



# The IPCA Note

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**Happy Halloween**

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## The Chairman's Note

Dear Members,

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope you all got a chance to relax and enjoy the heatwaves. We have been working on the website to try and make it a bit more user friendly and tailor it to our market. There is a long way to go but if you click on [www.ipca.ie](http://www.ipca.ie) I hope you will find some changes for the better. We are ready to start our social media campaign and by the time you are reading this we hope to have posted content to Facebook, LinkedIn and other platforms. We need your help to share these posts so we can reach a bigger audience.

Please remember to check your CPE points for this year. CPE workshops will be running again in the last quarter and will be advertised soon on the website and through emails from IASIS and IPCA. There will be face-to-face workshops and some on-line near the end of the year.

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

All the best for now, Happy Halloween

Philip

## Some other points to mention in this edition.

### Training

Another Lantra course is being run at present, online. CPE workshops will be scheduled for late October and November. Details to follow. We will try to fill the demand for CPE points for all PMU's before the end of the year but please do not leave it to the last minute. 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.

### 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, Killinarden Enterprise Park, Main Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24

### 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

### PR and Social Media

Works are underway to enhance and focus our website and to generate social media posts to draw people to us. We hope that you will see improvements already in our website and our social media presence will be evident in the coming months. We will require your help, to 'like' and 'share' posts in order to maximise our reach.

### Website

The website has undergone some work in recent months. Rearranging of tabs, updating some of the content, introductory video, map of members locations etc. A new Members Area is being developed. The map features our members locations and for those that have a google presence, it has uploaded logos etc from there. Not everyone has this facility, but we can only include what google shows us. You may address this issue through google. There may be additional offices you wish to add, if so, please email us at [info@ipca.ie](mailto:info@ipca.ie).

## 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).

## Mentoring - Alternative Proposal

IPCA are working on a proposal in collaboration with the DAFM Task Force members to review the current Mentoring System for the training of new recruits. The proposal is in early stages but should address the time-frame that training is required and be practical from an employer's perspective. We have provisional support from IASIS already. We hope to submit this proposal to DAFM shortly.