



# INFER Workshop on Agri-Tech Economics

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U.K.

*jointly organized by*

**INFER (International Network for Economic Research)**

**&**

**Harper Adams University – Global Institute for Agri-Tech Economics**

## Keynote Speakers

We are happy to welcome the following internationally distinguished keynote speakers:

**Prof. Jess M Lowenberg-DeBoer**

## Workshop Objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in the **topic of Agri-Tech Economics** to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the workshop's special topic.

Papers from all the following fields may be submitted: **Agricultural Economics and Agri-business Management**. However, in particular we welcome papers focused on innovative agricultural technologies under any of the following themes:

- **Farm management, risk and economics**
- **Productivity and efficiency of the farming sector**
- **Value chains, markets and trade**
- **Regulation, policy and governance**

This includes aspects of innovative technology in agriculture, economics, statistics, marketing, agri-business and farm management, agricultural policy, food marketing and technology, environmental studies, geography and the digitization of agricultural landscapes, and society. The workshop is open to anybody interested or involved in these research areas, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

## Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the

- International Network for Economic Research ([INFER](#))
- Harper Adams University, [Global Institute for Agri-Tech Economics](#)

**INFER** is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. Website: [www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net)

**Harper Adams University** Since it was founded in 1901, Harper has been designed to meet this challenge. Set on a 550 hectare farm, we are the leading specialist university tackling the future development of our planet's food production, processing, animal sciences, engineering, land management and sustainable business. The **Global Institute for Agri-Tech Economics** is a research centre within Harper Adams University that represents a worldwide network of leading multidisciplinary researchers and stakeholders and which brings together experts working on the application, adaptation and adoption of innovative agricultural technology.

### Submission of Papers

**Full papers or abstracts may be submitted, preferably in Word-format using the Word template provided. Papers should be submitted to:**

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**Deadline for abstract or paper submission is 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2019.**

Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. We will confirm receipt of your submission.

All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality and fast referee process. You will receive an e-mail indicating whether your paper is accepted for presentation during the workshop or not before **26<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the workshop. The discussant assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to build a network in this research area, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

### Publication of Papers

A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published in one or more international publications. **INFER** offers several publication possibilities to workshop participants, including book volumes and journal publications. Moreover, papers of excellent quality may be published in a special issue or section of [Precision Agriculture](#).

The workshop organizers will contact you about these publication possibilities later.

### Registration and Registration Fee

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants will be:

- **INFER** members: 70 EUR
- other participants: 140 EUR

Please note: the annual membership fee for private **INFER** members is 40 EUR only (institutional **INFER** members 400 EUR). You are invited to become a member!

The registration fee includes all lunches and drinks. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. All workshop participants have to register for the workshop. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. Registration can be done in two ways, see below, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

#### **OPTION 1: by the *INFER* website + PayPal**

Please register on the *INFER* website ([www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net)). Payment can be done via PayPal on the website (an own PayPal account is not necessary). Note that you can use the same website to become an *INFER* member.

#### **OPTION 2: by e-mail + bank transfer**

Please e-mail to [treasurer@infer.info](mailto:treasurer@infer.info)

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning your: ***Last Name + Workshop Newport***. Please transfer the fee to the *INFER* account in Germany:

HypoVereinsbank Ludwigshafen  
For international transactions please use the International Bank Account  
Number (IBAN) and the SWIFT-Code:  
IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97  
SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

#### **Deadline for registration and payment: 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.**

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased to 100 EUR (*INFER* members) and 200 EUR (other participants).

#### **Location and Travelling**

The workshop takes place at the **Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB.**

**Newport** is a market town in the borough of Telford and Wrekin and ceremonial county of Shropshire, England. It lies some 6 miles (10 kilometres) north of Telford and some 12 mi (19 km) west of Stafford, and is near the Shropshire/Staffordshire border. The 2001 census recorded 10,814 people living in the town's parish, making it the second-largest town in Telford and Wrekin and the fifth-largest in the ceremonial county of Shropshire. Newport is a Britain in Bloom finalist and has been awarded the silver gilt award from the Heart of England regional, making it the first town in the country to win six gold awards in a row. The 2010 competition, wherein it won more points than any town in the United Kingdom gave Newport its seventh consecutive gold medal.

#### **Getting here by air**

**Birmingham Airport** is the closest airport to Harper Adams. There is a regular train service from Birmingham International to **Telford Central** and **Shrewsbury**.

- **Birmingham Airport** (47 miles approx. 51mins drive)
- **Manchester Airport** (58 miles)
- **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** (64 miles)
- **East Midland Airport** (66 miles)

#### **Getting here by train**

Although **Telford Central** is the closest train station to Harper Adams, you may find more direct trains to Stafford or Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury has a bus service that stops at the campus (see bus information), or you will be able to get a taxi from any of these stations.

- **Telford Central** (**10 miles** approx. 17mins by taxi)
- **Stafford** (**15 miles**)
- **Shrewsbury** (**16 miles**)

## **Getting here by bus**

Click the service number to view the current bus timetable and route map:

- [Arriva 519](#) from Newport to Shrewsbury (stops at Shrewsbury train station and **the campus** in Edgmond)
- [Arriva 5,5A](#) from Stafford to Newport to Telford (*note you will need to change at Newport to get a bus or taxi to the campus*)

## **Getting here by car**

The campus is situated off the **B5062** from Newport to Shrewsbury.

Postcode for your satnav is: **TF10 8NB**

### **From the North**

- Take the M6 South.
- Leave the M6 at junction 14 (signed Stone and Eccleshall, A34) and follow the A5013, signed to Eccleshall.
- After 1.5 miles turn left onto the B5405.
- At the T junction in Woodseaves, turn left on to the A519 and follow signs for Newport.
- After passing The Swan pub in Forton, you will shortly come to a roundabout. Take the second exit onto the B5062 (signposted Newport/Shrewsbury).
- At the T junction turn right (signposted Shrewsbury), then left on the B5062 (signposted for the University).
- Harper Adams is 1.5 miles along this road, on the right-hand side.

### **From the South**

- Take the M6 North.
- Leave the M6 at junction 10A (signposted Telford/North Wales) and join the M54.
- Leave the M54 at junction 3 (signposted Whitchurch) and take the A41 towards Whitchurch.
- As you near Newport, drive past the exit for the National Sports Centre. At the first roundabout drive straight over; you will pass an industrial estate on your left.
- At the next roundabout take the first left (signposted Newport), this is the A518, which will take you into Newport Town Centre.
- At the mini roundabout in the Centre turn right and drive out of the town, over another mini roundabout and past the petrol station on your left.
- Go left at the next roundabout on to the B5062 (signposted Edgmond/Shrewsbury).
- Harper Adams is 1.5 miles along this road, on the right-hand side.

## **Accommodation**

Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. The enrolment fee does not cover accommodation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

### **Recommended Hotels:**

- Premier Inn Newport/Telford
- Swan at Forton
- Days Inn Hotel Telford Ironbridge
- International Hotel Telford
- The Telford Whitehouse Hotel
- Park Inn by Radisson Telford
- Holiday Inn Express Stafford
- Days Inn Stafford

## Further Information

Questions may be directed to the local workshop organizers:

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