

More Crop Per Drop – Raising Water Use Efficiency

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Introduction

Water is a key enabler to produce more food and biomass required for the world's increasing population. Accordingly, the focus of this event is on more efficient use of water. Knowing that agriculture uses less than 10% of the world's total rainfall is not much help to populations in water stressed areas that cannot grow sufficient food or move to more productive zones.

Improving water productivity is therefore vital and has three main components: agronomic and plant science; water storage and transmission; and, governance relating to water access and competing uses. This meeting addresses agronomic and plant science particularly, whilst also examining the scale of the problem and potential impact of climate change; the issues for policy formation; and, the priorities for allocation of time and resources.

Timely solutions are necessary and can be found, but only by focussing on key deliverables. This meeting is intended to be the first in a series of events exploring solutions for raising water use efficiency and delivering more crop per drop.

Who Should Attend:

- Policy managers
- Academics in the field
- R&D managers
- Marketing and business development managers
- Investment decision makers
- Media

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Posters

Poster submissions are invited on the topic of R&D into improvements in water productivity of crops. To make a submission please send a 250 word abstract entitled "More Crop per Drop - poster abstract", by **26th October 2012** to conferences@soci.org. All submissions will be acknowledged.

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PROGRAMME	
09:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Introduction by chair for morning session Dr Alan Baylis, Nuvistix
10:05	Complexity of increasing crop yields in large irrigation schemes: examples from the Aral Basin Prof Trevor Tanton, University of Southampton
10:35	Crop per drop: what does it tell us? Dr Chris Perry, Adviser to the World Bank, UN FAO and ADB
11:05	Novel agronomic systems and soil management Prof Amir Kassam, Reading University and adviser to UN FAO
11:35	Refreshments
12:05	Advances in crop diagnostics and monitoring Prof Bill Davies, Lancaster University
12:30	Improving drought tolerance through advances in crop genetics technologies Mr David Warner, DuPont Pioneer

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13:00	Crop nutrition optimisation to improve water productivity Dr Kevin Moran, IFA Corresponding Member
13:30	Lunch
14:25	Introduction by chair for afternoon session Dr Stewart Neal, Stewart Neal Associates
14:30	Evidence-based adaptation to climate change in East Africa: Complexities, Challenges and Opportunities Prof Peter Cooper, Reading University
15:00	Strategies to reduce the environmental footprint of intensive agriculture Dr Paul Hendley, Syngenta Crop Protection
15:30	The outlook for water availability, and water productivity for major crops Dr Ragab Ragab, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH)
16:00	Panel Q&A
16:25	Wrap-up
16:30	Refreshments and presentation of poster prize
17:00	Close

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