

UK Irrigation Association

An independent organisation promoting the wise use of water for irrigation



Spring seminar

Irrigation: water's role in food security

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Thursday 4th March 2010

Orton Hall Hotel Peterborough

Guest speakers



Peter Kendall
President National Farmers Union

Prof Tony Allan, King's College London
Stockholm Water prize winner in 2008



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Almost 90% of our fruit and vegetables are imported according to the House of Commons report on food security. Many people argue we should grow more in the UK. But do we have enough water and should we use for agriculture? What effect would this have on water resources policy? What investment would be needed, and who would pay?

In the long term should we rely so much on other countries for our food? Are we just importing their water and exporting our drought to places that can often ill afford it and in some cases whose environmental regulations may be less strict than our own?

Come and listen to the experts to hear their views on water's role in food security, what growers should be doing and how society might need to adapt. The conference is for farmers, growers, consultants, researchers, and all others in the irrigated agri-business value chain who are concerned about our future water security.

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00 **Welcome and introduction** Chairman: Jim Monaghan, Harper Adams University college
- 10.10 **Food security—a farming perspective** Peter Kendall, President National Farmers Union
- 10.45 **A UK policy perspective** Jo Bray, Defra
- 11.15 **Water security and agriculture** Ian Barker, Head of Water, Environment Agency
- 11.45 **An international perspective on food security** Tim Wheeler, Reading University
- 12.15 **Lunch and exhibition**
- 13.30 **Virtual water — what it means to the UK** Professor Tony Allan, Stockholm water prize winner 2008
- 14.00 **An international grower perspective** Ed Moorhouse, Gs Marketing
- 14.30 **A supermarket perspective** Speaker to be confirmed
- 15.00 **Question Time**
- 15.15 **Round up summary** Chairman: Jim Monaghan
- 15.30 Tea and Depart

'Food security is as important to this country's future wellbeing – and the world's - as energy security.'

Hilary Benn on Government's new food strategy January 2010

COST

UKIA members £95 + VAT (£111.63), **NFU Members** £115 + VAT (£135.13)

Non-members £135 + VAT (£158.63)

Fee includes registration, hot buffet lunch, refreshments, and summary papers.

Please note Individual UKIA membership entitles **only** the member, or his/her substitute, to the member's rate. ALL other participants must pay the full conference fee. UKIA Group members are entitled to one complimentary place plus other participants at the members' rate.

Non UKIA members will receive complimentary UKIA membership for 2010.

Limited places reserved for students at £40 + VAT (£47)

BOOKING

Places are limited, so advanced booking is essential.

You can pay by cheque or by credit card – see payment details below on registration form.

TRADE STAND SPACE

Trade stand space is available at £250 + VAT.

Please contact Sue Brooks E: s.brooks@ukia.org or T: 01427 717627 for details.

THE VENUE

Orton Hall Hotel Peterborough PE2 7DN

Overnight accommodation available at:

Orton Hall Hotel T: 01733 391111

Travelodge Alwalton PE7 3UR T: 0870 0850950 or

Express by Holiday Inn PE2 6HE T: 0870 7201197



I wish to register for the UKIA spring seminar **Irrigation: Water's role in food security**

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

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I am a UKIA member: NFU member

Payment must accompany application

Cheques payable to UK Irrigation Association Ltd

Credit card payments—complete the attached form and send it to:

UKIA c/o Sue Brooks, 6 Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough DN21 5AP

Or pay over the phone - contact Sue Brooks on 01427 717627

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UK Irrigation Association – a good time to join

Water is essential for agriculture, horticulture, sports, and amenity in the drier regions of the UK. Without it many businesses would simply not survive. But irrigators are under pressures from every quarter – changes in water resource management, licencing, pressures from supermarkets and the environmental lobby, and rising costs. At times like these it is vitally important that the irrigation community has a voice in the unfolding debate about future water use. The UKIA is the only independent organisation with a broad church membership and almost 30 years experience of supporting and promoting irrigation from a users' perspective.

The UKIA is not a trade association. We promote better understanding of all aspects of irrigation in the UK. We collect and disseminate information, and raise standards of knowledge and competence in irrigation design, installation, and management. We are active in all sectors where irrigation is important - agriculture, horticulture, sports surfaces, amenity, and landscape irrigation.

Benefits of membership

- Annual spring seminar - discounted for members
- Technical seminars and visits
- Website information with members' section
- Newsletters
- Free advisory booklets on irrigation
- Email bulletins on the latest issues in irrigation
- UK Irrigation - the Association's journal

All this for only £40 a year