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Highlight Conference: [Soil Improvement: Impact of Management Practices on Soil Function and Quality](#)

Soil functions and agricultural productivity are closely linked. The application of soil improving techniques is crucial to maintain soil functions, long-term productivity and the broad range ecosystem services provided by soils. These techniques include tillage, crop diversity, crop management, cover crops and the use of organic amendments. The effectiveness of soil management practices will vary with soil type, farming systems and agro-climatic zones. Management practices should be practical and economically viable to encourage uptake by farmers. Equally, important is the development of land use policies to secure the wider societal benefits provided by soils.

For more information please follow the above link.

New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Legislation - 25th May 2018

Are you an AAB Member? Do you attend AAB Conferences? Do you subscribe to any AAB Journals? Do you receive marketing emails from the AAB?

As you may have seen on the AAB Homepage, the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Laws are coming into effect in the UK on May 25th 2018. This change in legislation means that you will need to 'Opt-In' and give your consent for us to contact you using the various methods of communication used by the AAB.

Without doing so, we will be unable to contact you after this date.

To provide your consent, please click on the link below to complete our very brief online consent form. It will only take a couple of minutes of your time and will allow us to contact you if necessary.

[AAB Consent Form](#)

Upcoming Vacancies for AAB Council

We are currently looking for AAB Members who would like to join the AAB Council.

At the end of this year we will be looking for a new President Elect, when Christine Watson's term comes to an end, and Stuart Knight takes over as AAB President. We are currently looking into whether we should extend the *The AAB Newsletter Continues on the next page...*

term of this position from 2 to 3 years, so the successful candidate could spend either 2 years as President Elect, followed by 2 years as President, or 3 years for both. We will also be seeking to replace the Programme Secretary, Nigel Halford, who will also come to the end of his term in December 2018.

For more information on how to apply or nominate someone (with their permission) for one of the above roles, please view the document inserted above. Our President and Vice-President are also more than happy to discuss these positions, contact information can be found at the bottom of the attached report.

Stuart Knight - President Elect

As mentioned in our last AAB eNewsletter, we are looking to bridge the gap between our members and those working behind the scenes by including a brief personal profile each month.

This month, our President Elect Stuart Knight has kindly produced the attached profile specifically for our Newsletter. Stuart started his term as President Elect in January 2017 and will take over from Christine Watson as the AAB President when her term comes to an end.

Sustainable Intensification 2017

The Sustainable Intensification Conference in November 2017 was a resounding success with well over 100 delegates in attendance! The conference was organised by the AAB Cropping and the Environment Specialist Group along with Defra and SIP.

As a result of such a successful conference, Rob Carlton, the CATE group convenor has produced the attached article for our newsletter.

New Senior Lecturer Role at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

As some of our readers may be aware, a new role has been made available at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The vacancy is for a Senior Lecturer in Crop Production Science, to be based in Uppsala.

For more information please click on the link above.

AHDB Building Research Capacity: Skills and Knowledge Gaps at Postgraduate Level

AHDB invite you to take part in their short survey. The Building Research Capacity group is looking to identify the gaps and vulnerabilities in technical skills and knowledge at a postgraduate level, and the potential interventions to address these.

The responses that you provide will inform the future planning of their research and knowledge activities in building research capacity for the agriculture and horticultural sectors. This should only take 10 minutes of your time.

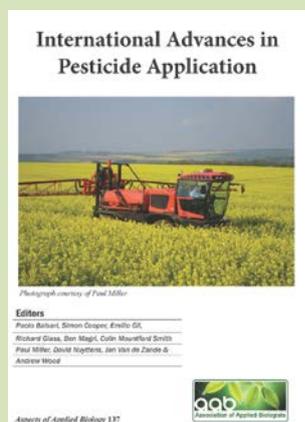
Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8NP5RJV>

The survey will be live from 3 April to early May 2018. Your participation would be much appreciated. If you would like more details about the survey please contact Alice Sin (Alice.Sin@ahdb.org.uk)

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