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Dear Fellow Precision Agriculturists,

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Fifth Newsletter

*****Abstract submission – deadline extended to Wednesday 19th October (closing 5pm UK time) *****

Abstracts are now coming in fast, but after a number of requests for extension, we are happy to allow the abstract submission period to be extended. A number of submitters have also had a bit of trouble with the submission process and we want to make sure that everyone gets a fair chance to submit. As a reminder, these abstracts are not for publishing but for vetting applications for full papers to ensure they are on topic and to assist the Scientific Committee in planning sessions. Our other key dates will remain the same in terms of submission of papers and the later abstract submission date for posters.

Keynote update

The Organising Committee is also pleased to confirm Dr Matthew Smith from Microsoft as a Keynote Speaker. Dr Smith was a Research Manager at Microsoft in Predictive Analytics and has recently taken a position as a Senior Solution Architect for Microsoft. His role is to oversee a team that researches, envisions and builds new digital transformation opportunities for Microsoft customers and for the industries they represent. This is basically an applied science group, formulating hypotheses about emerging trends and opportunities in different industries and testing those hypotheses with customers to generate value. His own personal bias is with enabling organisations to do new things, or existing things much better with computational analytics, whether that be advanced AI and machine learning, big data solutions, or compelling information visualisations. Dr Smith has a background in crop population dynamics and previously worked for the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew as a Project Officer. He is uniquely positioned to provide an insight into how computers and analytics are reshaping crop sciences.

Our Accompanying Person Programme is now announced

Visit website to view the options for accompanying persons for supported visits and tours. The UK is currently excellent value from a tourism point of view as the UK pound has dropped in value against the euro and dollar. Our destination management partner (in2Scotland) will be happy to provide advice and support for any of the programme but also with any pre- and post-conference travel and accommodation. Together, we have put together an optional programme for tours and visits around historic Edinburgh and into neighbouring fantastic countryside and historic sites, with a whiskey distillery as part of the trips and with great opportunities for sampling history, landscapes and Scottish food and drink.

Regards

Tony Waterhouse (SRUC)
Chair of the Organising Committee

James Taylor (Newcastle University)
Chair of the Scientific Committee

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UPCOMING KEY DATES:

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CLOSURE – OCTOBER 19th; FULL PAPER SUBMISSION – DECEMBER 9th

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