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ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER CONFERENCE 2021



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09.30 - 10.00 Conference opening & Keynote address

Chair: Prof. Jim Kinsella, School of Agriculture & Food Science, UCD

- » **Conference Opening**
Prof. Andrew Deeks, President, UCD
- » **Keynote Address**
Ms. Mairead McGuinness, European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union
- » **Panel Discussion**
Prof. Frank O'Mara, Director, Teagasc
- » **Panel Discussion**
Prof. Frank Monahan, Dean of Agriculture and Head of School, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science

10.00 - 11.15 Session 1 Advising farmers on environmental sustainability

Chair: Dr. Stan Lalor, Teagasc. Co-chair: Prof. Helen Sheridan, UCD

- » **Developing an effective advisory strategy to support communication on biodiversity management**
Aoife Leader
- » **An examination into suckler farmers' understanding of anthelmintic resistance**
James Concannon
- » **Examining the efficiency of one-to-one advisory in the ASSAP model; A tool to educate and influence dairy farmers on water quality improvement in the West Cork region**
Aoife Feeney
- » **Environmental sustainability on dairy farms - how to better communicate messages at farm level**
Donnacha Ryan
- » **Dairy farmers perceptions on how to improve nitrogen use efficiency**
Liam Quinn
- » **Dairy farmers' perspectives of multi-species swards as a means of reducing nitrogen application rates on Irish dairy farms**
Emma Gilsean
- » **Advisory and knowledge transfer tools and processes for lime and nutrient management practice adoption**
Conor Mulligan
- » **Panel Discussion**

11.30 - 12.10 Session 2 Facilitating interactive innovation with farmers

Chair: Dr. Monica Gorman, UCD. Co-chair: Dr John Hyland, Teagasc.

- » **Farmer and advisor engagement in occupational health and safety**
Penny Gavin
- » **Developing an Understanding of the Relationships and Methodologies of Contract Cropping Agreements**
Lisa O'Toole
- » **Smart Farming on rural farms demonstrating benefits to the wider agri-food community and co-creating new food products and services (PLOUTOS)**
Martin McNamara
- » **Best practices in interactive innovation across Europe and the competencies required by advisors to support interactive innovation**
Catherine Gilmartin
- » **Panel discussion**

12.20 - 13.00 Session 3 Generational renewal and agricultural education

Chair: Dr. Anne Marie Butler, Teagasc. Co-chair: Dr. Brian Leonard, UCD

- » **Diversity and inclusion in agricultural education**
Margaret Farrell
- » **An Ghaeilge is an Green Cert: A case study on Irish-language supports in further-education agricultural programmes in County Galway**
Kevin Crehan
- » **Effective teaching and learning strategies to enhance sustainable farming knowledge and skillsets among Teagasc full-time agricultural students**
Orla Walsh
- » **Panel discussion**

13.45 - 14:30 Session 4 Digital tools in farm advisory services

Chair: Dr. Tomás Russell, UCD. Co-chair: Dr. Teresa Hooks, Teagasc

- » **WhatsApp as a digital communication tool in agricultural extension to support discussion groups**
Michael Hassett
- » **Lessons learned from Covid on the use of virtual platforms for discussion groups**
Cathal Conaty
- » **Examining the future role that virtual tools will play in the delivery of continuous professional development to Teagasc advisory staff**
Ronan Mulligan
- » **BovINE: Using online tools for evaluation and impact assessment of multi-actor innovation: learnings in the COVID19 context for the beef advisory services**
Michael O'Connor
- » **Application of digital advisory tools and services within a farm advisory service context**
Jennifer Bracken
- » **Panel discussion**

14.30 - 14.45 Conference Closing

Chair: Prof. Jim Kinsella, UCD

- » **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Stan Lalor, Teagasc; Dr. Monica Gorman, UCD; Dr. Anne-Marie Butler, Teagasc, Dr. Tomás Russell, UCD
- » **Announcement of winner**
David Colbourne, Teagasc