

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 – Effective information sharing in changing times (Anthony 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

A facilitated conversation between representatives from science, breeding, seed legislation, processing, retailing, and growing.

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 – The Journey Continues – Lucy Tillier

2. Exploitation of the Commonwealth Potato collection – what is practically possible – Drummond Todd, James Hutton Ltd

3. Nitrogen, cover crops and potatoes – How do they interact? – Marc Allison, Martyn Cox

4. Optimising the potential from reduced row widths – 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

Chaired by International Fertiliser Society representative

11:00 Nitrogen Fertilizer Recommendations for Potato – The Practical Application of Plant Physiology – 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 VIDEO of grower experiences (from Root to Plate the Potato story, Max McGillivray)

14:20 Adopting new strategies – why do some manage change better (David Rose, Harper Adams University)

14:40 **Panel discussion / Q&A** Any final CUPGRA thoughts
Tea & CUPGRA conference close by 15.30

IFS conference agronomic session CUPGRA conference attendees are welcome This is free to attend.

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