



The IPCA Note

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**Members at our 21st Birthday Social Gathering Breakfast on 1st March 2022 at the Green Isle Hotel, Dublin.
Special guest Mr Derek Whelan, founder of Pestex in 1972, who spoke about the History of Pest Control in Ireland**

The Chairman's Note



Dear Members,

At last we are getting back to some sort of normality, although who knows where this virus will take us yet. But in the interim, we have had a chance to meet up, which we did, on March 1st. I have to say, I enjoyed immensely meeting up with friends and colleagues that I haven't seen in years now. Thank you to all that came along and to those that didn't, we hope to see you at future such events that we are already planning.

Training is being rolled out with Lantra courses running again, the CPE Workshop Group had a sold out workshop on March 23rd and many more are planned.

We understand that members have their views and we want to hear them, so we will be organising an open-forum face-to-face event, a week or so prior to the AGM in May/June so everyone can have their say.

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

Happy Easter and all the best for now,
Philip

Some other points to mention in this edition.

Training.

There is another Lantra course running from April 18th for those new to the industry. CPE workshops have already been organised within the first quarter. More to follow. Please remember that all PMU's will require 50 IASIS points per year.

Membership Audits.

Our membership audit plan has now been drafted and some members will be contacted soon to arrange suitable dates for the audits.

CEPA.

CEPA is the European Pest Control Association. IPCA has been a member for many many years but we felt that maybe we were not using this resource and so in recent years, we have sought to invest some time to find out what being a member of CEPA should mean to IPCA. In February 2020, Philip Cranley attended their Annual General Assembly and since then has attended on-line conferences with CEPA Task Forces and also subsequent bi-annual general assemblies. In 2022, Philip applied for and was elected as a board member of CEPA. We hope that having this voice at a European level will benefit Ireland and the IPCA.

Social Gathering Breakfast.

IPCA had a social event on the 1st of March, the first in many years due to the covid pandemic. It was held at the Green Isle Hotel in Dublin. A relatively large group attended given the cautious return to normality we all are facing. The theme of the morning was The History of Pest Control in Ireland and guest speaker Mr Derek Whelan started the conversation with an overview of the origins of pest control, to the first Irish pest control companies, his own work within the industry that started in Insecticides in the 1960's to founding his own pest control company in 1972 – Pestex – that went on to become a major player in Ireland over the following two decades. Stories were shared between the group, photos of previous IPCA Boards, memorabilia such as wall plaques from long gone companies. The event finished off with a look back at the 21 years of the IPCA, a glimpse of how far we, in Ireland, have come compared to our European neighbours and suggestions from the group on ways to move forward. A worthwhile event and great to see our colleagues again, after such a long absence.

Replacement ID Cards.

Anyone who needs an IPCA I.D. Card; send in their name and company name, photos and PMU number and we will see if we can get them printed for you. All 'first time' cards will be printed free of charge, replacement cards will be subject to a small fee. Send by mail to IPCA, Tallaght Enterprise Centre, Main Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

IASIS.

IPCA supports the only Irish-Run CPE (Continuous Professional Education) Scheme for pest controllers. That is the IASIS CPE Scheme run by the Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards (IASIS).