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Chair's Introduction: From lab to field – early experiences of precision breeding.

Dr Phil Howell, Research Lead, Crop Genetic Resources, NIAB

Driving Innovation in UK Agriculture: Precision Breeding, Pest Management and Resilient Cropping Systems.

Dr Pedro Carvalho, Innovate UK

PotatoPlus: Precision Breeding for durable disease resistance.

Dr Agnieszka Witek, The Sainsbury Laboratory

Improving resilience in oilseed rape – from the lab to the field.

Dr Rachel Wells, Senior Scientist, John Innes Centre

PhD Presentations

[Daisy Garrett](#) (Niab), [Patrick McClean](#) (Rothamsted):, [Fareed Bhatti](#) (Rothamsted)

The Power of Innovation in Food and Farming: What is the future for disease control technologies?

Dr David Hughes, Head of New Technology Evaluation for Crop Protection, Syngenta

Regulatory Reimagined: Navigating the Dynamic Plant Protection Products Landscape Post-EU Exit.

Sheridawn Schoeman, Regulatory Leader, Corteva Agriscience Ltd

Panel/Audience Discussion

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