



The IPCA Note

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The Chairman's Note

Dear Members,

Welcome to what is my last Chairman's Note. I have completed two terms in office over the past 4 years and will be stepping down at the next AGM to allow someone else a crack at the whip. I am so proud of this 'Note' over its 37 issues and hope that it will go on.

There have been a few events over the past month where the savvy of you could have picked up a whopping 32.5 CPE points in total. Over half of the year's requirement and all for free. See below for a summary of these events.

As you know, I have been involved with CEPA, (Our Parent Association). Before Christmas a worrying 'Opinion' was put forward by the Biocidal Products Committee stating that Traps should be recommended as an alternative to Anticoagulants in all indoor settings. This opinion is being presented to the EU Commission and may form the backbone of the argument to ban anticoagulants during the summer of 2024. We need to act now to ensure this does not happen. See below for further.

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 and thank you,
Philip

Some other points to mention in this edition

Training

Lantra courses are being run every month or two. A CPE workshop is scheduled for April 26th. It will be a three hour on-line workshop on 'Stored Product Insects' and will offer 25 CPE Points. 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.

Killgerm Breakfast Event

Killgerm held an event in Portlaoise on 30th March with 17.5 CPE points offered to participants. The morning comprised of presentations from Killgerm and Bell on topics such as Remote Electronic Monitoring, Fly Control, Bird Control and New Products.

IPCA Info and Training Event

We held this event in the Green Isle Hotel, Dublin on the 21st March. There were 15 CPE points offered for participants. We had presentations from Enterprise Rentals, Circle K Fuel Cards, Philip Devonish spoke about the EHO's in the Food Retail Business. Michael Loughlin gave us an update on the changes in the CRRU Best Practice Guidance. We also presented some figures we received from Insurance companies.

AGM

The AGM is being planned and notices prepared as we speak and is likely to be held at the end of April or early May. You should or may already have received them by the time you read this. As always we welcome new-comers, so if you are interested in becoming part of the board, please let us know.

CEPA Campaign to change 'Opinion'

It has come to the attention of CEPA that a study was conducted by a manufacturer of traps. That one study was accepted by the Biocidal Products Committee and ECHA and formed an 'Opinion' that the EU should "promote mechanical traps as a viable alternative to anticoagulant (AVK) rodenticides for the control of mouse infestations in all indoor circumstances". This 'opinion' has been presented to the EU Commission but a decision has yet to be taken. CEPA and all the national associations across Europe, including IPCA, reject this opinion and feel that such a statement could add weight to the argument to ban anticoagulants completely within the European Product Re-authorisation Review due to be finalised in summer 2024. CEPA have initiated a campaign to target all interested parties, especially those in governments who may have some influence within this review, to reject this opinion based on the fact that it is a secret study, a single study and a study made by a company that would clearly benefit from such a decision. CEPA have already contacted the relevant government influencers in each European country including Ireland. However, in order to get them to take us seriously, CEPA want to rally all parties that will ultimately be affected by the banning of anticoagulants, such as the food, healthcare, retail, distribution industries to bring this issue to their relevant governmental representative. With your help, IPCA will coordinate a response in Ireland.