

NEWS FROM THE ECT June 2017



We are recruiting!

We are recruiting for an Intern. This role will assist with the day-to-day running of the organization with a view to increasing online engagement with key audiences. The role will be for two days a week for six months. [Further information can be found on our website.](#) Please forward this opportunity on to colleagues and friends who may be interested.

We are growing our network of LTEs

We are thrilled to announce that the inclusion of three new LTEs was approved in May. These include [Cors Fochno](#), a lowland raised bog experiment and two long-term experiments, [Nash Field](#) and [Pound Hill](#), both situated on Imperial College London's Silwood Campus .

Student Competition

We want to raise the profile of the ECT and encourage the next generation of scientists to think about how they may incorporate long-term experiments in their research. 'Can you think long-term?' is a competition sponsored by Global Change Biology, that invites PhD students and early career researchers (6 years post completion of Doctorate) to compete to win one of two £100 prizes! [Go online to enter or find out more.](#)

Lena Ward fencing upgrade

The Lena Ward plots, situated on Aston Rowant NNR have received a full fencing upgrade thanks to a Continuity Fund award of £2000. Upgrades led by Dr Tim King and Mick Venters, have taken place over a number of work-days with willing volunteers from a number of different organisations. Read Jessica's blog about her work-day and find out how you can get involved [here](#).

The Rothamsted Long-term Experiments National Capability

Access to the Rothamsted Long-term Experiments National Capability. Roughly 20 requests are received annually for samples from the LTEs. Over the last 5 years, 88 articles have been published utilising archived and/or fresh samples and data.

There has also been a steady increase in [e-RA website](#) use; in 2016, e-RA data managers received 109 requests for data access, a 62% increase on 2010 levels. In addition, there were >4000 unique visits to the e-RA website in the last 12 months.

Data and other key outputs continue to be made available through the website in the form of scientific papers, conference presentations, press releases, web articles and other social

media. Whilst information about individual LTEs is disseminated to the general public through information boards located around Rothamsted estate.