The conference theme “Growing Landscapes - Cultivating innovative agricultural systems” recognizes that agriculture is the dominant use of land in Europe. Most of our landscapes are places where food and fibre is grown for our use, but they also provide us with a wide range of ecosystem goods and services. Agronomic research underpins the development and management of innovative agricultural systems from crop to field to landscape scale and seeks to balance the delivery of all ecosystem services from land. The 14th Congress of the European Society of Agronomy provides an opportunity to share the latest findings from research and practice, build new networks and collaborations and explore the relationship between land and food in Scotland – The Land of Food and Drink.

We have already put together an outline programme with some excellent confirmed plenary speakers, which can be found online: www.esa14.org.uk.

We are now calling for papers (for oral and/or poster presentation) on all aspects of crop agronomy that relate to the conference theme.

Proposed sessions include (but are not limited to):
1. Sustainable intensification – theory or practice?
2. Adaptation to Climate Change
3. Building diversity into Cropping Systems
4. Understanding and modelling the impact of extreme weather events on crop production
5. Optimising the use of pulses in European agriculture
6. Supporting agro-ecological innovation through farming systems design
7. Managing crop quality for human and livestock nutrition
8. Landscape management for food and ecosystem services
9. Valuing actor-oriented research in European agronomy
10. Managing crops as soil improvers
11. Performance and stability of yield and quality in organic and conventional cropping
12. Measuring the impact of agronomic change
13. Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive - Challenges and opportunities
14. Mining data for better agronomy - Challenges and opportunities
15. Optimising the use of long-term experiments for agriculture and agronomy

Further details about the session organizers and a short description of the sessions can be found on the congress website (www.esa14.org.uk). Details can also be found via the ESA website (http://www.european-agronomy.org/) and the Association of Applied Biologists (www.aab.org.uk)

Key dates are:
Offers of papers – title and abstract needed – by 26 February 2016
If any individuals or groups would like to propose additional sessions within the conference or satellite workshops to be held on Monday 5 September or the afternoon of Friday 9 September, please contact the organizers before the end of 2015 via one of the main contacts listed below.

Conference booking will be launched online before the end of 2015; late registration surcharges will apply after 15 July 2016. Acceptance and confirmation of session details will be sent by 4 April 2016. Full manuscripts of the short papers for the proceedings will need to be submitted by the end of May 2016. All offers of papers should be submitted online via www.esa14.org.uk using the electronic template.

Please forward this call for papers to other colleagues and students who may be interested in submitting a paper

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