

Tuesday 9th December

Registration from 9.30am

Conference opens at 11am

11.00 Session 1 The times they are a-changin'

Chair: CUPGRA President, Tina Barsby

11:10 Looking back across the Atlantic – what can the UK learn? (Matt John, AgReserves)

11:35 How can the industry identify effective innovations (Belinda Clarke, Agri-TechE)

12:00 Comms – importance of effective information in changing times (Antony Gardiner, G's)

12:25 Questions / panel discussion

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Session 2 What works? Science and technology for effective change

Chair: James Lee

13:55 Imaging the future – identifying and dealing with crop stress before it becomes yield limiting (Ankush Prashar, Newcastle University)

14:20 Factors affecting tuber formation – what role can growers play? (Rob Hancock, James Hutton Institute)

14:45 Questions / discussion

15:00 **PhD student network** – co-ordinated onstage by Hassan Awashra
Sharing knowledge, shaping research.

15:30 **Tea and networking with PhD Student posters**

16:20 Eric Allen Memorial Lecture

Chair: Debbie Winstanley

Knowing more about potato canopies helps grow potatoes, building on Eric's legacy - Sarah Roberts, Niab

16:50 Session 3 FORUM

Will we see precision-bred potatoes on our plates by 2030

Chair: James Lee

Facilitated conversation between: Science (Mario Caccamo), Gerard Croft;

17:30 Close

19:15 **Christmas Banquet** in honour of the Noble Potato – St John's College Dining Hall

After-dinner speaker: Andrew Meredith, Farmers Weekly

Wednesday 10th December

From 9:00 **Morning workshops in the Crausaz**

Wordsworth Building: Please indicate your preferred **two** when booking. Groups change at 9:50

1. Potato Lite – Lucy Tillier

2. The Commonwealth Potato collection – why it matters to growers Drummond Todd, James Hutton Ltd

3. Impact of cover crops in potato rotations – sharing knowledge – Marc Allison, Martyn Cox

4. Row width to optimise yield potential – what is practically possible – Bill Watts

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 **Session 4** Shared with International Fertiliser Society;

Potato Nutrition – building from the basics, adding the best of the new

Chair: TBC

11:00 N for potatoes – Mark Stalham/Marc Allison

11:30 Micronutrients - why they matter, new approaches to measure and manage Elizabeth Stockdale, Niab & Gracie Tucker, Produce Solutions

12:00 What new fertiliser products should we expect (and how can farmers evaluate the benefit) Mark Tucker, YARA

12:30 Questions / panel discussion

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Session 5 What works? Dealing with uncertainty and implementing changes

Chair: Jack Smith

13:55 Adopting new strategies – why do some manage change better (David Rose, Harper Adams University)

14:20 VIDEO of grower experiences (from Root to Plate the Potato story, Max McGillivray)

14:40 **Panel discussion / Q&A**

15:15 Any final CUPGRA thoughts

Tea & CUPGRA conference close by 15.30

IFS conference agronomic session (likely to be in the CWB).

CUPGRA conference attendees are welcome

16:10 to 17:40:

1. A soil scientist's view of Regenerative Agriculture - Jenny Bussell, GWCT Allerton Project, UK

2. Urea with Gypsum: Agronomical and Environmental Benefits, and Innovative Production Technologies - Mark Brouwer, ureaknowhow.com, the Netherlands

This is free to attend. But so that the organisers can be certain that all who are interested can be accommodated, please confirm you would like to attend in advance.