



UK-China
Sustainable Agriculture
Innovation Network

SAIN in 2019 **- the Key Milestones, Events and Partners**

2019 has been a busy and successful year for the UK China Sustainable Agriculture Innovation Network (SAIN).

Through working with partners in the UK and China, SAIN has achieved a number of important milestones to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries:

- Co-organised the UK-China Agriculture Green Development Workshops with Rural Energy and Environment Agency (REEA) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) in Beijing and Yunnan;
- Initiated the “Pledge for Promoting UK China Cooperation in Agricultural Green Development” which was signed by Chinese and British governmental officials, scientists and advisers;
- Delivered 15 seminars and workshops covering a wide range of topics of soil health, arable land quality monitoring and assessment, agricultural waste recycling, digitalization in agriculture and rural development, climate smart agriculture, and policies and legislation in rural vitalization;
- Built new cooperative partnerships with governmental organisations, academic institutes, NGOs, business and farm organisations in the two countries;
- SAIN was named in the 10th UK China Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) Policy Outcomes as a mechanism to support the agricultural cooperation between the two countries. This was the second time SAIN was named in the EFD Policy Outcomes.

The following events reflect some of the milestones achieved in the year.

25 March 2019

Workshop on Agriculture Green Development, co-organised with Rural Energy and Environment Agency (REEA) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), held in Beijing, attended by over 70 participants from MARA and academic organisations.



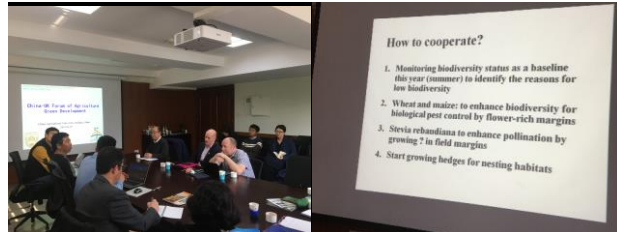
27 March 2019

Workshop on Rural Clean Energy and Green Development, co-organised with REEA, Yunnan Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, held in Dali, Yunnan Province, attended by over 200 participants from all over China.



29 March 2019

Forum on the pathways for agriculture green development, co-organised with National Academy of Agriculture Green Development, held in China Agricultural University (CAU), Beijing.



27 May 2019

UK China Agriculture Green Development Forum, held in UK Pavilion at International Horticultural Expo, Beijing. The participants of the Forum signed the “Pledge to Promote UK China Cooperation in Agriculture Green Development”.



17 June 2019

SAIN was highlighted in the Policy Outcomes of the 10th UK-China Economic and Financial Dialogue, as a mechanism to support the cooperation in agriculture between the two countries¹.



19-20 June 2019

SAIN Seminar and Field Tour: Soil, Water and Ecosystem Conservation in the UK and China, held in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from Chinese Ministry of Water Resources.



24-26 June 2019

Study tour for Chinese fruit farmer delegation. The delegation visited the G H Dean & Co (Blackbird Farming), Hugh Boucher (Newlands Farm), and AC Goatham & Son farms as well as storage, and packing facilities in Kent.



¹ See clause 59 in the Policy Outcomes of 10th UK China EFD: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/809569/190617_FINAL_POP_v2_002_.pdf

10 September 2019

SAIN Seminar: Quality and Safety Risk Assessment for Agro-Products, held in University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from Biogas Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.



26-27 September

Facilitated the seminars on legislation for rural vitalization, held in Defer in London and in SRUC in Edinburgh, with the Chinese delegation from Depart of Law and Regulation of MARA.



17 October 2019

SAIN Seminar: Digital Agriculture in the UK and China, held in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from Chinese Academy of Agricultural Planning and Engineering.



28-29 October 2019

SAIN Seminar: Soil Quality, Climate Change and Food Security, held in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from China Agricultural University.



10 and 20 November 2019

Training Workshops: Arable Land Quality Monitoring and Assessment, held in Middlesex University in London and NIAB in Cambridge, with the Chinese delegation from Arable Land Protection Centre of MARA, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, and Applied Ecology Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences.



15 November 2019

Knowledge sharing meeting between the delegation from China Association of Agricultural Science Societies and LEAF (Linking Environment and farming), held in London.



◆ **29 November 2019**
 SAIN Seminar: Policies, Regulations and Technologies for Agricultural Waste Recycling and Pollution Control, held in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from Rural Energy and Environment Agency, National Animal Husbandry Service of the MARA.



◆ **9-11 December 2019**
 SAIN Seminar and Field Tour: Climate Smart Agriculture in the UK and China, held in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, with Chinese delegation from REEA, Department of Science, Technology and Education of the MARA, Henan Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Anhui Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China Agricultural University.



◆ **January - December 2019**

- 3 academic papers from SAIN work were accepted by a special issue of the journal “Frontiers of Agricultural Science and Engineering” ;
- 5 issues of SAIN Information Sheet (No 15-19), 12 issues of “China Agri-food News Digest” (No 73 – No 84) and 12 issues of “UK Agriculture Brief” (No 65 – No 76, in Chinese) were produced and circulated to over 900 subscribers.



The Organisations Participated in SAIN Activities in 2019

China

- ❖ Rural Energy and Environment Agency, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
- ❖ National Animal Husbandry Services, MARA
- ❖ Arable Land Quality Monitoring and Protection Centre, MARA
- ❖ Department of Law and Regulation, MARA
- ❖ Administration and Management Institute, MARA
- ❖ Academy of Agricultural Planning and Engineering, MARA
- ❖ Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
 - Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning
 - Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture

- Institute of Cotton Research
- Biogas Research Institute
- Agro-Environmental Protection Institute
- ❖ China Association of Agricultural Science Societies
- ❖ Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Ministry of Water Resources
- ❖ China Agricultural University
- ❖ Northwest A&F University
- ❖ Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Henan Province
- ❖ Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Anhui Province
- ❖ Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences
- ❖ Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- ❖ Jiangsu Arable Land and Environment Station
- ❖ Guangxi Association of Agricultural Science Societies
- ❖ Jiangsu Association of Agricultural Science Societies
- ❖ Shaanxi Fruit Farmer Association
- ❖ Shaanxi Hantang Agricultural Technology Services

UK

- ❖ Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
- ❖ British Embassy in Beijing
- ❖ Natural England
- ❖ ADAS
- ❖ Centre of Ecology and Hydrology (Bangor and Edinburgh)
- ❖ Chatham House
- ❖ LEAF
- ❖ NIAB-EMA
- ❖ Rothamsted Research
- ❖ SRUC
- ❖ University College of London
- ❖ University of Aberdeen
- ❖ University of East Anglia
- ❖ University of Lancaster
- ❖ Blackbird Farming
- ❖ AC Goatham & Son
- ❖ Newlands Farm
- ❖ Salle Farm
- ❖ Weatherquest

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