



LATEST NEWS FROM CIS | March 2016

March welcomes new members to the CIS team, the start of the Spring shows and continuous investment in the business. Our new website went live in February which provides the latest data, information and contacts at your fingertips.

At the heart of the organisation is our commitment to a continual improvement in standards through the UKAS accreditation of the CIS laboratory at Telford. The accreditation process gives laboratories a platform to continually examine structure, processes and services with a view to continual improvement.

We would also like to congratulate our Managing Director, Sue Cope, on her recent award presented by The Countess of Wessex for distinguished achievement in the agricultural industry.

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE - SHOULD I BE BOTHERED?

By John FitzGerald, Secretary General of the Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (RUMA)

In simple terms, yes. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)* is a highly emotive, politicised and topical issue that can affect all of our lives. Antibiotics are becoming less effective in animals and man so, unless we all take steps now to minimise resistance, in the future we will have problems with our ability to treat bacterial infections in both human and veterinary medicine with the serious consequences that entails. Professor Dame Sally Davies, the UK's Chief Medical Officer, said "antibiotic resistance is one of the greatest threats to modern health and we face a future without cures for infection if antibiotics are not used responsibly". Prime Minister David Cameron has warned about a "return to the medical dark ages" if we no longer have effective antibiotics.

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JOHNE'S INSIGHT FROM DUCHY

Duchy College have been working closely with CIS undertaking ad hoc testing to eradicate Johne's from the herd. With a closed herd the college do not have the risk of buying in animals with the disease, but they do have the constant challenge of multiple visitors to the farm on a daily basis therefore bio-security is a big challenge.

There have been very few clinical cases of Johne's however with an objective to eradicate the disease Duchy College have signed up to the CIS Quarterly Johne's Testing. This will ensure the team know the

high risk cows and manage them accordingly to the Johne's action plan that has been drawn up in consultation with the vet.

[Read more about Duchy College...](#)



JOHNE'S TESTING



FARMER FOCUS - Your Herd



YOUR HERD



George McMillan, Garryhorn Farm

The CIS web based 'Your Herd' management programme is providing Garryhorn Farm in Maybole, Ayrshire with a complete picture of the herd to help the team make essential management decisions.

George McMillan, Farm Manager, now avoids wading through information from several different sources wasting valuable time and instead accesses all information centrally online using the CIS Your Herd website.

"We have found Your Herd very useful to track cull cows going forward by looking at yield, cell count centrally for the whole herd, batches or individual cows. The data provided also enables us to effectively manage our youngstock list. Accessed from our office computer or mobile phone in the yard the data helps us make informed decisions on a daily basis. It also helps us forecast for our planned expansion over the next few years" comments George.

HOLSTEIN UK REGISTRATIONS

Holstein UK have announced a 5% reduction in registration fees and the suspension of late fees until 31st March 2016 allowing you extra time to register cattle and reap the benefits from registration. In addition there is a 1p decrease per cow per month with Holstein Complete and THR.

Telephone prices:

Female/ male no certificate £8.55 plus VAT

Female/male with certificate £9.50 plus VAT

Internet prices:

Female/Male with certificate £8.08 plus VAT

Female/Male no certificate £7.13 plus VAT

What is UKAS

The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is the sole national accreditation body for the United Kingdom. UKAS is recognised by government, to assess against internationally agreed standards, organisations that provide certification, testing, inspection and calibration services.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sue Cope, Managing Director of CIS who was awarded a Fellowship of Royal Agricultural Societies for recognition of distinguished achievement in the agricultural industry.

The award was presented by the Countess of Wessex on Wednesday 10th February 2016 in London.



WHAT'S ON

Agri Expo	2nd March
UK Dairy Expo	12th March
Renewable Energy Market Place	16th March
West Country Game Fair	19th & 20th March
Kelmarsh Country Show	26th to 28th March
Thame Country Show	27th & 28th March



NEW CIS TEAM MEMBERS



Lizzie Yates

Lizzie joins CIS as Administrative Assistant working from Speir House at Telford. In addition to supporting the CIS team Lizzie will also help with UK Dairy Day.

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Heather Bradbury

Joined CIS in January as a Milk Recorder covering Derbyshire. Her family farm has milk recorded with CIS for a number of years.

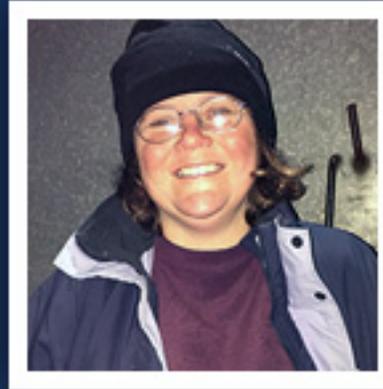
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Charlotte Ellis

Milk Recorder Charlotte from Llanymynech joins the Midlands & Welsh team. Charlotte holds a National Diploma in Agriculture from Walford and North Shropshire College and in her spare time is a relief milker and lambing assistant.

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Helena Ronicle

Helena joined CIS as a contract Milk Recorder in January. She lives on the outskirts of Monmouth with her husband and 2 children and will be covering the South Wales area.

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NEW Website - www.thecis.co.uk

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