

Message to Genesis Faraday members about the Biosciences KTN

Genesis Faraday has, for more than five years, successfully supported its membership in driving innovation and knowledge transfer in the field of genetics and genomics as applied to animal breeding and animal health. Over that time it has become obvious that many of the techniques used within the field have wide ranging applications, particularly in other areas of bioscience. This has led increasingly to overlaps between some of the Genesis Faraday activity and that of Knowledge Transfer Networks working in other areas of Bioscience.

The Technology Strategy Board, which is responsible for the KTN programme, has indicated that the Genesis Faraday Partnership, the Bioscience for Business Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN), and the Food Processing KTN are to be amalgamated into a new Biosciences KTN. This will allow synergies and further cross-application of technologies whilst serving the Agriculture, Food and Industrial Biotechnology sectors of UK industry.

We welcome the intention to bring a number of previously separate areas together into a unified KTN that can address the plethora of innovation opportunities in Agriculture, Food and Industrial Bioscience. We will also ensure that the current networks and services are continued as appropriate and members can expect new networking and collaboration opportunities.

These changes will create a KTN to lead our existing networks into the future and help provide solutions to address the ever-evolving needs of the related bioscience industries.

The draft Business Plan for the new Biosciences KTN is currently being discussed with the Technology Strategy Board, and we expect the new KTN to be operational in September. We will involve our membership in determining the direction and activities of the new, expanded organisation and provide updates and information as we implement this exciting venture.