



# The IPCA Note

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**Merry Christmas from all at IPCA**

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## The Chairman's Note

Dear Members,

Another year coming to a close.

As the Irish Representative in the European Pest Control Association (CEPA), I have been involved in a few task forces during 2022. CEPA have been very complimentary about how the Irish have developed Training Standards, Introduced Regulation and Continuous Professional Development. As you may know, there are only one or two countries across all of Europe that have any regulation and very few have recognised Training Standards. One of the taskforces I am on, relates to the delivery of professional recognised training to all members of CEPA. CEPA recognises our advances here and want to use our Lantra Level 3 course to set that standard all across Europe. That is high praise indeed. It is early days yet but talks are underway to make this a reality.

Please remember to check your CPE points for this year. CPE workshops will be running again on-line in December and will be advertised soon on the website and through emails from IASIS and IPCA.

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, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and see you all back here in the New Year.

Philip

## Some other points to mention in this edition.

### Training

Another Lantra course is being scheduled for January 2023, online. CPE workshops were run in October and November. More will be scheduled for December for any last minute credits needed. Details to follow. Please remember that all PMU's will require 50 IASIS points per year. However, points are not tallied until the end of 2023 so if you have a shortfall in 2022 you are allowed to make them up to 100, in 2023.

### Ireland as leader in Professionalisation

Our parent association CEPA have recognised the Irish Training system as one of the leading systems in Europe. Talks are underway to try to bring our IPCA Lantra Level 3 course to PCO's all across Europe. This is a great endorsement of IPCA, the developers of the course and the country as a whole.

### Event - Speakers, CPE

We are planning a half day networking face to face event for the first quarter of 2023 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. More details to follow in next 'Note'

### 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

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. Thank You.

### Insurance

The preferred insurance group scheme that we have enjoyed for many a year has come to an end with insurers pulling out of the Irish Market. IPCA have contacted brokers to see who is available now to offer a similar policy to our members. An email was sent recently with details. We will update you on any further information as we get it.

## 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).