	Pigs	Poultry
15:30-16:00 Closing plenary	Theme to be confirmed					