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Dear Fellow Precision Agriculturists,

7th December, 2017

**** FULL PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE APPROACHING ****

For those of you with accepted oral presentations, the deadline for abstracts submission is approaching. It was initially set for December 9th but has been extended a few days until **5pm December 12th 2016** (UK time (Greenwich Mean Time)). *There will not be another extension to this deadline.* Manuscripts need to be reviewed and returned before final submission in late February so we cannot afford to further extend this deadline.

A further reminder for delegates submitting a full paper in response to an accepted oral abstract. This is not for delegates submitting a poster abstract. The abstract submission was handled internally within the ECPA website. The full paper submission is being handled by the manuscript service for the proceedings – being managed by Oxford Abstracts. This is a completely different site and requires registration to the Oxford abstracts website. **YOU CANNOT USE THE ECPA WEBSITE LOGIN TO ACCESS OXFORD ABSTRACTS AND SUBMIT THE FULL PAPER.** When you follow the [LINK](#) for submission, you will be prompted to set up a new login for Oxford Abstracts. You are welcome to set it up with the same login as the ECPA website to keep things simple, but this is not obligatory. Please follow the full guidelines provided on the Abstracts/Papers page of the ECPA webpage, but if you have trouble please do not hesitate to contact editorial@ecpa2017.com.

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

We announced in an earlier newsletter the opportunity for Chinese nationals to apply for travel funding to attend the conference. If you are interested in applying, please see the conditions on the webpage and submit your application to editorial@ecpa2017.com. Please note, this is open to all PhD and early career Chinese scientist whether they are researching in China or abroad.

Applications for travel grants close 5pm December 24th, 2016
Results of applications will be notified by January 15th, 2017

*** PRECISION MANAGEMENT OF GRASSLANDS AND GRAZING LIVESTOCK ***

We are now announcing that running alongside the main ECPA conference that there will sessions on Grassland and Grazing. These sessions will run from Tuesday lunchtime to the end of the conference with 'access all areas' for all delegates. We will be encouraging networking between precision agriculturists with main interests in crops and those with grassland-based animal systems. Hopefully we will not add to any further confusion but there will be a completely different timeline and process for submission of abstracts and short papers. More details can be found on the ECPA website in the menu under 'Grassland and Grazing'. So please encourage colleagues with an interest in precision management of grasslands and the animal systems that run on them to take a look. Pre-registration to ECPA will add email addresses to the Newsletter and email mailing lists.

*** EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORSHIP ***

A key part of the conference will be interaction with industry, so in addition to standard route of contribution to the conference as presenters and delegates, we are now able to fully announce opportunities for exhibition, demonstration at the field day (the 'Big Day Out' on Thursday 20th July) and sponsorship. With the massive degree of interest through the unprecedented numbers of abstract submissions and pre-registrations we have had to recently reconfigure and book more conference facilities and identify how space would be available for these important commercial interests. Until we had clarity on what we could offer, it was difficult to publicise these opportunities. For more information and to start dialogue on these opportunities please email sponsorship@ecpa2017.com directly. More details are on ECPA website under Exhibitors and Sponsorship. For those who have already expressed interest, thank you for your patience and we will be in touch with you.

Regards

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