



**ECPA**  
Edinburgh 2017

11<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Precision Agriculture

Dear Fellow Precision Agriculturists,

28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**\*\*\*\* ABSTRACT DEADLINE APPROACHING \*\*\*\***

The deadline for abstracts submission is only 2 weeks away. This is only a brief outline of your proposed presentation (300 words **max**) but is important for the Organising Committee to plan for the full paper submission. Full details on abstract submission are available on the [website](#) (and earlier newsletters). Please don't delay.

Just a quick reminder that as well as the usual precision agricultural subject areas, we would like to strongly encourage submissions in the following areas with the intent of having dedicated sessions on;

- educational activities, needs and outcomes in precision agriculture
- contributions that address success in translational activities over the past two decades – After 20+ years, where have we made an impact in the real-world?
- site-specific pasture and grassland sensing and management

**\*\*\* TRAVEL GRANTS FOR EARLY CAREER CHINESE RESEARCHERS \*\*\***

As part of the UK's Newton Fund program, the Organising Committee has secured funds to support the travel of Early Career Precision Agriculture Researchers from China to attend ECPA 2017. Full details can again be found on the ECPA website. If you are collaborating with partners in China, please let them know of this unique opportunity.

**\*\*\* FIRST KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED \*\*\***

We are pleased to announce that Professor Ian Yule from Massey University, NZ, will be delivering one of the plenary talks at the conference. Prof Yule has been instrumental in the development of precision pasture research in NZ and Australia and is widely recognised as a global leader in this area. We are looking forward to hearing his insights into this area and one which is very relevant for northern European systems. Further news on other keynotes to follow.

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 12<sup>th</sup>; FULL PAPER SUBMISSION – DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

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