



Equine Grassland Forum

Easton College in association with Barenbrug UK Ltd
Easton College Sports & Conference Centre

17th April 2007



The emergence of the equine sector as a major land use, and the growing evidence of climate change, has far-reaching implications for grassland managers. Efficient equine grassland management can have a dramatic effect on a horse's happiness and well being, while increasing the potential of your business success.

Easton College in association with Barenbrug UK, are organising this forum, which will put grass firmly in the spotlight when Dr Helen Moreton, David Johnston and Dr Simon Gerrard focus on this pivotal ingredient in the horse's diet and its importance to the equine business. Hear from our experts who will discuss how to improve equine grassland management, benefit from the advances in plant breeding and plan ahead to beat the effects of climate change. Our afternoon programme features a rare opportunity to visit one of the leading studs in the country . The Shadwell Stud, Thetford . by kind permission of Stud Director Richard Lancaster

So whether you're looking to diversify into the equine sector or an established operator in this growing market, book your place and learn how to maximise your grassland management, now and in the future.

Speakers Profile

Dr Helen Moreton, Royal Agricultural College

Helen returned to the RAC in 2000 to head up the MSc Applied Equine Science, Animal behaviour and welfare are her main topics of research interest.

David Johnston, AFBI

David is the Senior Plant Breeder at the Agri Food Biosciences Institute. Barenbrug has had a 15-year exclusive commercial partnership with AFBI, and this partnership breeding programme has produced a number of leading grass varieties.

Dr Simon Gerrard, UEA

Simon has been CRed Programme Manager for the last 3 years. CRed is establishing the different pathways to achieving a 60% reduction in carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 2025.

Programme

- 9.00 Registration and refreshments
- 9.25 David Lawrence Principal Easton College, Paul Johnson Managing Director Barenbrug UK - *Welcome*
- 9.30 Dr Helen Moreton Royal Agricultural College
Equine forage and grassland management
- 10.15 David Johnston Senior Plant Breeder from Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute
New developments in plant breeding of grasses
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Dr Simon Gerrard University of East Anglia
Implications for grassland management in the UK from changing climates
- 12.10 Panel Questions
- 12.30 Buffet Lunch
View demonstration of machinery for horse paddock maintenance
- 13.30 Coaches depart for Shadwell Stud
- 14.30 Visit to Shadwell Stud, Guided tour of the Nunnery Stud by Stud Manager, Johnny Peter-Hoblyn
- 16.30 Coaches depart for Easton College

I would like to attend the Equine Grassland Forum at Easton College and the Shadwell Stud on 17th April 2007.

Name:

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Number attending:

I enclose my remittance of £29.37 (£25 + £4.37 VAT) per person

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