

Nuffield UK Report, by Mike Vacher Director

Message from Julian Darling, Nuffield UK Chair

“It is so good to be part of a growing Nuffield Family with ever increasing ‘reach’ around the World. ‘Nuffield UK’ was pleased to host the 2017 Nuffield International Triennial Conference which shone a spotlight on British Farming and include seven themed days of visits, a major Conference Day ‘Farming Fit for Food’ and five sector field tours throughout the United Kingdom. We look forward to contributing in whatever way we can to the continued growth and success of Nuffield International. With all good wishes for 2018 and beyond.”

Details of the Nuffield Triennial Conference can be found [here](#).



Above: 2017 Nuffield Triennial Conference

2018 Scholars Announced

The UK Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust has announced the appointment of 19 new Scholars to commence their travels and research in 2018. They include:

1. **Adam Banks** (Lincolnshire, East Midlands) ‘Insects as Food: Opportunities and challenges to farming insects for human consumption in the UK’
2. **Mark Dewes** (Warwickshire, West Midlands) ‘Can UK agronomy learn from best practice abroad to better serve arable farmers with advice and crop protection inputs?’
3. **Neil Eastham** (Yorkshire, Northern) ‘How can UK dairy farmers use genomics to breed a better herd?’
4. **Charlotte Evans** (Northamptonshire, East Midlands) ‘Point of care diagnostics: What can we learn from the medical industry?’

5. **Jonathan Gill** (Shropshire, West Midlands) 'How do we embrace automation in agriculture?'
6. **Martin Gott** (Cumbria, Northern) 'The prevalence and importance of indigenous bacterial cultures in raw milk cheese'
7. **Richard Harrison** (Kent, South East) 'Where next for soft fruit in the UK? Addressing the yield gap and providing a path to 500 t/ha'
8. **Caroline Kealey** (Lincolnshire, East Midlands) 'Investigate developing and existing technologies for carcass grading and payment that can improve UK meat quality through producer/processor incentivisation'
9. **Angela Kirkwood** (Yorkshire, Northern) 'Growing the British pig industry'
10. **Katy Mayne** (Shropshire, West Midlands) 'Agriculture & the natural environment - developing cross sector relationships to benefit future policy'
11. **James McIntosh** (Scotland) 'Explore new ways in which eggs can be marketed to maintain a steady increase in egg consumption'
12. **Emily Norton** (Norfolk, Anglia) 'Breaking the silos - best practice in global agricultural policy for farm business innovation'
13. **Barry O'Boyle** (Northern Ireland) 'Can Farm subsidies be revolutionised after Brexit to drive Innovation?'
14. **Tom Ormesher** (Sussex, South East) 'Water for business growth, regulation, markets and stewardship'
15. **Alexandra Parker** (Surrey, South East) 'Where corporate meets family in business'
16. **Christopher Rose** (Norfolk, Anglia) 'On-farm anaerobic digestion: maximising use and enhancing the value of CO₂, heat and nutrients'
17. **Jenna Ross** (Scotland) 'Riding the slime wave: Gathering global data to enhance slug control in the UK'
18. **Angus Selby** (Surrey, South East) 'Can Institutional Investment Capital Provide Opportunities for Family Farmers and Young Farmers in the UK?'
19. **Joseph Towers** (Lancashire, Northern) 'Procurement of *Asparagopsis taxiformis* for trial in UK dairy system for methane reduced dairy products'



Above: From the 2017 Annual Conference