



The Institution of Agricultural Engineers focusses on the role of the technician

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) has launched a new grade of membership to recognise the importance of the role of the technician in the landbased sector.

IAgrE CEO, Alastair Taylor commented:

“It is so important that we recognise the important role which our technicians fulfil and across Agricultural Engineering in all of its forms. These people do such a great job and whether they are working as a Service Engineer in a dealership, as a Precision Farming Technician in wider agriculture or as a Soil Science technician, this new grade is a great way of recognising their achievements. They will be able to use the post nominal letters of TIAgrE”

The Technician grade of IAgrE Membership is for those who are qualified at a vocational or technical level and have completed an apprenticeship or extended diploma. They will be working in the industry and will have built early experience and career development in the workplace. They will be keen to be part of the IAgrE family and seeking a cost effective way of getting involved and benefiting. This grade may include farm machinery service engineers, people working in precision farming and soil science working as technicians, instructors and trainers.

IAgrE Technician members will have a technical qualification in agricultural engineering, land-based technology or related engineering or scientific subject at Level 3. This will include, for example, an extended diploma, advanced apprenticeship or equivalent in an appropriate subject.

IAgrE President, Rob Merrall added:

“There are many reasons why it is good to be a member of a professional body. It is recognition and acknowledgement of your experience, personal skills and knowledge. This leads to a professional identity and greater job satisfaction, recognition and respect from employers, colleagues and customers for the expertise held. It shows helps you with continual professional development opportunities (CPD) and to stay abreast of technology. In the long term it offers greater career prospects and earning potential as well as greater self-esteem, confidence and professional assertiveness.”

IAgrE Technician members will have the same benefits as all IAgrE members including the quarterly members journal Landwards, discount on tools and spares through the Halfords Trade Card, access to IAgrE meetings and events, regular updates on industry matters, and access to the **MyCareerPath** system for recording training and achievements.

To apply for Technician Membership visit www.iagre.org where you can complete an IAgrE Membership Enquiry Form. For the remainder of 2017, there is a special introductory rate of £30.00 if paid by Direct Debit.