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UK Rice Research Network

Early Career Researcher Meeting



Dates: From 12:30 on Thursday 27th February to 12.00 on Friday 28th February

Venue: Halifax Hall Hotel, Sheffield University Endcliffe Campus Sheffield S10 3ER

This inaugural meeting aims to bring together, for the first time, postdoctoral and PhD researchers working across the UK on all aspects of rice research, ranging from lab-based molecular genetics and stress physiology through to translational aspects of biofuels, crop protection and nutrition.

The focused meeting of up to 40 researchers will provide an opportunity for early career researchers to present their work, discuss the challenges and opportunities of rice research in the UK, and to play a role in setting the agenda of the UK Rice Research Network. The aim is to help create a self-sustaining ECR network where the key researchers working at the bench or in the field get to know and support each other, and to identify what the UK Rice Research Consortium can do to help early career scientists working in this area.

Schedule

27th February

12:30 Arrival and Registration
13:00 Lunch
14.00 Welcome and overview of rice research in UK; aims of meeting

Presentations by participants

14.15 - 15.15 4x 15 min talks selected from applicants
15.15 - 15.30 1 min poster talks
15.30 - 16.00 Tea/Coffee
16.00 - 17.00 4x 15 min talk selected from applicants
17.00 - 17.15 1 min poster talks
17.15 - 17.45 Posters and networking
17.45 - 18.30: **round-table discussion:** What challenges do ECRs working on rice in the UK face? What would help rice research in the UK?
19.00 meal and further discussions at Halifax Hall

28th February

9.00 - 10.00 4x15 min talks selected from applicants
10.00 - 10.30 Tea/Coffee
10.30 - 10.45 **summary of discussions:** recommendations for the UK Rice Research Consortium and next steps
10.45 - 11.15 **careers session:** Q&A panel discussion with academics and ECRs. Can one plan a research career?
11.15 - 11.45 **plenary speaker** Prof Sue Hartley OBE- A perspective on rice research and global food security
12.00 Finish
(*pm: optional tour of plant science facilities at Sheffield*)

Registration:

£150 (includes overnight accommodation, evening meal and breakfast: Day rate: £50

Registration at: <https://onlineshop.shef.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-science/animal-and-plant-sciences/uk-rice-research-network-february-2020>