The Annual Conference of Cré on 8th September in the Killashee House Hotel is an event that anyone involved in the waste, composting and anaerobic digestion sectors should not miss.

The title of this year’s conference “New Direction & Implications” will inform delegates of:

- All the New Waste Legislation Changes;
- The Export of Waste;
- The Regional Waste Plans Process;
- The Draft Bioenergy Strategy for Anaerobic Digestion;
- Brown Bin Awareness Raising Initiatives; and
- R&D Forum
PROGRAMME

08.00  Registration, Tea and Coffee
09.00  Welcome
Martin will give an overview of the status of the sector and challenges facing it
Martin Eves, (Chairman) Cré

WASTE POLICY

09.30 Waste Policy Updates
Philip will provide delegates with an update on the Household Collection Permit Regulations, the Food Waste Regulations, the Miscellaneous Environmental Bill and Enforcement Changes.  
Philip Nugent, (Principal Officer) Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
10.00 Regional Waste Plans Update
Kevin will present an overview of the work to date on the development of the three regional waste management plans. 
Kevin Swift, (Regional Waste Coordinator) Connacht/Ulster Waste Region
10.25 Q&A
10.30 Coffee Break

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

11.00 New Animal By Products Guidance Document Developments
The new guidance documents for compost and biogas plants were recently published. This presentation will give an overview of new guidance documents. 
Mairead Broderick and David Moloney, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
11.15 Draft National Bioenergy Strategy
Department of Communication, Energy and Natural Resources - invited
11.35 Current Practices in Exporting RDF, SRF and Mixed Municipal Waste in Ireland and UK
Linda will present the results of published report for the CIWM on the export of waste, which was co-funded by the Irish EPA. 
Linda Ovens, AMEC E&I UK
12.00 National Brown Bin Advisors Pilot in Sligo Town
In June, Sligo County Council started a pilot of the brown bin advisors programme. This involves waste characterisation surveys, the provision of different education tools and development of a schools programme. 
Siobhan Gillen, Sligo County Council
12.25 Implications of all the Updates
Percy Foster, Cré
12.35 Q&A
13.00 Lunch
14.00 UK’s First Dry Anaerobic Digestion for Biowaste - Fife Scotland
Fife council, which is Scotland’s 3rd largest authority, following the introduction of a legislative requirement to provide a food collection service, the council set out to ensure that this was done as cost effectively and sustainably as possible. Fife constructed a dry AD plant. The plant processes 43,000 tonnes of food and garden waste. The outputs are 1.4mw of electricity and 1.4mw heat, of which 65% is used in a local district heating system and 18,000 tonnes of compost. 
Dr. Andrew Walsh, Celtic Bioenergy
14.25 Obeo
The Compostable Box for Kitchen Food Waste from Concept to Market 
Elizabeth Fingleton, Obeo
14.35 Q&A

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FORUM

14.45 Biochar Research and its Implication for Product Development from “Waste Streams”
Dr. Munoo Prasad, Compost/AD Research and Advisory
15.05 AD-WISE - A New Tool to Optimise the Operation of Biogas Plants
The AD-WISE project is developing an control system based on feed regulation for biogas plants. It is composed of real-time measurement of volatile fatty acids (VFA) concentrations and software that uses this data and other parameters already measured in the plant, to maximise biogas production, while modifying the operating conditions to avoid acidification. 
Dr. John J O’Flaherty, Technical Director, MAC Ltd
15.30 Q&A
15.45 Ends
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