

# ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED BIOLOGISTS

President: B Kerry BSc, PhD

## *A systems approach to organic research COR 2006 postgraduate course*

17-21 September 2006  
Edinburgh Conference Centre  
Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

### BOOKING FORM

SURNAME: ..... INITIALS: .....

TITLE (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms or other): .....

PREFERRED NAME FOR BADGING: .....

STATUS (Delete as appropriate):      AAB/COR Member/Retired Member/  
AAB/COR Student Member/  
Non-Member\*/Student Non-Member\*

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#### NOTES

1. STUDENTS. It is the Association's policy to grant reduced registration fees to students. This provision is subject to space being available and booking forms must be accompanied by a signed statement from the student's supervisor attesting that he/she is a full-time student. If students would like to apply for an AAB Student Travel Grant (travel within the UK only) please send your request in writing to the AAB Office. Forms are available on the AAB Web Page: <http://www.aab.org.uk>
2. Conferences of the Association are private but visitors are most welcome. The publishing of reports of papers given at these conferences should only be done with the permission of the organiser and the authors of the papers concerned, who may require to see proofs before this permission is given.
3. The Association would like to send you details of relevant conferences in the future. Please tick box if you do not want to receive these details
4. Please note that photographs are sometimes taken at AAB conferences which we publish in our Newsletter to members.

\*AAB full membership for 2006 is £45.00 and £22.50 for students  
For further details on membership contact the AAB Office

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In conjunction with COR - the Colloquium of Organic  
Researchers

A four day conference

at Edinburgh Conference Centre,  
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on 17-21 September 2006

PROGRAMME and  
BOOKING FORM

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# A systems approach to organic research

## COR 2006 postgraduate course

The aim of the course is to encourage new researchers (especially postgraduate students) in the field of organic food and farming to think about their work in a broader multi-disciplinary, systems framework and to identify possible links with other research taking place in the UK and internationally. The course is integrated with the COR 2006 conference: What will organic farming deliver? The course will emphasise three issues:

1. Understanding the systems and multi-disciplinary context which makes individual research projects relevant
2. Exploring appropriate research methods in the main subject areas
3. Learning about current research and networking with other researchers

The programme begins on the evening of Sunday 17th and finishes at lunchtime on Thursday 21st September.

Please book into accommodation at Heriot-Watt for the main conference and watch out for signs and other information about where to gather after dinner on Sunday evening.

The first session will allow participants to share their experiences of organic farming and briefly talk about their work. Please develop a short "poster" – a series of clearly printed A4 sheets is sufficient – which presents your work in layman's terms and how you think it fits into a wider context. This is separate to any scientific poster you have registered for the conference describing your work more technically. If you have a scientific poster that is not currently registered at the main conference it may still be possible to do so, contact Carol Millman (carol.aab@warwick.ac.uk) or 02476 574998 at the AAB Office.

Participants in the course will be expected to participate in all the full conference sessions between Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th. In addition 4 challenging and interactive sessions will allow participants to engage with research leaders in the field and further explore:

- Organic farming in a systems framework
- Agro-ecology/ecosystem perspectives in soil, crop and livestock management
- Holistic perspectives on food quality, safety, diet and health
- Ecological economics - integrating life and social sciences in rural development context

In addition there will be review sessions at the end of each day of the main conference to allow participants to discuss the relevance of what they have experienced for their own work and to refocus participants on the key questions they identified in the first session.

Sponsorship from Defra means that we are able to offer the first 20 places on this course to students at a total cost of £200 – inclusive of the COR conference registration, and all accommodation and meals (from Sunday evening to Thursday lunchtime). Further student places are available at no extra cost beyond the student conference registration fee, plus the costs of accommodation and meals. Please contact Carol Millman, 02476 574998 or carol.aab@warwick.ac.uk at the AAB Office before submitting your booking to confirm whether a sponsored place is available. These will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

Non-students are also welcome to participate at a cost of £50 in addition to the conference registration fee and the cost of all accommodation and meals.

**Details of this conference are also available at:**  
<http://www.aab.org.uk>

## BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

**Section ONE** (VAT Reg. No: GB 326 8075 49 - Charges are VAT inclusive).

Registration includes attendance at the conference. Lunch & Refreshments Mon-Wed the conference dinner on Tuesday, field trips and a copy of *Aspects 79*

### WHOLE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (by 1 September 2006)

Defra-sponsored student - (Conference board included see p.2) .....	£200.00	.....
Before booking contact the AAB office for availability		
AAB/COR Student Member .....	£105.00	.....
Non Member Student .....	£127.50*	.....
Full delegate fee for post graduate course.....	£50.00	.....
(in addition to COR conference fee)		

**Late booking surcharge (by 1 September 2006).....** £25.00

### Section TWO

#### CONFERENCE BOARD

##### Sunday 17 September

Dinner.....	£12.50	.....
Bed & Breakfast En Suite .....	£39.50	.....

##### Monday 18 September

Dinner.....	£12.50	.....
Bed & Breakfast En Suite .....	£39.50	.....

##### Tuesday 19 September

Bed & Breakfast En Suite .....	£39.50	.....
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ _____</b>

### Section THREE

Please indicate which tour you would like to go on: **Tour A**  **OR** **Tour B**  (see programme)

Do you require a vegetarian menu? YES/NO Do you have any special requirements? YES/NO

Please describe any special requirements:.....

**A charge of £25.00 will be made on any cancellations. No refunds will be given after 1 September 2006**

How did you learn of this conference?

Membership mailing .....	Press .....
Organisation noticeboard .....	Internet .....
From a colleague .....	Other .....

The completed booking form should be returned as soon as possible with payment. Payment may be made by cheque (made payable to **AAB**) or by credit card (VISA, Mastercard or Delta). If payment is made by credit card, please complete below. Please send to: Conference Registration, AAB Office, c/o Warwick HRI, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9EF, UK.

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