

A GROWING PARTNERSHIP



We are very pleased to announce that we have renewed our relationship with the James Hutton Institute for a further three years to help us to develop new potato varieties for the market.

Based in Dundee, The James Hutton Institute was formed by the amalgamation of Macaulay Research Institute and SCRI in 2011 and is now probably the world's largest centre for research in potatoes.



With a long and distinguished history of breeding commercially successful varieties, the Institute has access to extensive parental stocks and the unique germplasm contained within the Commonwealth Potato Collection.



The Higgins seed business also has a long history in seed breeding. One of the current successes is Olympus, a long storage crisping variety, which produces very low levels of Acylamide during processing.



Other new varieties which are now finding success include Safiyah which topped the yield figures in independent tests in Egypt, Horizon, a variety which produces yields in excess of 75 tonnes per hectare and is finding a successful market in the starch industry and Bremner, an early maincrop general purpose variety, which shows high resistance to many common diseases.

We feel certain that the collaboration between the two companies will continue to produce new and exciting varieties to benefit the industry.



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