



## The DEFRA-funded OREGIN (Oilseed Rape Genetic Improvement Network) 2019 Stakeholder Forum

The winter oilseed rape (WOSR) sector has been under considerable strain, in the last few years, both in the UK and the continental Europe. Legislative changes in the use of agrochemicals, challenging climatic conditions and market pressures have led to significant reduction in the oilseed rape growing area threatening the future viability of the crop. Notwithstanding these difficulties, oilseed rape remains one of the most profitable arable crops and the main home-grown oil crop. Finding therefore, alternative approaches to managing the crop and ensuring its commercial viability in the face of adversity has been the priority of all the different stakeholders involved with WOSR.

The 2019 annual DEFRA OREGIN stakeholder forum to take place on

**26th November 2019**

in PGRO, Great N Rd, Peterborough PE8 6HJ is entitled

**“Methods and practices for integrated WOSR crop management”.**

The aim of this year’s meeting is to canvas the views and learn from the experience of different stakeholder groups on alternative approaches to crop management, with emphasis on approaches that integrate genetics with seed and agronomic technologies and methods to mitigate biotic and abiotic stresses. The invited speakers represent different sectors of the crop production chain (seed distributors, agronomists, growers) as well as regulatory, consulting and academic organizations. We would like to hear your views, so the agenda offers ample opportunities to discuss the issues the crop is currently facing and propose possible ways forward.

The full **agenda** of the event and information on the OREGIN project can be found here:

<http://oregin.info/information>

Registrations are open at: <https://forms.gle/P2h1MTAAdhsQyKim7>  
until **18 November 2019**

Chair: Dr. Vasilis Gegas (Limagrain)  
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