



The IPCA Note

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The Chairman's Note

Dear Members,

The summer is upon us in a flash. The board has been very busy over the past two months since we spoke last. Getting ourselves ready for the AGM and also looking into how we can improve our Public Relations. Personally, I have been bombarded with emails from the CEPA board as well as our own, regarding Training such as the free on-line training on the 18th May, and also regarding the wording of an International Food Standard document on Pest Control and sadly, a letter of support for the Ukrainian Pest Control Association who are also a member of CEPA. So It's busy busy busy.

Training is being rolled out with more Lantra courses running again, the CPE Workshop Group have planned workshops for early in June. Details to follow.

The AGM will be held online on 1st June but also we are organising an open-forum face-to-face event the week before, where we will take advantage of another event already planned for that date - Thursday 26th May in Portlaoise.

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

There is another Lantra course running from May 30th for those new to the industry. CPE workshops will be run in June. Details to follow. Please remember that all PMU's will require 50 IASIS points per year.

Membership Audits

Our membership audit plan is now being implemented with some members already receiving their audit. Other members will be contacted soon to arrange suitable dates for the audits.

CEPA

CEPA had a free webinar on the 18th May on EU Regulatory Changes for the Pest Management sector. The IPCA had board members attending but all were welcome to join. Details are included in an email sent from info@IPCA.ie on Friday 13th May.

Killgerm Breakfast Workshop

One of our preferred suppliers, Killgerm, is hosting a morning of presentations in the Killeshin Hotel in Portlaoise on Thursday 26th May 2022. There will be a free breakfast.

https://www.killgerm.ie/portlaoise-mini-workshop-26th-may-2022/?#Kg_secti on1

Open Forum Meeting - PR

On the 26th May at noon, we are having an Open-Forum meeting in advance of the AGM as we have some matters to debate with members, specifically, our Public Relations Strategy, going forward. But also we welcome any other topic that members would like to express their opinions on. This meeting will be held directly after the Killgerm Workshops and will be followed by lunch.

IPCA 2022 AGM on 1st June

The Annual General Meeting of the association will be held on the 1st June on-line again this year to facilitate those that are abroad or have long distances to travel. We appreciate that some prefer the face to face meeting and for those, we are offering an open forum meeting on the 26th May after the Killgerm Workshops.

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).

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.

Wildlife News

There were reports last month on Facebook of poison being scattered on the Curragh, presumably to kill birds.

A local farmer in Co.Laois was fined €6000 this month for cutting down trees and hedge-rows during nesting season in May 2021. He was also convicted of Wildlife Crime.

<https://www.farmersjournal.ie/laois-farmer-fined-6-000-and-convicted-for-wildlife-crime-697252>