

Review of events – Highlights

Communicating the results of their studies is a part of the research process taken very seriously by SCRI scientists. Throughout the year there were over 2,000 visitors including: school children; university students; clubs and societies; companies and people from around the world. Visitors came from other research institutes to understand more about the role SCRI plays in plant and environmental research, and special events were held to inform food producers, processors and retailers, and the general public about our work and its outcomes.



The major events this year were in partnership with other bodies. On May 23rd “Sustainable Agriculture – From Laboratory to Field” in collaboration with LEAF demonstrated research on farming and environment both in the field and in the laboratory.

Cereal Solutions in collaboration with SAC and HGCA showed farmers and cereal industry representatives how the understanding of genetic information is used to produce cereals for particular purposes such as varieties of wheat for distilling requiring reduced fertiliser. They also were guided round the HGCA Recommended List field trials at SCRI.



Fruit for the Future was a particular hit this year as the new cultivar Glen Doll was on display for tasting.



The blackcurrant project to track the production and storage of vitamin C in blackcurrant bushes and the fac-



tors that determine the levels of the nutrient in the fruit attracted ministerial interest.

Potatoes in Practice in collaboration with SAC, CSC PotatoCare and sponsored by the BPC was the most successful yet with over 600 visitors. It featured a display of Andean potatoes. Participants were able to sample baked Mayan Gold tubers. This new variety, bred at SCRI, was launched by Greenvale AP this year.



The stand at the Dundee Flower and Food Festival allowed people to test how much vitamin C can be found in different fruits. There were also games to identify wild plants.

Children are always a very important group of visitors, from Primary such as the group who came for Bring Your Child to Work day to the Higher biology and chemistry pupils.



The Governing Body said farewell to Professor Sir John Marsh CBE with a presentation and lunch. Sir John joined the governing body in April 1998 and served in many capacities including Vice-Chairman.

