

HDC Sector Panel Elections

Will you help shape HDC's response to the challenges facing your sector?

HDC's sector panels have the responsibility of ensuring that all activities funded by the HDC board are prioritised and have relevance to, and the support of, the growers and their crop associations. This is particularly important in an industry such as horticulture with businesses of so many different sizes, producing so many different crops. These panels are now seeking enthusiastic growers or their technical staff to stand for election this October. HDC is one of very few organisations putting significant resources into applied horticultural research, so your

involvement is more important than ever to help ensure the future direction of HDC, a division of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board.

There are 31 vacancies across all eight sector panels. Panel members serve for a three-year term and agree to attend panel meetings three or four times a year. Panels assess new project proposals (research and communications) for their scientific merit, value for money and probability of success; and monitor progress of those already under way to check they are meeting their objectives. Panel

members should also represent the breadth of industry views and ensure equal attention is given to the interests of all growers. Panels often also hear presentations from leading researchers on topics likely to become important to their sector.

Panel members are sometimes asked to act as industry representatives for individual projects within their particular field of interest. This ensures HDC manages an industry relevant research programme – but it is also a great way to be among the first to learn about the latest research results.

To be eligible to stand for election a candidate must be, or be employed by, a current HDC levy payer ('current levy payers' for this purpose are defined as those businesses who are required to pay a levy for the year 2012/13). Candidates may be nominated and seconded only by current levy payers.

Panel members who have completed one three-year term may seek nomination for a second term but no member may serve more than two three-year terms.

Those elected to the panel, or their employers, must remain levy

payers throughout their term as an elected panel member (changes to job role and positions are acceptable provided levy status is maintained).

Levy payers who have allocated 25% or more of their levy to a particular sector will be entitled to vote in any election for that sector.

If you would like any further information about nominations or the positions vacant, please contact Helen Williams at the HDC office on 0247 647 8662. See overleaf for nomination form.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 20, 2012

BULBS AND OUTDOOR FLOWERS PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Gordon Flint (Chairman)	
Colin Martin	Bulb/flower production East Anglia
James Walkers	Bulb/flower production
James Cole	Outdoor cut flowers and foliage



Gordon Flint
(Chairman)

VACANCIES

There are four vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Bulb/flower production
- Bulb/flower production – Scotland
- Bulb/flower production – South West
- Outdoor cut flowers and foliage

HARDY NURSERY STOCK PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Ian Ashton (Interim chairman)	
John Hall	Heathers
Paul Howling	Herbaceous perennials, alpines and grasses
Toby Marchant	Herbaceous perennials, alpines and grasses
Nick Reese	Propagation
Chris Bowman	Roses
Mark Cade	Shrubs and climbers
Charles Carr	Shrubs and climbers
David Hooker	Shrubs and climbers
Jamie Dewhurst	Trees and hedging



Ian Ashton
(Interim Chairman)

VACANCIES

There are three vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Conifers
- Shrubs and climbers
- Herbaceous perennials, alpines and grasses

FIELD VEGETABLES PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

John Sedgwick (Chairman)	
Phillip Lilley	Alliums (onions and leeks)
Matthew Rawson	Brassicac (flower head, leaf and root)
Nick Walker	Bulb onions
Jackie Harris	Herbs
Roger Bloom	Salad onions and asparagus
Liz Johnson	Salads
Neil Cairns	Speciality veg crops (cucurbits/asparagus/radish)
Martin Evans	Umbellifers (carrots and parsnips)
Chris Taylor	General vegetable production (inc. organic)
Jeremy Hosking	Vegetable propagation
Robin Buck	East (Lincolnshire, East Midlands, East Anglia)
Ellis Luckhurst	South West (inc. Hampshire)



John Sedgwick
(Chairman)

VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Legumes (peas and beans)
- Vegetable production (North)

MUSHROOM PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

John Collier (Chairman)	
Jim Rothwell	Mushrooms & compost
David Spurdens	Mushrooms & compost



John Collier (Chairman)

VACANCIES

There are four vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Mushrooms & compost (three vacancies)
- Compost

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NOMINATION FORM FOR HDC PANEL ELECTIONS 2012

(Term to begin January 2013)

Nominee:

HDC levy number:

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

To be a member of (please tick):

Bulbs and Outdoor Flowers Panel

Field Vegetables Panel

Hardy Nursery Stock Panel

Mushroom Panel

Protected Edible Crops Panel

Protected Ornamental Crops Panel

Soft Fruit Panel

Tree Fruit Panel

With good knowledge of (refer to list of vacancies for each panel):

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NOMINATORS:

PROPOSER

Name:

Signature:

HDC levy number:

Tel:

Email:

SECONDER

Name:

Signature:

HDC levy number:

Tel:

Email:

Notes

1. Nominators should first obtain the nominee's agreement to stand
2. If the nominee could be a contractor under any contract placed by the sector panel, they must declare their interest and would be deemed ineligible to stand for election
3. Nominees must be current HDC levy payers and may only be proposed by current levy payers (ie those required to pay a levy for the year 2012/13)
4. If elected, nominees agree their basic contact information, as indicated on this form, can be made available on the HDC website unless HDC is expressly advised otherwise

PROTECTED EDIBLE CROPS PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Gary Taylor (Chairman)
Gill Wardell Peppers and cucumbers
James Bean Propagation
Philip Pearson Tomatoes



VACANCIES

There are five vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Herbs
- Cucumbers
- Lettuce/celery
- Tomatoes
- Organics

PROTECTED ORNAMENTAL CROPS PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Alan Davis (Chairman)
Mike Smith Bedding plants
Andrew Gretton Containerised ornamentals
Mike Opperman Containerised ornamentals
Russell Woodcock Containerised ornamentals and bedding crops
Michael Mann Cut flowers
Colin Frampton Protected cut flowers
Andrew Spilsbury Young plant production (cut flower/containers)



VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Containerised ornamentals
- Protected cut flowers

SOFT FRUIT PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Harriet Duncalfe (Chairman)
John Clark Soft fruit production – Kent
Richard Stanley PYO growing



VACANCIES

There are seven vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Bush fruit production and PYO growing
- General soft fruit production (three vacancies)
- General soft fruit production and propagation
- Soft fruit production (West Midlands)
- Soft fruit production (Scotland)

TREE FRUIT PANEL



Current Panel Member with knowledge of:

Nigel Kitney (Chairman)
Nigel Jenner Dessert apples (Kent)
Mark Holden Pears
Steve Castle Stone fruit
Edward Newling Tree fruit (East Anglia)
William Barnett Tree fruit (West Midlands)



VACANCIES

There are four vacancies on the panel for members with a good knowledge of:

- Culinary apples
- Dessert apples (Kent)
- Nuts
- Processing

ALL NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO HDC by October 20, 2012

Return via: Email: TechAdmin@hdc.ahdb.org.uk Post: HDC Panel Elections, AHDB, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2TL Fax: 0247 647 8905