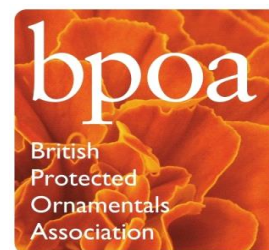


Spring Conference 2016

Wednesday 20th January

Stratford Manor Hotel,

Warwick Rd, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 0PY



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Views from across the pond

Chair: Mike Smith (W.D. Smith & Son, Battlesbridge, Essex)

9:00 - 9:10	Introduction. Mike Smith
9:10 - 9:30	<i>"All our eggs in one basket: How Bell Nursery finds success with one customer"</i> Cole Magnum. (Bell Nursery, Maryland, USA)
9:30 - 9:50	<i>US study tours 2015 & 2017.</i> Mike Smith
9:50 - 10:10	Q&A Discussion
10:10 - 10:40	Coffee break
10:40 - 11:00	<i>"Opportunities and challenges of embedding robotics and automation in horticulture production"</i> Dr Gideon Avigad (Vineland Research & Innovation Centre, Ontario, Canada)
11:00 - 11:20	<i>The Bedding and Pot Plant Centre - looking to the future (PO 019)</i> Dr Jill England (ADAS)
11:20 - 11:40	<i>'The times they are a-changin': Driving innovation through technology and product development"</i> Cole Mangum. (Bell Nursery, Maryland, USA)
11:40 - 12:00	<i>"From sensing through decision making to action taking"</i> Dr Gideon Avigad (Vineland Research & Innovation Centre, Ontario, Canada)
12:00 - 12:20	<i>'Use of technology from a UK perspective'</i> - Dr Simon Pearson, Freiston Associates. <i>"Intensive Horticulture - 'Man versus Machine': a perspective of technological advancement from the travels of a UK Nuffield Farming Scholar"</i> Bruce Harnett, (Kernock Park Plants, Cornwall)
12:20 - 12:40	Q&A Discussion
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch

Technical updates

- Chair: Colin Frampton (First Flora Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex)

13:40 - 14:00	<i>Disinfection of irrigation water.</i> Dr Tim Pettitt (University of Worcester)
14:00 - 14:30	<i>Current problems and future prospects for biological control of Aphids.</i> Jude Bennison (ADAS)
14:30 - 15:00	<i>MOPS - Managing ornamental plants sustainably (CP 124).</i> Jude Bennison (ADAS), Dr Martin McPherson and Adam Ormerod (STC).
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Plant nutrition, crop monitoring, sampling and analysis interpretation.</i> Neil Bragg (Bulrush Horticulture Ltd)
15:30 - 15:45	Q&A Discussion

15:45	Tea and depart
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