Rural Economy and Land Use: The Challenge for Research

Wednesday 19th January 2005, Millennium Point Theatre, Birmingham

9.30 - 10.00 Coffee and Registration

10.00 - 13.00 PLENARY SESSION 1
Chair: Sir John Marsh
Ministerial Address
Lord Whitty of Camberwell, Minister for Farming, Food and Sustainable Energy, Rural economy and land use: the governmental challenge
Professor Philip Lowe, RELU Director, Introducing the Rural Economy and Land Use Programme

11.15 - 11.50 Coffee

Keynote Address 1
Professor Mike Bonell, Director of UNESCO Programme on Hydrology for Environment, Life and Policy, The scientific challenge
Keynote Address 2
Dame Deirdre Hutton, Chair of the National Food Chain Centre, The public challenge

13.00 - 14.15 Lunch

14.15 - 17.30 PLENARY SESSION 2
Chair: Professor Jeff Waage
Keynote Address 3
Dr Andrew Moxey, Chief Rural Economist, SEERAD, Science policy for rural economy and land use
Keynote Address 4
Professor Dianna Bowles, Director of the Centre for Novel Agricultural Products (CNAP), University of York, Science for sustainable development

15.25 - 15.50 Tea

Panellists
Professor Sally Shortall, Director of the Gibson Institute for Land, Food and Environment, A rural community perspective
Dr Peter Costigan, Delta’s Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Science Coordinator, A food and land use perspective
Mark Tinsley, Managing Director, P.C.Tinsley Ltd, A land manager's perspective

17.45 - 18.45 Drinks Reception
Thursday 20th January 2005, Birmingham City Centre Holiday Inn

9.00 - 10.30 PARALLEL SESSION 1

Policy Workshop Biodiversity and Land Use
Chair: Professor Gareth Edwards-Jones
Dr Keith Duff, Chief Scientist, English Nature
Dr Richard Ferris, Biodiversity Research Coordination Officer, Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Dr Simon Bilsborough, Senior Economist, Countryside Council for Wales

Data Management Workshop 1
Led by Louise Corti, RELU Data Support Service

Interdisciplinary Workshop 1
Led by Dr Sandra Bell, University of Durham

10.30 - 10.50 Coffee

10.50 - 12.20 PARALLEL SESSION 2

Policy Workshop CAP Reform
Chair: Professor Wyn Grant
Alastair Rutherford, Head of Agriculture, English Nature
Professor Allan Buckwell, Country Land and Business Association

Data Management Workshop 2
Led by Louise Corti, RELU Data Support Service

Interdisciplinary Workshop 2
Led by Dr Sandra Bell, University of Durham

12.20 - 13.20 Lunch

13.20 - 14.50 PARALLEL SESSION 3

Policy Workshop Water Framework Directive
Chair: Dr Dave Chadwick
Jonathan Fisher, Senior Water Economist, Environment Agency
Jacob Tompkins, Policy Development Advisor, Water UK
Daniel Instone, Head of Water Quality Division, Defra

Policy Workshop UK Food Policy: Implications for RELU
Chair: Professor Henry Buller
Dr Andrew Moxey, Head of Analytical Services Division, SEERAD
Philip Andrews, Defra
Helen Dunn, Defra

Interdisciplinary Workshop 3
Led by Dr Sandra Bell, University of Durham

14.50 - 15.10 Tea

15.10 - 16.40 PARALLEL SESSION 4

Integrated Food Chains: Research Review
Chair: John Lloyd Jones

The session will be attended by researchers from RELU Food Chain Research Projects and will comprise a series of short project introductions.

- Dr Gary Barker, BBSRC: Tools for assessing and managing food chain risks
- Dr Dave Chadwick, Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research: Sustainable and holistic food chains for recycling livestock waste to land
- Professor Henry Buller, University of Exeter: The links between quality food production and biodiversity protection
- Professor Wyn Grant, University of Warwick: Biological alternatives to chemical pesticide inputs in the food chain - environmental and regulatory sustainability
- Dr Alastair Bailey, Imperial College, London: Adoption of alternative pest management strategies in field crop systems
- Professor Gareth Edwards-Jones, University of Wales, Bangor: Assessment of environmental, community and nutritional impacts of consuming fruit and vegetables produced locally and overseas
- Professor Bruce Traill, University of Reading: Implications of a nutrition driven food policy for land use and the rural environment
- Dr David Little, Stirling University: Warmwater fish production as a niche production and market diversification strategy

16.50 - 17.50 PLENARY SESSION 3

People and the Rural Environment: Research Challenges
Chair: Professor Louise Heathwaite

The session will be attended by researchers from the Scoping Studies, Capacity Building Awards and Development Activity projects within RELU. It will comprise a number of synoptic presentations drawing on the work and ideas of clusters of RELU projects:

- Professor David Raffaelli, University of York: RELU - The international context
- Dr Fergus Lyon, Middlesex University: Farm-centred learning in rural development
- Dr Piran White, University of York: Integrating spatial data
- Dr Gary Barker, BBSRC: Tools for assessing and managing food chain risks
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19.00 Conference Dinner

Keynote Address 5
Professor Joyce Tait, Director, ESRC Innogen Centre, Interdisciplinary rural research: learning the lessons from previous collaborative programmes between social and natural scientists

Keynote Address 6
Dr Anna Jöborn, Head of Programmes, Department of Political Science, Göteborg University, An international perspective on interdisciplinary research