

Institution of Agricultural Engineers

Honorary Fellow 2015

Dr C Steve Parkin

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The award of Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers is made to Dr Steve Parkin in recognition of the tremendous service that he has given to The Institution over a 25 year period of membership. This contribution has two major components, namely his work with the membership committee and his role as Managing Editor of Biosystems Engineering – a peer reviewed journal that is owned by The Institution and published by Elsevier.

Steve has been a member of the Membership Committee of IAGrE since 1994 and has been the chair of this committee since 1998. In this role, Steve has been a long standing member of The Executive and Council of IAGrE and his broad experience of a wide range of relevant matters has enabled him to make a strong contribution to the defining and monitoring of policies and procedures. He has served as a vice president of The Institution and as an Expert Member of the Registration Authority of the Society for the Environment.

Steve has been the Managing Editor of the IAGrE owned Journal Biosystems Engineering since 2007. Working with the Editor-in-Chief, Prof Bill Day, the journal has flourished with a 60% increase in the number of papers submitted and the editorial panel have raised the profile of the journal whilst maintaining its scientific quality. Biosystems Engineering is now an important asset of The Institution providing both an established and well recognised platform for publishing original research contributions and an important source of income.

Steve has established a well-recognised reputation relating to his work with agricultural chemical applications. He began his career at Cranfield where he was involved in research contracts and training concerned with pesticide spraying particularly using aircraft. He moved to Silsoe College as a senior lecturer and became Assistant Director of Research before joining the Chemical Application Group at Silsoe Research Institute

Dr Steve Parkin has made an outstanding contribution to the work of IAGrE that fully justifies the award of Honorary Fellow. He is an established agricultural engineer with a wide experience of research, development and training particularly relating to agricultural chemical applications – a field in which he continues to be recognised as an international expert. In his role as managing editor of Biosystems Engineering he uses all his skill and experience very effectively to ensure that the journal performs well, enhances the reputation of The Institution and contributes to its financial well-being.