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Engineering & Utilisation Section

Update: Summer 2009

Update from the Chair

It hardly seems possible but a full twelve months have gone by since I wrote our last Update shortly after returning from the excellent 17th Triennial Conference in Romania.

Many changes are taking place in our industry, not least in the UK, where the Potato Council has been integrated into a larger cross-sectoral organisation known as the Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board. This has resulted in the recent closure of the Council's Oxford head office and relocation of staff to Stoneleigh in the Midlands including, incidentally, EAPR Vice-President Mike Storey (mstorey@potato.org.uk).

Our initial plans for a full Section Meeting at the forthcoming event at Emmeloord in the Netherlands have not quite come to fruition, but we have managed to secure an input to the *Potato Europe Congress* programme on 9th September. My thanks to Romke Wustman, in particular, for the work he has put into this and to those members who have agreed to assist. Alas my own work commitments, connected with the activities I have described above, now look likely to limit my attendance at the event, for which I must apologise.

I hope we might be able to team up with another Section to run a full meeting in 2010 but am open to suggestions from you, the members, as to subject areas and possible venues. We are also looking for someone to take over from me as Chair at the triennial in Finland in 2011...

Finally, a reminder that the team behind *Potato Research* is keen for members to submit papers whenever possible. Please go to the EAPR website at www.eapr.net and follow the links for further information on how to do this.

Adrian Cunnington

Events: 2009/10

8-10 September 2009: *Potato Europe*, Emmeloord, The Netherlands.

www.europoint-bv.com

2-6 November 2009: *15th Triennial Symposium of the International Society for Tropical Root Crops*, CIP, Lima, Peru www.cipotato.info

25-26 November 2009: *British Potato 2009*, Harrogate, Yorkshire, UK.

www.potato.org.uk/events

June 2010 (provisional): *Crier Potato Storage International Convention*, venue to be confirmed www.potatoconvention.com

15-19 Aug 2010: *94th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America*, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. www.umaine.edu/PAA

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