



SCRI is Scotland's leading centre for research on plants and the way they interact with farmland and the natural environment. We have a world-wide reputation.

We are active in determining how genes regulate plant growth.

We are researching the quality, health and nutritional values of food. We are helping to control crop pests and diseases and we are studying the way plants relate to and modify their environment.

Our scientists are hard at work tackling the implications of climate change in Scotland. We are also developing new ways to use waste effectively on the land. We promote biodiversity and the science behind farmed habitats to farmers, schoolchildren, students and the general public.

We champion sustainable farming methods through our role as a LEAF Innovation Centre.

Mylnefield Research Services – our commercial subsidiary – takes SCRI knowledge and innovation to the market with our industrial partners. The crop varieties we breed have resulted in 580 user-licences in 23 countries.



An independent, economic impact assessment* estimates that we generate £160 million of business every year in the farming, manufacturing and retail sectors in Scotland and the rest of the UK. That means public sector investment in SCRI is multiplied and put back in the economy by a factor of 14.

"Food is our common ground, a universal experience."
James Beard



Visit our website at:
www.scri.ac.uk

SCRI, Invergowrie, Dundee, DD2 5DA
Tel: 01382 562731 Fax: 01382 562426

Director & Chief Executive:
Professor Peter Gregory

Head of Communications:
Phil Taylor
Tel: 01382 560044


* Socio-economic Impact Assessment of SCRI Group research and products. July 2007 carried out by DTZ, One Edinburgh Quay, 133 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9QG.



HIDDEN TREASURE



Improving International Potato Production

A major conference celebrating the UN International Year of the Potato sponsored by  Greenvale AP

Friday
8 August 2008
The Apex Hotel, Dundee

To book your place, visit:
www.scri.ac.uk
or call Integrity Events
+44(0)131 624 6040



Improving International Potato Production

This conference takes place the day after the UK's largest annual potato field event, **Potatoes in Practice** and an industry dinner, both held on Thursday 7 August.

The global investment in the world's fourth largest crop will be recognised by the presence at the conference of Chinese, Russian and Indian guest speakers.

Topics will include new possibilities in the use of scarce resources – particularly water; how climate change is likely to impact on potato crops; updates on pests and pathogens and on current breeding studies.

Conference Programme

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/CHAIR
08.30 – 9.00	Registration	
Session 1:	International Potato Production	
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome	Chair: Dr. Jim Godfrey Former Chairman of CIP Representative from Scottish Government
09.15 – 09.45	A Global Perspective of Potato Production in Emerging Markets	Dr Pamela Anderson Director General of CIP
09.45 – 10.15	Global Potato Processing	Mr Ian Hope-Johnstone Group Manager Agricultural Development PepsiCo International
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee	
10.45 – 11.15	The Chinese View	Speaker from China Potato Development Dialogue 2008
11.15 – 11.45	The Russian View	Speaker from Russian Potato Research & Development Sector
11.45 – 12.15	Policies and Research Priorities for Sustaining Potato Production and Consumption in Asia Pacific	Dr S K Pandey Director, Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla.
12.15 – 12.45	Future Prospects for Potato Genome Technology	Professor Richard Visser Wageningen University and Research Centre.
12.45 – 13.40	Lunch	
Session 2	The Next 10 Years – Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions	
13.40 – 14.00	Overview of a Recent European Study	Mr David Walker Former Chairman, British Potato Council
14.00 – 14.20	Potato Breeding In a Changing World	Dr Mike Storey Head of R&D at The Potato Council Ltd.
14.20 – 14.40	Pest and Pathogens	Dr John Bradshaw SCRI
14.40 – 15.00	The Need to Improve Resource Use by Potatoes – Water and Mineral Elements	Dr Ian Toth SCRI
15.00 – 15.20	Coffee	Professor Philip White SCRI
15.20 – 15.40	Quality and Nutritional value	Professor Howard Davies SCRI
15.40 – 16.00	High Health Seed	Professor Gordon Machray SASA
16.00 – 16.20	Impact of Climate Change	Dr Anton Haverkort Wageningen University and Research Centre
16.20 – 16.40	Product Development	Paul Coleman Technical Director, Greenvale AP
17.30-17.45	Closing Remarks	Professor Peter Gregory Director of SCRI
18.15-18.30	Network and refreshments	
19.00	Depart	

For online booking information go to:
<http://www.scri.ac.uk/news/yearofthepotato>



**HIDDEN
TREASURE**