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Co-editor of the month

Thanks to my co-editor of the month Dr. Susie Roques, Principal Research Scientist, Crop Physiology, ADAS, UK

New funding from UK government for farmer-led OFE

ADOPT (Accelerating Development of Practices and Technologies), part of Defra's Farming Innovation Programme and delivered by Innovate UK, supports farmer-led, on-farm trials to test and demonstrate solutions to agricultural, horticultural, and forestry challenges. For 2025/26, **£20.6 million** is available through £2,500 support grants for proposal development and £50K–£100K full grants for collaborative projects. **Round 1 is open from 28 April to 25 June 2025.** Learn more [here](#).

IPMWORKS – In-field comparisons of IPM approaches

As part of the Horizon 2020 project IPMWORKS, **growers across Europe were supported in carrying out two or more strategies within the same/comparable field**, comparing a conventional strategy with an IPM based strategy as part of demonstration activities. The completed comparison case studies are available [here](#), including trials of intercropping, companion cropping, decision support systems, mechanical weeding, and biocontrols.

Bridging Fields: training researchers for effective OFE

The Royal Agricultural University (RAU) is launching a training programme called 'Bridging Fields,' designed to equip researchers, at all levels of experience, with the **specific theoretical and practical knowledge needed to co-design and run effective on-farm trials** as well as **enhancing researchers' skills at collaborating and communicating effectively with farmers**. The programme launches with a [webinar](#) on 8 May, or you can register interest in future events [here](#).

British On Farm Innovation Network events

The British On Farm Innovation Network ([BOFIN](#)), is a growing **network of farmers, scientists, researchers and citizen scientists engaged in practical OFE in the UK**. Current projects focus on precision breeding, pulses, slugs, and rooting. Upcoming events include 'Inspiration Days' on 15 May in Cambridgeshire, England; register [here](#) to attend.

ECPA registration open until 22 June

The 15th European Conference on Precision Agriculture is taking place in Barcelona from 29 June to 3 July. **Standard registration is open until 31st May** and last minute registration until 22 June, [here](#).

Last Call: Deadline extended: Special Issue on On-Farm Experimentation in the Agronomy Journal

Don't forget to consider that the Special Issue "[Advances in On-Farm Agronomic Research and Participatory Learning](#)" of the Agronomy Journal is currently **open until June 1st 2025**. It is led by ASA President Dr. Peter Kyveryga. This is a great opportunity to bring to light the work that you are doing with farmers and build the scientific literature on on-farm experimentation.

This letter was prepared by Louis Longchamps, co-chair of the ISPA OFE Community

Should you have something to share with the Community or the Community leaders, let us know [here](#).