

Teagasc and IrBEA

The National Bioenergy Conference 2010

Bioenergy - Developing and Financing Bioenergy



Thursday, 18 February 2010
The Tipperary Institute, Thurles

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'Developing and Financing Bioenergy'

presented by Teagasc and Irish Bioenergy Association

The theme of the 2010 National Bioenergy Conference 'Developing and Financing Bioenergy' is appropriate given the challenges currently faced at the different stages of developing a bioenergy project. This year's event, jointly organised by the Irish Bioenergy Association (IrBEA) and Teagasc, will take place on Thursday, 18 February 2010 in the Tipperary Institute, Thurles.

The line-up of expert panel speakers will see bioenergy business developers tell the story behind their respective projects, whether this be based on wood energy, cereal crops or biofuels.

The dedicated panel will examine the key issues facing decision-makers and investors in the bioenergy sector. This 2010 conference will also provide an update on Government policy and ongoing research and development. In addition, the conference will also afford delegates the opportunity to network with the key players, technology providers, contractors and growers in the various stages of the supply chain.

The organisers graciously acknowledge the generous support of FBD Trust and the donation of the event venue by our hosts, the Tipperary Institute.

We look forward to welcoming you to this key annual industry conference on 18 February. IrBEA members should please note that the Association's AGM will be also held on that day.

Exhibition Stands

A wide range of experts will attend and a number of industry exhibitors will also be present, ranging from anaerobic digestion to biomass boilers, together with energy crops such as willow and miscanthus. To check if spaces are still available please contact IrBEA.

Benefits of attending

The National Bioenergy Conference provides excellent networking and business development opportunities and facilitates discussion and debate both within the conference sessions and in the networking breaks throughout the day.

Registration and full conference details are available at www.irbea.org

Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

This conference is of interest to a broad audience including:

- Farmers/landowners
- Consumers with large energy requirements
- Project developers
- Policy makers/regulators
- Legal advisers/consultants
- Business analysts/planners
- Economists/financial advisers
- Technical/engineering managers
- Finance directors/financial controllers
- Energy purchasers/facilities managers



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Programme

- 09.30am** **Conference Welcome and Introduction**
Ciaran Lynch, Tipperary Institute
- Morning Presentations**
Chair: Professor Gerry Boyle, Teagasc Director
- 09.40am** **DCENR Bioenergy Working Group - Progress update**
Bioenergy action plan and GIS resources
Pearse Buckley, SEI
- 10.00am** **Agricultural policy on bioenergy**
Barry Caslin, Teagasc
- 10.20am** **Financing bioenergy projects**
Joe O'Carroll, Imperative Energy
- 10.40am** **Questions and Answers**
- 10.55am** **Tea/Coffee and Exhibit Viewing**
- Mid-morning Presentations**
Chair: Eugene Hendrick, COFORD Director
- 11.15am** **Biomass - Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme**
John O'Brien, IrBEA
- 11.35am** **R&D - A review of bioenergy research at Teagasc and across Ireland**
John Finnan, Teagasc
- 11.55pm** **Investing in bioenergy projects**
Paul O'Donnell, ESB Novus Modus
- 12.15pm** **Development of straw briquette market**
Niall McGrath, Director of Strogs
- 12.35pm** **Launch of Irish Bioenergy Map**
John Coleman, La Tene Maps
- 12.55pm** **Questions and Answers**
- 13.00pm** **Lunch (generously sponsored by FBD Trust)**
- Afternoon Presentations - Chaired by Tom Bruton, IrBEA President**
- 14.30pm** **Biomass fluidised bed boiler**
Jack O'Connor, Biomass Heating Solutions
- 14.50pm** **First steps in developing an AD project**
Tom Knitter - REIO
- 15.10pm** **Irish biodiesel production and market outlook**
Mossie O'Donovan - EcoOla
- 15.30pm** **Questions and Answers**
- 15.50pm** **Workshops - Focusing on Bioenergy Working Group Inputs**
- Solid biomass**
Fred Tottenham - IrBEA Wood Fuel Group
- AD**
David McDonnell - IrBEA AD Group
- Biofuels**
Bernard Rice - IrBEA Biofuels Group
- 16.50pm** **Reports from workshops**
- 17.00pm** **IrBEA AGM - Important Forum**

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Conference Reservation

- I wish to reserve place(s) at the National Bioenergy Conference 2010.

Conference Fee: €50 (for IrBEA and Teagasc members).
Fee includes lunch and refreshments served during the conference.

- Conference Fee: €100** (for non-IrBEA and Teagasc members, and delegates registering on the day).
- Please invoice me to the address below.**

Personal Details

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Organisation:

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