#### **Basis Registration Limited** Promoting Professional Standards

#### **Rob Simpson**

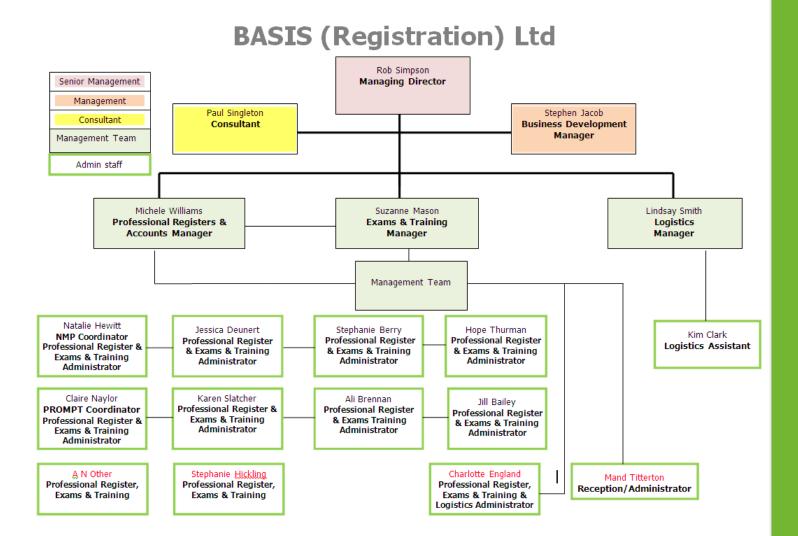
#### **Managing Director**

February 16<sup>th</sup> 2013



# **BASIS Registration Ltd**

- Established by the Pesticide Industry in 1978
- To develop standards for the safe storage and transport of agricultural and horticultural pesticides
- And provide a recognised means of assessing the competence of staff working in the sector
- Over 1,600 candidates in 2012
- Over 8,000 members of our CPD schemes including Pest Control Technicians



### **Exams & Training**



# Agriculture

- Agriculture
- Qualifications
  - Foundation Award
  - Certificate of Competence
  - Manufacturers
  - Distributors
  - Farmers
    - Arable
    - Grassland
- Professional Registers
  - Arable
  - Livestock



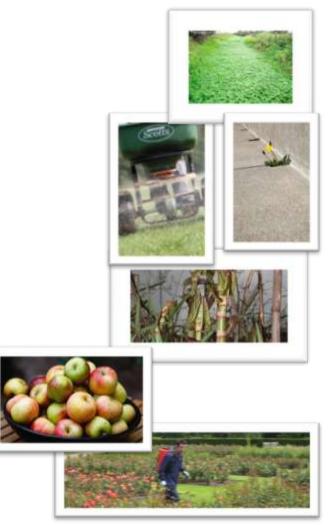
## **Environmental Management**

- Soil & Water
  - Soil protection & health
  - Legal Requirements
  - Mechanics, economics & environmental aspects
  - The role of plant nutrients
- BETA
  - Agri-environmental schemes
- ICM
  - BASIS / LEAF
  - Whole farm approach



# **Amenity & Horticulture**

- Amenity
- Qualifications
  - Foundation
  - FSTS
  - FACTS
- Horticulture
- Qualifications
- Prof Registers



### **Public Health / Pest Control**

- Pest Control
- BASIS PROMPT
  - Professional Register of Pest controllers
- Wildlife Aware
  - Non-target organisms



### **FACTS**

A certification scheme developed for those selling fertilisers and advising on the use of nutrients

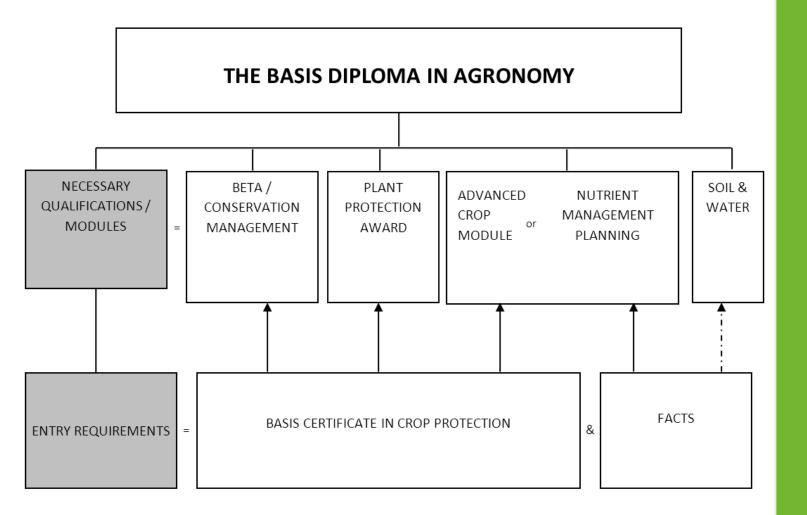
1 – 2 years prior experience suggested

#### Syllabus covers:

- Soil or growing medium in relation to plant nutrition
- Plant nutrition
- Nature and property of fertilisers
- Transport, storage and application of fertilisers
- 5-6 days suggested training time



#### **BASIS Diploma in Agronomy**



# **100th BASIS Diploma Awarded**

- Diploma introduced in 2005
- Harvey Smith, an agronomist with Farmacy plc
- Estimated 400 candidates working towards the Diploma



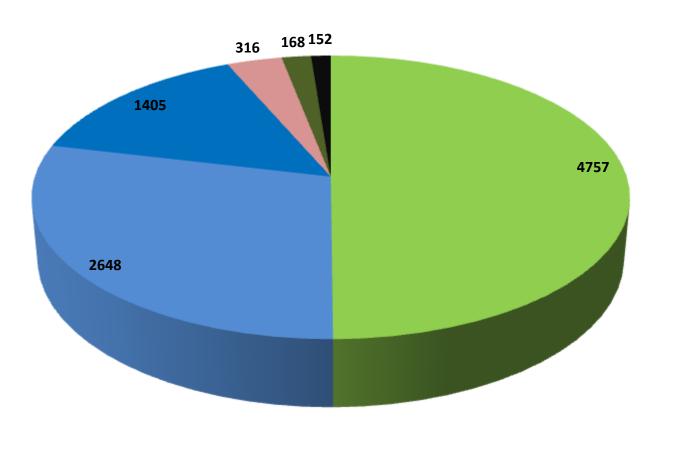


# Accreditation

- Most courses accredited through the Higher Education Qualification
  Framework
- Range from level 3 to level 6 (7)
- Increasingly important in terms of verification of standards



## **Professional Registers**



FACTSPROMPTBAR

**Prof Reg** 

Wildlife Aware

Dairy Pro





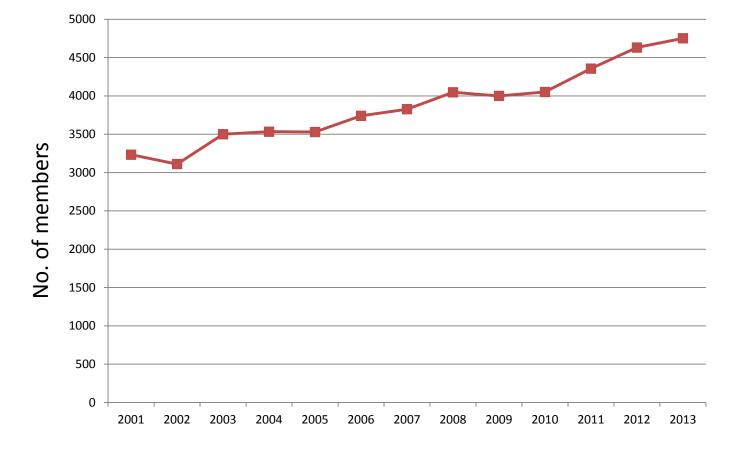








#### **BASIS Professional Register**



#### **BASIS Store Inspection Scheme**

- 362 Registered Companies
- 653 stores (increase of 10%)
  - Each store has an annual inspection
  - 13 experienced CRD approved auditors
  - Dual visits
  - End of year comparison
- Expected 20+ small Aluminium Phosphide stores



# **Auditing & Assurance**

- Greater significance of audits
- Stricter Government regulations

 BASIS Advanced Amenity Contractors Certification Scheme (BACCS)

• Amenity Assured





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