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Dumfriesshire farmer wins OMSCo award

Ross Paton, who farms 350 hectares in partnership with his sister, Lee, at Tor Auchincairn, Castle Douglas, near Dumfries, has won the OMSCo Chairman’s Award for outstanding membership contribution.

Ross is the current chairman of the Scottish Organic Milk Producers and has served as chairman to Caledonian Organics and the Auchencairn Initiative (2007 – 2013). He is also an OMSCo board member. The combination of this, gives Ross invaluable knowledge and experience in the organic dairy industry.



“This award is in recognition of Ross’ peerless work in co-ordinating SOMPa (Scottish Organic Milk Producers Association),” explains Nicholas Saphir, OMSCo executive chairman. “Ross is a strong advocate of OMSCo values, and works hard to drive them out across the membership.

“He is a true inspiration to all dairy farmers; a firm believer in the benefit of shared values and cooperation. He sees opportunities in teamwork, and is a true asset to the OMSCo board, giving us practical and commercial input, together with a wider outlook of future approaches for organic dairying.

“He’s passionate about organic dairying, always looking to gain knowledge and insight into new ways to improve the industry,” adds Nicholas. “His enthusiasm is felt across the membership and I am thrilled to award Ross with the recognition he deserves.”

Ross has been fully organic since 2001 and the farm consists of a 180 cow dairy herd, 50 hectares of cereals and up to 100 beef cattle. There is also 50 hectares of woodland which is sensitively managed for timber and leisure.