

Catchment Science into Policy

A briefing and discussion on the work of the Agricultural Catchments Programme, its outcomes to date and their policy implications

Venue: Killeshin Hotel. Portlaoise

Date: Friday 13th March 2015

Schedule

- 9.00 Registration – tea/coffee
- 10.00 **Opening Address**
Ms Mairead McGuinness MEP
- 10.20 **Agricultural Catchments Programme - A Policy Perspective**
Dr Tricia Torpey, DAFM
- 10.35 **Operating the Agricultural Catchments Programme**
Establishment and farmer participation – Ger Shortle
The Experimental Design and monitoring methods – Prof Phil Jordan
- 10.55 **Session 1 – Soil Phosphorus Trends**
Session Leader – Dr Noeleen McDonald
Speaker - Dr. David Wall
- 11.35 **Session 2 - Nutrient Pathways and Critical Source Areas**
Session Leader – Dr Per-Erik Mellander
Speakers – Dr Mairead Shore and Ian Thomas, Walsh Fellow
- 12.35 **Introduction to the Poster Session**
Prof Phil Jordan
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 1.30 **Poster Session**
- 2.00 **Session 3 – Nutrient Delivery, Pressures and Ecological Impact**
Session Leader – Dr Mairead Shore
Speaker – Sophie Sherriff, Walsh Fellow
- 2.40 **Session 4 – Socio-economic analysis of NAP regulation implementation.**
Session Leader – Dr Cathal Buckley
- 3.25 **Session 5 - Farmer Engagement and Knowledge Exchange**
Session Leader – Eddie Burgess, Agricultural Adviser
Speakers – Tom Doyle, catchment farmer and Noel Meehan, Agricultural Adviser
- 4.00 **Summary/synthesis**
Prof Phil Jordan
- 4.30 **Close of meeting**
Ger Shortle