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## Alastair Tulloch

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Alastair Tulloch has been an IAgrE Member for 47 years. He qualified with a National Diploma in AgEng from the Essex Institute of Agriculture at Writtle in 1970. In April 2017 he retired from a 45-year career with Claas UK where he ended his Claas UK career as After Sales Manager. His contribution to Agricultural Engineering and in particular the development and recognition of technicians has been exceptional.

As **a key member of the AEA Training & Education committee** he was one of the founding fathers of the Landbased Technician Accreditation (LTA) Scheme, he put aside the notion of brand competition to work with other agricultural machinery manufactures to establish a recognition scheme for technicians working in Landbased Engineering Service Engineering. Many of these have gone on to be recognised as registered Engineering Technicians and in doing so, along with their employers, have upheld the concept of a professionalised work force. In doing this, Alastair has been

a pivotal figure in raising aspirations for

those working as Landbased Engineering Service **Technicians** and for the wider Agricultural Engineering profession as a whole.

On behalf of Claas UK, Alastair Tulloch has put a great deal of effort into the development of apprentices as well as on-going Continuing Professional Development for service **technicians.** He has overseen much development of apprenticeships and CPD at various locations around the country. He has always set a high standard and this expectation has been promulgated across the Claas UK Network. More recently, Alastair acted as the chair for the Trailblazer Apprenticeship development group which pulled together the diverse views of a range of agricultural machinery manufacturers to establish **an** apprenticeship standard which is accepted across all of industry.

During his last year with Claas UK, Alastair has been closely involved with the redevelopment of a new training centre at the Claas UK headquarters in Suffolk which represents a state of the art training resource utilising twenty first century training methods for twenty first century agricultural machinery technology.

The contribution from Alastair Tulloch to the Agricultural Engineering industry is outstanding and the IAgrE is proud to acknowledge it.