

NIAB and The Arable Group (TAG)

joined forces in September 2009, and in doing so became the only independent UK-based organisation capable of taking new crop genetic developments through to the farmer's field.

NIAB TAG

is unique in the UK in its capability to connect innovation and progress at the genetic or variety level with the appropriate agronomy to ensure that the benefits are realised on the farm.

Our Mission

is to provide independent science-based research and information to support, develop and promote agriculture and horticulture; helping the industry to fulfil its potential in supplying food and renewable resources, while respecting the natural environment.

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NIAB TAG OUTLOOK CONFERENCE 2011

THE SCOTCH CORNER HOTEL
NORTH YORKSHIRE
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THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
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Gary Markham

Gary obtained an HND in Agriculture and Land Management at Seale Hayne, and a Diploma in Advanced Farm Management at the RAC, Cirencester. He is a member of the Agricultural Law Association, has worked for the NFU and the Barclays Bank Group. In 1990/91 Gary lectured in Australia at the Marcus Oldham Agricultural College. He is the author of the first and second editions of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Accountancy and Auditing Guide for Farming, a governor of Writtle Agricultural College and a partner in a 2,000 acre farming business. He is Director of Agriculture with Grant Thornton based in both Kettering and Bury St Edmunds specialising in all aspects related to family owned farming businesses.

Dr. Jason Beedell

Jason is Head of Research at Smiths Gore and has advised on and researched farming and rural issues for 15 years for a wide range of national, regional and local government clients, other public sector bodies, and the private sector. He is a regular commentator on farmland markets and rents, and is leading Smiths Gore's analysis of the CAP Reform with Simon Blandford, Head of Farm Management at Smiths Gore. He is a chartered surveyor, chartered environmentalist and regular lecturer at Reading University.

Finlay Calder

Finlay stumbled into the Grain Trade by complete chance out of Melville College Edinburgh and has been employed mostly by Glencore Grain UK Ltd. Based in Thame in Oxfordshire, Finlay is employed as their external relations manager and has acquired extensive understanding of the industry specialising in the safe handling and storage of cereals. Known also throughout the world of rugby having captained both Scotland and the British Lions in the late eighties. It was said of him that, 'players would follow him anywhere... mostly, out of curiosity.'

Stuart Knight

Stuart is Director of Crops & Agronomy for NIAB TAG, which was formed by the integration of The Arable Group (TAG) and the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) in September 2009. Stuart has overall responsibility for the field crop research, information services and consultancy activities of the organisation. Stuart has been employed by The Arable Group (and formerly by Arable Research Centres) since 1997 in agronomy, research and operational roles. Research interests include: general combinable crop husbandry, nutrient management, evaluation of new crop protection chemicals, disease monitoring and control, identifying and managing within-field crop variation and decision support.

David Hugill

David farms within the North York Moors National Park. The farm supports beef cattle and free range laying hens. He is a past Nuffield Scholar, having studied "The Marketing of Light Lambs in Southern Europe" and has also researched a paper entitled "The Uplands-Carbon Sink or Carbon Source." David has travelled widely looking at ways red meat producers can farm more sustainably. A former NFU County Chairman David is currently Chairman of The Landskills Industry Advisory Board in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Dr. Tina Barsby

Tina was appointed CEO and Director of NIAB, Cambridge, in September 2008. She has significant experience in the agricultural crop sector, having worked for the French farmer-owned Group Limagrain for 18 years. She has extensive scientific experience in biotechnology and seed development, especially in wheat and oilseed rape, and has been involved in various cross-sector activities bringing together scientists and breeders. Tina has a first degree in Agricultural Botany from Bangor University, and a PhD from Nottingham University. She spent a postdoctoral period at Kansas State University, and worked at Allelix Inc, Ontario before returning to the UK in 1989.



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AT SCOTCH CORNER HOTEL, NORTH YORKSHIRE**

THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2011

10.00 am Coffee and Registration

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10.30 am Welcome
Chairman's Introduction - Tony Pexton

PROSPECTS

10.40 am Cost of Production. Do You Know Yours?
Gary Markham, Director of Agriculture Grant Thornton

11.10 am Will CAP Reform Leave Less On The Plate?
Dr. Jason Beedell, Smiths Gore

11.40 am Where Now For The Wheat Market?
Finlay Calder, Glencore Grain

12.10 pm General Discussion with Speakers

12.30 pm Lunch

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

1.45 pm More For Less: Squaring the Production Circle
Stuart Knight, Director of Crops & Agronomy NIAB TAG

2.15 pm Food For Thought. The Importance of Knowledge Transfer
David Hugill, Nuffield Scholar

2.45 pm Plant Science Into Practice. "Where Are We Now With GM Wheat and Oil Seed Rape?"
Dr. Tina Barsby, CEO and Director NIAB TAG

3.15 pm General discussion with speakers and Chairman's closing remarks

3.30 pm Tea and depart

Ticket price (including lunch) £25.00 + £5.00 vat = £30.00

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