



### **Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) presents agricultural accolades to engineers working in the landbased industry**

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Members of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) and guests have received awards in recognition of their contribution to the landbased industry at a ceremony held at JCB's world headquarters in Rocester.

The award of Honorary Fellow was made to Geoffrey Freedman in recognition of the tremendous service he has given the Institution and the Forestry Engineering Group. Geoff was instrumental in starting the group in 1989. Presenting the award the new IAgrE President Dr Robert Merrall said, "Geoff is the leading professional in his field of forest and timber engineering and has applied his tireless enthusiasm and boundless initiative to the benefit of IAgrE over many years."

An Award of Merit was presented to Ian Duff of IAgrE's Northern Ireland branch. This award is made to a person who is distinguished by work in agricultural science/engineering or an outstanding person who IAgrE honours for services given to the Institution. "Ian has been a key member of the Northern Ireland branch since its formation 35 years ago. His personal commitment to the organisation and running of the Northern Ireland branch is a major factor in its existence and development," said IAgrE CEO Alastair Taylor. Ian is retired from his post as Deputy Chief Agricultural officer within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for NI and is now Principal Consultant with Ultimo Consultancy, a company he started to service a wide range of agricultural engineering and supply chain projects.

Two Michael Dwyer memorial prizes, which are presented to a mid-career engineer who has made outstanding progress in the agricultural engineering industry, went to Christopher Pett, MD of Mastebroek Limited and Andrew Keen of Househam Sprayers. Christopher has responsibility for all aspects of the Mastebroek's business and was honoured for his all-round ability and talent. Andrew, who is Operations Director at Househam Sprayers was recognised for his technical experience in all aspects of design, development and evaluation of crop sprayers, together with a first class knowledge of the crop sprayer market.

Branch meritorious awards given to members who have delivered outstanding service to an IAgrE branch went to: David Yates of the East Midlands branch, Hugh McIlvenna of Northern Ireland and David Tinker of the South East Midlands branch.

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Finally, the Douglas Bomford Trust Award presented to the author who demonstrates originality and technical excellence in a scientific paper, went to Dr J Browne, and Dr JP Frost of Agri-Food and Biosciences Limited for their paper on the effects of storage time and temperature on biogas production from the dairy cow slurry, published in Biosystems Engineering, Volume 129, January 2015.

#### **Photographs:**



Geoff Freedman receiving Honorary Fellow award from new President Dr Robert Merrall



Ian Duff presented with an Award of Merit from President Dr Robert Merrall

#### **Notes for editors:**

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