



# EAAP 2016 | Belfast UK, 29 Aug - 2 Sept

## Sustainable Food Production: Livestock's Key Role



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EAAP2016 is organised by BSAS

- Over 900 papers submitted; expect over 1200 European animal scientists to participate
- AgriTech Innovation Centres stand – opportunity to demonstrate UK Precision Livestock Farming technologies
- Full day session on Precision Livestock Farming (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September)



**16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

- Massive opportunity to profile UK Precision Agriculture – in Edinburgh: through the sessions, but also displays and field visits
- Traditionally Broad (crop) focus – but we plan to increase livestock and forage aspects through a satellite session

# Agri-EPI Centre: Next steps

- Ministerial launch event – summer TBC
- ‘Soft’ launch with Foundation Members
  - Currently no staff or facilities
  - So focus on internal project development:
    - Research, Development, Demonstration, Training
- Website – under development (incl. member area)
- Facilities developed over the next 30 months

# Agri-EPI Centre: Next steps

- Staff: recruitment
  - CEO ASAP, followed by Lead for the other 2 sites
  - Further staff later this year
- Members: updating our Directory:
  - Contacts
  - Capabilities
  - Needs

# Agri-EPI Centre: Next steps

- International engagement
  - China, Brazil
  - Links: 180+ countries



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- “Our vision for staffing the Centre is driven by the need for flexibility and cost-effectiveness...”
- “A lot of Centre activity will be achieved through staff time/secondment from industry partners...”

# Agri-EPI Centre: Next steps

- Industry leadership on development of facilities, particularly Satellite Sites
- Industry leadership to develop projects – identifying issues and technology combinations from amongst industry and academic partners
- Industry leadership to define the Centre and UK National Research, Development, Demonstration and Training agendas



# Agri-EPI Centre: Next steps

- Questions?
- Comments?