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**THE 2016
IRBEA NATIONAL BIOENERGY CONFERENCE
Unleashing Ireland's Bioenergy Potential**

Introduction

By Conference date, policy initiatives should be more clearly mapped in the Bioenergy Plan, and commitments from Paris COP21 will be clearer. Our three conference sessions will tackle **Politics, Policy and Action, and Best Practice/Case Studies from Industry.**

Hear our quality speakers provide expert perspectives on policy, regulation, markets and development – and how bioenergy can be adopted to play a huge role in a country's energy mix and economic/social progress. Energy Minister Alex White, T.D. has been invited to open the conference. Other national/international contributors will cover topics on:

- European bioenergy trends
- Renewable heat incentive (RHI)
- The Climate Change agenda
- Policy challenges and misconceptions
- The Energy Union package, agriculture & Irish farming
- How bioenergy became dominant in Sweden
- Denmark best practice delivering renewables for social benefit
- AD development on the island of Ireland.

Who should attend?

Typically the event is attended by project developers, financiers, industrial and commercial consumers, utility providers, policy developers, consultants, service providers, engineering and construction companies, landowners, media and many other industry stakeholders. As the premier bioenergy event in Ireland, this is an ideal opportunity to network with the industry.



The empowerment of next generation energy users with power from nature.

Booking and Registration

Conference rates (incl. lunch): **IrBEA Members €75** | **Non-members €150** | **Trade Stand €350**

Conference Trade Stand, Lunch and Dinner €420

For registration please visit **www.irbea.ie**

For further information please contact **Teresa O'Brien** on 086 125 6709 or email **contact@irbea.ie**

Outline Agenda

9.30 **Conference Welcome and Introduction**
Fred Tottenham, President of IrBEA

9.45 **Session 1: Political**

Opening Address

Minister Alex White, DCENR

DCENR: Update on RHI and future RES-E supports

TBC

Turning Renewable Energy Policy into Projects, Investment & Employment

Eamonn McGrath, Gaellectric
Chief Commercial Officer

11.00 **Break**

11.30 **Session 2: Policy and Action**

Post COP21 - Where is the climate change agenda going?

Dr Cara Augustenborg, Green Party spokesperson on climate change

Energy Union package, agriculture & Irish farming

Prof. Alan Matthews, Emeritus Prof. European Agricultural Policy, Trinity College

Bioenergy policy, challenges & misconceptions

Patricia Thornley, Professor of Sustainable Energy Systems, Manchester University

Q&A

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30 **Session 3: Best Practice/Case Studies from Industry**

How bioenergy became largest energy source in Sweden

Kjell Andersson, Policy Advisor SVEBIO;
chair AEBIOM Sustainability WG

Denmark's best practice in delivering renewables for social benefit

Finn Mortensen, Exec Director, State of Green

Anaerobic digestion development in Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland

David McKee, B9 (NI) Technical Director

Q&A

16.00 **Conference End**

16.10 **IrBEA AGM**



Trade Stands at the 2016 National Bioenergy Conference

Trade stands are still available for the National Bioenergy Conference in February. We are expecting an attendance of 200 people at the conference. During 2015 we have organised a series of bioenergy events including the RHI Workshop, Wood Energy Conference, the Biogas Workshop and Site Visit. All these events have had good attendance and positive feedback from participants. Based on this and our current membership we are confident that the 2016 conference will be fully subscribed. Exhibiting at this conference will ensure maximum opportunities for marketing and promotion of your products and services. The conference provides the opportunity to network with the key players, technology providers, contractors and growers in the various stages of the supply chain.

We intend to have a small drinks reception after the conference in the trade stand hall so delegates can meet one another and take time to chat with exhibitors.

If you would like to know more about exhibiting at this conference please contact **Teresa O'Brien** at contact@irbea.ie or **0861256709**

Evening dinner on the night of the conference

There will be evening dinner available to all delegates after the conference. View **eventbrite** for all prices and to make a booking.

We offer a package to exhibitors: Trade stand, 2 delegates, conference attendance with lunch and evening dinner €420. This can be booked on Eventbrite.



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