

**ORC OPEN DAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010 PROGRAMME**

Time	Workshops					Exhibits	Field Trip
Location	Conference Centre	Farm House 1	Farm House 2	Out Doors	Out Doors	ORC Offices	
10:00 – 11:00	Markets & Consumer Attitudes	Pests & Diseases	Advisory Clinic	Soils		Exhibitions throughout the offices	
11:00 – 12:00	GM issues and Threats	100% Organic feed	Organic Conversion Seminar	Biodiversity 1	Know Your Legumes		Sheepdrove Organic Farm: Crop Trials.
12:00 – 13:00	Introduction to Eco-Agroforestry	Research Priorities	Advisory Clinic	Composts			
13:00 – 14:00	Markets & Consumer Attitudes	Pests & Diseases	Organic Conversion Seminar				
14:00 – 15:00	Organic Farming Around the World	100% Organic feed	Advisory Clinic	Soils			Doves Farm: Weeds Identification & Control
15:00 – 16:00	Introduction to Eco-Agroforestry	Research Priorities	Advisory Clinic	Composts			
16:00 - 17:00			Advisory Clinic	Biodiversity 2	Know Your Legumes		

## **WORKSHOP AND SESSION INFORMATION.**

All workshop and sessions will be no longer than 30 – 45 minutes.

**Markets and consumer attitudes – Dr Susanne Padel.** The aim is to present recent research on consumer attitudes and market trends, based on recent and on-going consumer surveys.

**Research priorities workshop – Dr Bruce Pearce.** To outline and then review with participants current research needs and priorities from ACOS and TP Organics.

**Organic Conversion Seminar – Roger Hitchings.** An open session to discuss typical issues that arise out of a decision to convert

**GM impacts and threats– Bernward Geier.**

**Know Your Legumes Workshop - Helen Pearce.** Latest research on clovers, lucerne, trefoils and other legumes for fertility building will help to inform about best species mixtures for organic rotations.

**Biodiversity Workshop – Dr Jo Smith & Rob Brown.** Find out more about our farming allies with a focus on earthworms in the morning session and pollinators including butterflies and bumblebees in the afternoon.

**100% Organic Feed for Monogastrics – Dr Bruce Pearce.** A presentation of research undertaken by ORC researchers and a discussion with participants on the challenges and opportunities of 100% organic feed.

**Advisory Clinic.** OAS advisors will be on hand to answer your questions.

**Soils– Roger Hitchings.** A hands and eyes session to evaluate soils in the field using observation above and below the surface of the soil

**Introduction to Eco-Agroforestry – Dr Jo Smith.** A presentation exploring the potential of integrating trees into agricultural systems as a way of balancing productivity and environmental production.

**Know Your Pests – Dr Thomas Döring & Dr Sally Howlett.** Bring insects, slugs and snails for identification by experts and learn more about ecological ways of plant protection.

**Organic Farming Around the World – Bernward Geier**

**Composts and Composting for Growers - Roger Hitchings & Laurence Smith.** . A session to clarify the types of compost using samples and to discuss suitable systems for growers

**Field Trip 1: Populations & Diversity – Dr Thomas Döring.** A visit to the ORC wheat breeding trials on Sheepdrove Organic Farm to see the breeding and legume trials.

**Field Trip 2: Cereal Varieties, Populations & Types – Dr Thomas Döring.** A visit to Doves Farm to see the ORC populations as well as a range of other cereals being grown on this innovative and integrated farm business.

- Between Workshops film clips and other slides may be shown