



*'SHARING ADVANCES IN THE ANIMAL FEED INDUSTRY'*

# The Annual Ruminant Conference

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Windmill Village Hotel, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry CV5 9AL

## Programme

The Annual SFT Ruminant Conference 2018 boasts a panel of expert speakers covering a range of key issues of importance to everyone involved in feeding ruminants. Attendees will have the opportunity to question and discuss the topics with the speakers throughout the day.

09.50. **Chairman:** Keith Jamieson, Technical Director, H.J.Lea Oakes

09.55. **Protein for Dairy Cows: How Low is Achievable?** Dr. Chris Reynolds, Professor of Animal and Dairy Science, Reading University

10.35. **Reappraisal of Fats in Dairy Diets.** Dr. John Newbold, Head of Technical, Animal Nutrition, Volac

11.15. **Nutritional Value of Seaweed for Ruminants.** Mairead Campbell, Postgraduate student, QUB and Edgar Pye Scholar 2017.

12.00. **AGM**

12.30. **Lunch**

13.55. **Chairman:** Keith Jamieson, Technical Director, H.J.Lea Oakes

14.00. **A Review of Acidosis in Ruminants.** Dr. Nick Jonsson, Professor of Production Animal Health, Glasgow University

14.40. **Precision Dairy Farming: the Future for Sensors.** Dr. Vivi Thorup, Lead Animal Scientist, IceRobotics Ltd

15.20. **New Insights in to the ME and Degradability of Maize Silage from "in vivo" Assessment.** Dr. Caroline Rymer, Associate Professor of Animal Science, Reading University.

16.00. **Close and Tea.**

## Conference Fee:

**SFT Members:** £130.00 + £26.00 VAT = £156.00.

**Non-Members** may attend by becoming members of the SFT at a specially reduced annual subscription of £27.50 + £5.50 VAT = £33.00 - *reduced for the first year of membership only*. Fees payable will therefore be: £157.50 + 31.50 VAT = £189.00.

**Fees include:** welcome coffee/tea, two course carvery lunch followed by coffee/tea, coffee/tea at the close plus online access to conference papers in the members area of the SFT website.

## Registration and Payment:

The method of registering and payment has changed. Both processes are now done online through the SFT website: [www.sft.uk.com](http://www.sft.uk.com)

### Members or past members:

If you are a member or past member of the SFT you will first need to follow the “Join Us” tab on the home page to open an online account. The process will lead you to pay your annual membership subscription via Paypal.

(Note that the membership year runs from from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Membership is personal and not corporate).

You will be asked to consent to the holding of your contact data by the SFT and you will be asked for your preferences in terms of the information the SFT distributes by email.

### Non-members (i.e. never having been a member of the SFT):

To attend an SFT conference you must first become a member but you may do so at a reduced rate for the first membership year which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

To do so you will first need to follow the “Join Us” tab on the home page to open an online account. Do not proceed to the membership payment stage, on this occasion, but proceed to the Events and Conferences area to take advantage of the reduced membership subscription. Select the event, provide the details requested and proceed to payment – your reduced membership fee will be added to the conference fee and a receipt will be sent to you.

### Note:

- If you are new to Paypal use the Paypal Guest option. If you have used Paypal before please ensure that Paypal has your current email address so that you will receive your receipt.
- Once you have paid your membership subscription or if you have already paid your current annual membership subscription you will be able to proceed directly to the conference registration and payment area. You will receive a receipt and confirmation of your booking by email to enable you to reclaim your expenditure through your employer’s business expense scheme, if required.
- On payment of your membership subscription you will be enabled to sign in to the members area with access, for the duration of the membership year, to past conference papers, SFT documents etc. Once your membership expires you must renew to regain this access.

## Directions.

The conference venue, **The Windmill Village Hotel**, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry CV5 9AL is situated on the A45 westbound from Coventry and east bound from Birmingham airport.

<http://www.windmillvillagehotel.co.uk/how-to-find-us.php>

### Directions from M1 from the South

Take junction 17 sign-posted M45 to Coventry/Birmingham. Stay on the M45 and then A45 for approximately 20 miles. The hotel is on the A45, 200 yards past the junction for the City Centre A4114.

### Directions from M1 from the North

Take junction 23a sign-posted A42/M42 to Birmingham. Stay on the A42 and then M42 and then take junction 6 sign-posted A45 to Coventry. Take the slip road for the City Centre A4114. At the bottom of the slip road take the 5th exit from the roundabout back onto the A45 to Birmingham. The hotel is 200 yards on the left.

### Directions from M6, M40 and M42

From M6 take junction 4 onto M42 to NEC & Airport. If coming from M40 proceed onto the M42 to the NEC & Airport. Take the slip road for the City Centre A4114. At the bottom of the slip road take the 5th exit from the roundabout back onto the A45 to Birmingham. The hotel is 200 yards on the left.

## Dates for Your Diary.

**The Annual SFT Ruminant Conference** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
at the Windmill Hotel, Coventry.

**The SFT Annual General Meeting** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
at the Windmill Hotel, Coventry.

**The Annual SFT Pig Conference** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
*at the Manor Hotel, Meriden.*



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