

## **Management of the Crop Improvement Research Club (CIRC)**

### **Management**

The club is managed by BBSRC and research projects are awarded grants using peer review processes as fully public funded research. CIRC funding comes from BBSRC, the Scottish Government and a consortium of companies.

We have appointed Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) as external coordinators to work with the academic community to develop project proposals, monitor progress of funded projects and facilitate networking between the funded research groups and industry.

### **Steering group**

The Steering group includes both industrial and academic experts ensuring high quality, relevant research is funded. Their role is to:

- establish the nature of research to be funded in each call
- assess applications before making recommendations to Research Councils
- contribute to the monitoring of the funded projects by providing feedback to researchers in project development and industrial application
- help ensure the club builds a community, encouraging interaction between industry and research teams at UK universities and institutes

The Steering group are:

- **Mr Keith Norman – Velcourt (Chair)**
- Dr Anna Amtmann – University of Glasgow
- Dr Simon Berry – Limagrains UK Ltd
- Dr Dhan Bhandari – AHDB Cereals and Oilseeds
- Dr James Brosnan – SWRI (The Scotch Whisky Research Institute)
- Dr Paul Drayton – Syngenta Seeds Ltd
- Professor John Foulkes – The University of Nottingham
- Dr Peter Jack – RAGT Seeds Ltd
- Professor Peter Kettlewell – Harper Adams University College
- Professor Sam Millar – Campden BRI
- Professor Peter Shewry – Rothamsted Research
- Dr Graham Teakle – The University of Warwick
- Dr William Thomas – The James Hutton Institute
- Dr Peter Werner – KWS UK Ltd