

CALL FOR PAPERS

Stream - Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Dates:

Papers can be accepted for presentation at any stage before the conference, but bear in mind these dates to obtain **maximum impact and publicity**.

1. **As Soon As Possible** submit a working title and authors
2. By **25th April** submit a finalized title and authors for inclusion in the invitational programme
3. By **1st July** submit a finalized 250 word abstract for the conference handbook

Abstracts are submitted via the OR society's website <http://www.theorsociety.com>

Stream Definition:

This stream is organised around the interests of the OR Society's special interest group formerly known as Agriculture & Related Industries and those of the EURO Working Group on Operational Research in Agriculture and Forestry Management (EWG-ORAFM). It is with great pleasure that we welcome EWG-ORAFM to OR50, the Golden Anniversary conference of the Operational Research Society, for its fourth gathering.

'Agriculture and Natural Resources' was felt to be the title that best described those interests. It is application orientated and not restricted to any particular method. Some of these methods will, of necessity, have been applied in a very innovative manner. We aim to encapsulate the management of all of the biotic primary production industries (agriculture, forestry, fisheries, etc) and their underpinning natural resources (soils, water, ecosystems), at policy, strategic and tactical level. This definition includes the production of both goods and (ecosystem) services and their related chains or webs of secondary industries and logistics.

Additionally, the governance and management of these industries place this area at the vanguard of operational research's contribution to sustainability. We offer a platform for those working on such issues.

Participants in this stream will be invited, by the stream chairs, on acceptance to submit an additional extended abstract for publication in the Journal of Agricultural Science, Cambridge, as part of a durable record of the proceedings of EWG-ORAFM's fourth meeting.

The stream chairs also welcome expressions of interest from those who wish to organise themed sessions within this stream.