

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers

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IAgrE Award of Merit 2020

Keith Hawken

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The criteria for Award of Merit is defined as a “distinguished person whom IAgrE desires to honour for services rendered to IAgrE, or whose association therewith is of benefit to the Institution of Agricultural Engineers”.

Keith meets both of these criteria. He has had a distinguished career and continues to be fully engaged in the Technical and Standards Director of the Agricultural Engineers Association. He became a Chartered Engineer in 2003 and continued to progress to Eur Ing status in 2008, which complimented his University and practical background gained during his time with the Robert Bosch group. He is also a member of the Club of Bologna, as well as an ASABE president’s citation award holder, USA gained during 2013. In 2016 he gained a Doctorate through US Universities in Delaware with a concentration in Mechanical Engineering.

He is Chairman of several British national standards committees involved with

agricultural tractors, forestry machinery, implements, mowers, outdoor power equipment, trailers, and crop protection equipment, as well as ISO Chairman for harvesting and conservation equipment since 2008 and ISO forestry machinery since 2014. He is also Chairman of the CEN committee for PTO shafts and Accident statistics, and a stakeholder member of the European Union machinery Directive working group.

Keith is a longstanding member of the IAgrE Membership committee and works diligently by supporting new registrants, assessing those applying to become Chartered Engineers and involvement in the Professional Review Interviews.

In addition, Keith was one of eight recipients of the ‘Order of the Engineer’ all who were cordially accepted by obligation ceremony, after respective recent graduations, with these presented by Prof Bob Gustafson of Ohio State University.

Keith is a distinguished IAgrE member whose association is of great benefit the Institution. He is a loyal servant of the Institution, working hard to support membership development and professional registration.

This Award of Merit is awarded to celebrate Keith’s achievements and contribution to the Agricultural Engineering industry and our profession.

