

UK-ADAPT

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May 2006 Newsletter

This newsletter is the second of a series of monthly updates on the UK-ADAPT initiative. It is provided to all registered users on the UK-ADAPT website. Please forward to any colleagues that might be interested in UK-ADAPT and encourage them to use the website.

Overview

Following recently secured funding, activity has increased on the UK-ADAPT website during May. A concerted effort is now underway to attract new projects to the database and update existing information. This will continue throughout the summer months.

Website Usage

There has been an increase in new user registrations on the UK-ADAPT website during May, which is encouraging. However, we are still aiming for more project registrations and updating existing project information. There are currently 139 projects registered on the website and 145 people registered as users. The 2 figures are not connected, as many people have several projects registered under their name, whilst others have not registered any projects yet. Please remember that projects do not have to be research based, or be well underway to be listed on the website – we are also interested in more practical projects and those that are just starting out.

So far during 2006, website use increased significantly following the UK-ADAPT workshop in January. Since April, there have been fewer people using the website, but those that do have been using the site for longer. Please encourage your colleagues and associates to register and make use of the website.

UK-ADAPT Position Statement

The UK-ADAPT Steering Group created a position statement in March and this is now finalised and available on the website. The Steering Group consists of representatives from ADAS, Defra, UKWIR, EA and the Macaulay institute. The position statement sets out details of the wider UK-ADAPT initiative and is a useful summary of how the initiative began, current activity and future developments.

Reminders

Please remember that all UK-ADAPT users can use the website to advertise relevant information on diffuse water pollution from agriculture and catchment management. This includes:

- Forthcoming conferences advertised on the Notice Board
- General articles / reports in the 'Useful Documents' section
- Website Links

Please contribute to the website

The UK-ADAPT website is as useful as we want to make it. This means that we need to continually refresh the information within it, making sure that relevant projects are added as soon as possible and updating information on a regular basis.

Feedback

If you have any comments on the website or require assistance with registering projects, please contact us at uk-adapt@adas.co.uk