Maize Growers Association Maize Conference 2020

Thursday 6th February 2020

Hilton East Midlands Airport, M1 Junction, 24 Derby Rd, Derby DE74 2YZ

Expected Itinerary

8.30am: Tour of University of Nottingham Farm, Sutton Bonington Campus. This tour will include a look around the cattle sheds, dairy facility, and feed system. This is an excellent opportunity to explore the Centre for Dairy Science Innovation built in 2018 and to find out more about current dairy and forage research being undertaken

10.00am: Registration

10.30am: Introduction from MGA Chairman, John Jackson, followed by short welcome by MGA sponsors Mole Valley Farmers

Conference speakers this year to include:

- **Jeremy Woods**: Reader in Sustainable Development at Imperial College London
- **Phil Garnsworthy**: Professor of Dairy Science at University of Nottingham
- **Friedhelm Taube**: Professor of Grass and Forage Science/Organic Agriculture and special professor of Grass-Based Dairy Science at University of Kiel, Germany
- **Neil Groom, Oliver Knowland, Simon Draper**: MGA Council Members and trial result analysers and presenters
- **Michael and Ian Sturmer**: 2019 Farmers Weekly Beef Farmer of the Year and long-term maize growers
- **George Crane**: PhD student at NIAB and the University of Cambridge investigating the impact of cover crop cultivation on the growth of beneficial fungi
- **Riccardo Fusi**: PhD student at University of Nottingham studying the maize root system (architecture, biology and genetics)
On 5th February, the evening before the conference, there is a conference dinner. This is in a private room with MGA council members and conference speakers and is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and join in discussion.

We have then reserved a number of rooms in the hotel to include breakfast. If you would like to stay with us in the conference venue the night before, please let us know. SPACES ARE VERY LIMITED!

The cost for the evening meal, bed and breakfast is £140*. If you would prefer to attend dinner only, the cost will be £30* per head to include three courses.

See overleaf for the expected itinerary for conference day (day sponsored by ARK and Bright Maize). The cost of attendance to the whole day for members will be £50* and for non-members £90*. For this you will have a chance to attend the farm tour, receive a set of conference papers, have refreshments throughout the day, and have a buffet lunch. There will be the opportunity to visit stands held by ARK, Bright Maize, Lallemand, Samco, Sly Agri, Syngenta, Vaderstad, and Volac.

For more information, or if you would like to enquire about sponsorship, please contact us on the overleaf details. We look forward to receiving your conference booking!

*All above prices are inclusive of VAT.