

SAC Association of Potato Producers Annual Conference 2010

Thursday 28 January 2010
Perth Racecourse, Scone Palace Park,
Perth PH2 6BB, Scotland



Theme: Meeting the challenges of potato production

Time	Speaker	Title	Summary
09.45		Coffee	
10.00	Stuart Wale, SAC	Welcome & Introduction	
10.10	Andrew Powell Ibbotsons Potatoes	Impressions of British Potato Production – An Aussie viewpoint	As an agronomist from a farming background in Australia, Andrew has had almost a year experiencing UK potato production. In this presentation he provides a candid view of the British potato industry
10.40	Russell Whiteford Belchim Crop Protection Paul Overton Frontier Agriculture	Haulm destruction options: The flail and spray approach Chemical only options	With sulphuric acid no longer available, haulm destruction relies on other chemicals with or without haulm pulverisation. These talks from two companies with extensive experience in the topic will unravel the complexities of the subject and provide practical advice on the options available
11.30	Finlay Dale SCRI Gavin Ramsay SCRI	The GM debate Advantages of GM potatoes The sceptical view of GM potatoes	Depending on your viewpoint, GM potatoes are the only way forward for potatoes, the devil incarnate or just another passing phase. Hear the views of someone pro-GM and of a GM sceptic and make up your mind
12.20		Lunch	
13.30	Post lunch workshops New disease threats – eliminating the risk. Mark Prentice PCL & Gerry Saddler SASA Raising the bar on yield. The SAC Potato Team		There has been a lot of press about <i>Dickeya</i> spp. (another form of blackleg) recently but it is only one of several threats to potato production. This workshop will emphasise how to limit the risk from new pests & diseases One way to increase profitability is to increase yield – but what prospects are there to achieve this?
14.35	Short topical technical turns Use of composts in potato production Mike Inglis (SAC), Jim Aitken (Branston Ltd.) Should there be a revival of chitting? John Sarup (SAC) Early blight Ruairidh Bain (SAC) Ethylene use for sprout suppression in potato stores – an update. Richard Barnes (Consultant)		By popular demand, these short, practical talks will focus on topical issues: Do composts have a role as a fertiliser? Is chitting something of the past or could seed and ware growers benefit from it today? Alternaria early blight became a significant disease in some susceptible varieties in 2009. Is the disease increasing and how can we control it? Ethylene use is slowly establishing itself as an important way to control sprouting. What have we learnt over the early years of its use and what further potential for its use exists?
15.10	Lawrence Defty Herbert Engineering	Taking the human out of grading?	With labour both difficult to find and an expensive part of production costs, we should be looking for technology to reduce requirements on manpower. This talk considers the potential to effectively grade unwashed potatoes and what further improvements are possible in grading washed potatoes
15.40	Stuart Wale SAC	Summing up – the way forward	Homeward messages that summarise how to meet the challenges ahead
15.50		Tea and depart	

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The conference is free to SACAPP members

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