

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers

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Award of Merit 2016

Ian Duff

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Ian Duff's IAgRE membership began soon after graduation with MAgREng (University of Newcastle on Tyne) in 1965. He has been a key member of the Northern Ireland IAgRE Branch since its formation 35 years ago. For a large proportion of that time he has been Branch Honorary Secretary and has also taken his turn as Branch Chairman.

We, as members of the NI Branch Committee, strongly feel that Ian's personal commitment to the organisation and running of our Branch is a major factor in its existence and development.

The ongoing role of Branch Secretary is the most onerous for the following reasons:

- Handling all the correspondence both in and out in several formats – mail, e-mail, phone and texting
- Negotiating and arranging event venues
- Keeping branch members informed of events and current IAgRE issues.

Although the Committee meet to prioritise winter programme subjects and preferred speakers, the Secretary has most of the hard work in confirming arrangements and finalising the event details.

As a committee member, Ian continues to be the prime mover in what we do and achieve. We all rely heavily on his innovation and experience. He is always at the centre of our agreed decisions.

Ian retired from his post as Deputy Chief Agricultural Officer (within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for NI) and soon afterwards established Ultimo Consulting, servicing a wide range of agricultural engineering and supply chain projects on a local and international basis. He is the Principal Consultant and his professional activity is still current.

Ian is also an active member of the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society who organise major shows and exhibitions for the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland. In this context he was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Agricultural Societies.

Against the background of this busy professional life, we in the NI IAgRE Branch realise how fortunate we are to retain his services and unequalled person effort.

