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Cranfield Professor becomes President of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)

Jane Rickson, Professor of Soil Erosion and Conservation at Cranfield University's Soil and Agrifood Institute has been appointed President of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers.

Professor Rickson is involved in research for government and private sector clients e.g. on soil degradation, loss of ecosystem goods and services and soil conservation. She has over 30 years' experience of research, consultancy and teaching in soil and water engineering, with focus on sustainable land management practices. She also specialises in agricultural and biosystems engineering at MSc and PhD level.

"I am honoured to be appointed President of the IAgrE at this exciting time for agricultural engineering. The need for agricultural engineers at all levels throughout the land based sector has never been so great, given the challenges of food production and environmental protection. I look forward to helping the Institution be recognised as the place where industry and researchers can share knowledge and make a difference."

"I am looking forward to working with Jane as incoming President and I am sure that Jane will make a huge impact upon the agricultural engineering community. It is an exciting time for the Institution and I know that Jane will engage with our future challenges to make sure our discipline is properly celebrated and represented," Alastair Taylor.

Jane took over the Presidency from Dr Rob Merrall, today at the Institutions' annual AGM and award celebrations held at Wrest Park Silsoe. She will hold the role for two years and President Elect is Paul Hemmingway, recently retired after many years in a range of roles at JCB.

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Notes for editors:

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