

# ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED BIOLOGISTS FORWARD CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

2007/2008

- 13 November 2007 **Innovative ideas in pest and weed control in field vegetables**  
Warwick HRI, Wellesbourne, UK (CATE Group)
- 5-6 December 2007 **Theoretical Population Ecology and Practical Biocontrol:  
Bridging the Gap**  
Studley Castle, Warwickshire (Biocontrol Group)
- 11 December 2007 **Advances in Nematology.**  
Linnean Society of London, Piccadilly, London (Nematology Group)
- 14 December 2007 **What does "green" mean? Seeking to understand and meet  
conflicting aspirations to food**  
Society of Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London (CATE Grp)
- 17 December 2007 **Functional Foods - Authentication Workshop**  
Central Science Laboratory, York (AM&B Group)
- 9-11 January 2008 **International Advances in Pesticide Application 2008**  
Robinson College, Cambridge (Pesticide Application Group)
- 6 February 2008 **Measuring "green" - does Life Cycle Analysis make sense for  
food?**  
Society of Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London (CATE Grp)
- 8 April 2008 **Knowledge Transfer - Best Practice**  
Society of Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London (CATE Grp)
- 2-4 June 2008 **Shaping a vision for the uplands**  
Conference 21, Sheffield Hallam University (CATE Group)
- 10-12 September 2008 **Resource Capture by Crops: Integrated Approaches**  
University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough (CATE  
Group)

Further information about the AAB and online booking for these conferences is available  
on the AAB website  
<http://www.aab.org.uk>



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A three day conference

Conference 21, Sheffield Hallam University

2-4 June 2008

ANNOUNCEMENT &  
CALL FOR PAPERS



People

Policy

Shaping a **V**ision for the UPLANDS

Environ-  
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## CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW INVITED

***What do we want from the uplands and where do we want it?  
What is the role of farmers and land managers in delivering it?  
How do we value and reward them for the benefits they provide?***

The uplands face many challenges. Recently the Minister of the Environment called for an increased focus on the key questions: 'what is land for' and 'why do we value it' recognizing the importance of land use to our social, economic, and environmental progress. These questions are of particular importance in the uplands where traditional agricultural management is becoming economically difficult to sustain. Although hill farming remains at the core of the rural economy and community, its primary role of food production is declining in importance. The reform of the Common Agriculture Policy has already lead to significant restructuring of traditional hill farming systems and will continue to do so. The management of our uplands for grouse is also a key element of the rural economy. The role of uplands in providing a range of public benefits for those who live, work or visit the hills has long been recognised, traditional farmed landscapes are the cornerstone of rural tourism, our hills provide a space into which people can escape and wildlife can thrive. The uplands also provide less tangible public benefits such as water for people to drink, the means to sequestrate carbon and potentially, reduce the impact of flooding, but how do we value these benefits and protect them? The drive to put appropriate structures and policies in place to guide land management in the uplands has rarely been so high on the policy agenda. The uplands are not wilderness areas, but are living landscapes in which we need to balance wildlife, landscape, water, access and economic development. Mitigating and adapting to climate change is also a key consideration. All these individual elements need to be approached in an integrated framework which brings together evidence and people with policy. Establishing the right mechanisms for development and delivery are essential, and these need to be underpinned by a clear vision of what we want and where we want it.

Following the highly successful Uplands Workshop in Newcastle in December 2006, which brought together a wide range of stakeholders, the Association of Applied Biologists is organising a follow up conference to provide an opportunity to network and

- Evaluate the current evidence available of the range of public benefits that the uplands can provide and how the outcomes they deliver can be valued
- Allow the sharing of knowledge and experience of practical land management approaches in the uplands – drawing lessons from the UK and overseas
- Highlight common principles that can be used to inform locally adapted solutions

The conference will take place over 3 days in Sheffield and will integrate plenary sessions, workshops and extended poster sessions which will provide a major route for scientific interaction during the conference. Priority will be given to papers which offer a multidisciplinary and/or integrated approach and draw together lessons from experiences of research and practical management in the uplands. All offered papers should take an appropriate scientific and critical perspective with conclusions based on the careful evaluation of the available evidence. In addition one day of the conference will enable us to get into the hills with an opportunity to visit the Peak District and engage with key issues on the ground. Papers will be published in the *Aspects of Applied Biology* series.

**There is a maximum of 150 attendees possible at the conference, please book quickly to ensure a place.**

**DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FORM IS 7th JANUARY 2008**

**See also the AAB Home Page: <http://www.aab.org.uk>**

## Shaping a vision for the Uplands

**Conference 21, Sheffield Hallam University**

**on 2-4 June 2008**

(Please tick appropriate boxes)

Please send me further details and booking forms when they become available   
I am not an AAB member – (Members will receive this information)

I am interested in having a commercial exhibit at the conference

I wish to offer an oral presentation paper as detailed below

I wish to offer a poster presentation paper as detailed below

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