



News Release

Dr Paul Miller receives scientific accolade from the European Society of Agricultural Engineers

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Dr Paul Miller of Haynes, Bedfordshire, agricultural engineer and expert in all aspects of crop spraying and fertiliser application has received the 2016 EurAgEng Award of Merit for Scientific Understanding, which is a bronze statuette - a replica of the statue that stood in the main building at the Silsoe Research Institute.

The award, presented by Alastair Taylor CEO of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, on behalf of EurAgEng, is in recognition of Dr Miller's work and achievements in agricultural engineering and spray technology.

David Tinker, Secretary General of EurAgEng said, "This award is made to an individual for their major international contribution to the advancement of scientific understanding in engineering and related science for the benefit of agriculture, environment, industry and/or the rural sector in Europe and Dr Miller is a worthy winner."

On receiving the award Dr Miller said, "I am surprised and honoured to receive this award. It resonates with me for two reasons. Firstly, I have always tried to actively connect the understanding of science to the practical aspects of agricultural machinery design, development and operation and to be recognised in this field is a great honour.

Secondly, I can remember the original statue that was 2.7m tall, called 'Earth Man Tool and Sky' that stood at Wrest Park, Silsoe unveiled in 1984 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, so the bronze statuette will be an elegant reminder of my career at Silsoe.

I have also been supported by excellent teams at all stages throughout my working life and their help, stimulation and support has contributed hugely to my receiving this award."

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Dr Paul Miller:

Dr Paul Miller led the Chemical Application Group at Silsoe Research Institute – a group involved with many aspects of agricultural chemical application, including the management of spray drift from boom and air-assisted sprayers, nozzle performance, dose control and patch spraying. He went on to hold the senior role of Director of Technology at the Silsoe Research Institute before leading his spray applications Group into commercial research and consultancy as part of The Arable Group.

He was a visiting Professor at Cranfield University and has worked with agricultural pesticide application since the early 1980's and has a wide experience of both research approaches and the link to commercial development.

Paul is the author of many refereed and conference papers and is recognised as the leading international authority in his field.

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Dr Paul Miller (left) receives his award from IAgRE CEO Alastair Taylor

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