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INTRODUCTION

The conference, which is the third in this series, comes at a time of increased resistance to and also regulatory and environmental pressures on pesticides and their use. It will provide a major platform for the dissemination of recent developments in crop protection with a focus on dissemination to advisers and practitioners. Papers range in content from those with a high biological science focus, to those that report new options for chemical or non-chemical control or address key practical issues for weed, pest and disease management in crops. Themes that feature in the sessions include:

- Understanding and responding to pesticide resistance
- Integrating non-chemical approaches and pesticides to support and sustain crop production
- New pesticide active ingredients and their role in future crop protection systems
- Optimising the management of weeds, pests and diseases
- Pesticide regulations and the implications of the loss or potential loss of approval of key pesticide active ingredients
- Managing pesticides to minimise their contamination of water

Sessions are arranged around the following topic areas:

- Grass weed control in cereals
- Disease control in cereals
- Crop protection in oilseed rape
- Crop protection in other broad-leaved crops
- Impact of new legislation on pesticide use and cropping

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