



The IPCA Note

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The Chairman's Note

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2023. I hope it is going ok for you so far.

Not much news to publish this time as little has happened over the holiday season. We intend to change that shortly as we are now starting to pull together an event for March or April where we will bring you some speakers, gather a few CPE points and have a chat. The AGM should follow shortly after that.

We have been approached by RTE about the possibility of making a documentary on Irish Pest Controllers. This could be great publicity for the IPCA but also for your company should you be interested in taking part. So let us know if there are any budding Colin Farrells (or Kerry Condons) out there.

Unfortunately we have heard news of the pulling of Ficam D from the Irish Market, see below article.

Again, if anyone has any news that they think members may be interested in, feel free to forward to info@ipca.ie

All the best for now,
Philip

Some other points to mention in this edition

Training

Another Lantra course is being run at present online. CPE workshops were run in October, November and December last. More will be scheduled for March/April. Details to follow. Please remember that all PMU's will require 50 IASIS points per year. If you had a shortfall in 2022 you are allowed to make them up to 100, in 2023.

Event - Speakers, CPE

We are planning a half day networking face to face event for March or April (Date TBC) where we will have a number of speakers lined up to pass on current and relevant information to members. We hope to have CPE points allocated.

PR & Social Media

We started our Social Media drive in September but we need to reach further. Our first posts were seen by very few. There is work we can do in the background to help with this but we would like to ask for your help also. If you have a LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter account, please search for 'IPCA Irish Pest Control Association' When you find us, please 'LIKE' and 'SHARE' the page and any post that you see. We hope to be adding more regular posts shortly. Thank You.

Address Change

Due to matters outside our control, the postal address we were using to date is no longer available to us. We have secured another address and it is featured on our website and will be updated on all other documentation presently. Our new address is IPCA, Killinarden Enterprise Park, Main Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Ficam D Withdrawal

Envu UK has announced the withdrawal of Ficam D from the market due to regulatory measures. Ficam D is a ready-to-use dustable powder containing Bendiocarb for use indoors as an insecticide against ants, and for the control of wasps and hornets (nests), including Asian Hornets. For over 40 years the product has been an effective and essential tool within the professional pest management sector. Over recent years there have been significant assessments and investments, including changes to the product labelling in 2020, to keep the product available for pest professionals. However new BPR registrations have now made it very difficult to keep products such as Ficam D on the market. Professional pest controllers can still access Ficam D, which will remain available until January 31, 2024. Paul Fisher, head of sales for UK & Ireland at Envu, said: "We anticipate that after this date there will be a 180-day sell out period for distribution, and another 180-day use up period for end users, which is yet to be confirmed. "The withdrawal of a product is something we work very hard to avoid. We continue to defend our product registrations and remain committed to constant innovation and new product development to ensure our customers have the best possible solutions to help them protect public health."