

Monday, 20th May 2024

Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice

I, Professor Graham Moore, on behalf of John Innes Centre, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

John Innes Centre recognises the urgency of the climate crisis and fully supports the priority areas outlined in the Concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the Concordat.

By signing this concordat, we formally recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

The priority areas outlined in the Concordat closely align with objectives in our own Sustainability Strategy which sets out our roadmap to achieve net zero by 2040.

Scientific research is an energy and resource intensive endeavour; however it is imperative that we take action to improve the long-term sustainability of the institute's facilities and working practices. Our strategy covers actions, objectives, and targets across a range of areas including carbon footprint, energy, waste, water, procurement, biodiversity, sustainable science, research impact, travel, engagement and governance.

Our Next Generation Infrastructure programme, developed in conjunction with The Sainsbury Laboratory and supported by the UKRI Infrastructure Fund, will deliver a new net zero laboratory building hosting more than 400 researchers.

Signing this Concordat represents an important milestone in ensuring our own research practices are conducted as sustainably as possible, whilst contributing to delivering solutions needed to address global challenges around sustainable agriculture, food, nutrition and health.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Graham Moore, FRS
Director, John Innes Centre