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Usual News and Events follow below!

Early bird deadline for ORC's conference is 13:00 tomorrow, Friday 20th December!



With the recent launches of Defra's CAP consultation and Sustainable Intensification Research Platform, as well as the government's Agri-Tech Strategy, is there any place left for organic farming and similar agro-ecological approaches to sustainable food production?

Are the concept of sustainable intensification and the new strategies broad enough to not only focus on techno-fixes or can we find better ecological and knowledge-based solutions to meeting sustainability challenges? [Full programme, booking form and online booking now available](#)

Breaking news:

20% discount on booking form prices with extended early- bird booking deadline of 8th January

Available to English producers and others engaged in agriculture or agricultural products (including horticulture). This funding has only just been agreed. For further details, see the [special announcement](#).

Thank you for your help so far with our policy work appeal – we have raised nearly £15,000!

If you haven't yet decided who to give a special Christmas present to - now is a really critical time when we need your help...

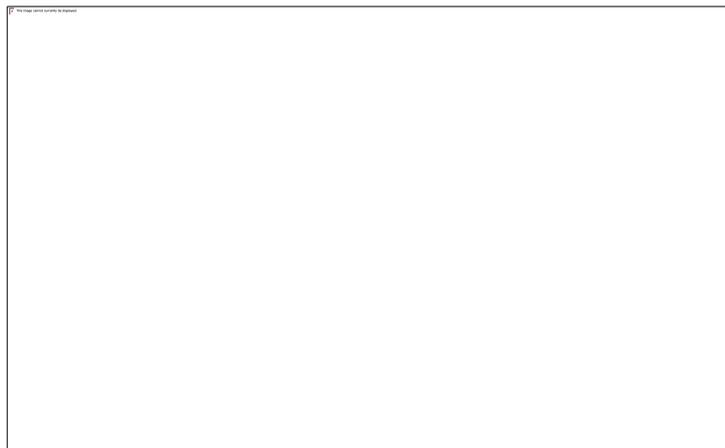
With work on implementation of the new CAP and RDP policies including organic farming schemes in full swing, ORC has been 'in the thick of it', working with several organisations to get sensible policy support for organic producers in place in England, Wales and across Europe. The Welsh Government's consultation on organic support, developed with ORC

leading the external advisory input, has been published (see below). We've worked with Natural England on the costings of the English organic options. We're also working with the IFOAM EU Group and the European Commission to make sense of the regulations on dual funding of organic farming under Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 to minimise the potential adverse impacts on organic producers. While some of this work is funded by government departments and agencies, most isn't. In 2013 we spent more than £25,000 on this work. **Lord Newborough of Rhug Estate, John Pawsey and Peter and Juliet Kindersley** have led the responses to our appeal – can you help too?



or reply to comment@organicresearchcentre.com if you'd like more information.

We would like to wish all our supporters, friends and colleagues a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for an organic and sustainable 2014! Please see our [Christmas video](#)



News

Organic Farm Management Handbook

The new 2014 edition is due out in January and is available for pre-order [More](#)

ORC Bulletin 114 is now out!

Autumn issue (113) also now available to download [More](#)

Organic is the way forward for the future of family farming

United Nations International Year of Family Farming 2014 [More](#)

Facts and figures on organic agriculture in the EU

Latest organic statistics from the EC [More](#)

Integrating Science & Policy to Promote Agroforestry in Practice

2nd European Agroforestry Conference [More](#)

Upcoming events

6-7 January 2014: [Oxford Real Farming Conference](#)

Tickets now available

22-23 January 2014: [ORC 2014 Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Intensive Sustainability or Sustainable Intensification - which way forward for organic farming?

13 October 2014: [IFOAM World Congress 2014](#)

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