



BIOENERGY2017

The IrBEA National Bioenergy Conference

Thursday 9th February 2017

9am to 4.30pm

Castleknock Hotel and Country Club, Dublin 15



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2017 will be a pivotal year for Ireland's energy policy; the industry expects clarity by then for roll-out of a Renewable Heat Incentive.

We need to move towards clean technologies. Currently in Ireland we have a renewable market share of 8.7%, with bioenergy contributing 2% of this. **It's imperative that the Irish Government develops an energy policy that allows for greater growth in the Bioenergy sector.** This will be under discussion at the conference.

IRBEA will once again have a strong line up of speakers, both international and national, presenting industry models, policy perspectives and investment opportunities to stimulate lively discussion and strong media coverage. Speakers

will discuss their experiences of working in Ireland with the current energy policy framework. Recent budget spending announcements will also be discussed, together with how we would like to see the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) spend their extra €50m budget, or the capital spend of €90m, on climate change actions which was announced.

The conference will give delegates and exhibitors an opportunity to network. We also plan to organise a network dinner after the event around 6.00pm.

Organisations interested in sponsoring elements of the conference (whole or in part) are asked to contact Teresa O'Brien at contact@irbea.ie.

Outline Agenda

- 09.30 **Conference Welcome and Introduction**
Michael Doran, IrBEA President & Director at Action Renewables
- 09.45 **Session 1: Policy, Bioenergy Strategy and Business (including Q&A)**
Minister Denis Naughten, Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment
Fergal Leamy, Chief Executive at Coillte
Jim Gannon, Chief Executive Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 **Session 2: Research from IrBEA & Overseas (including Q&A)**
Tom Bruton, Principal consultant with BioXL
Derek Milton, Principal Scientist with Fehily Timoney & Co
David Connolly, Associate Professor at Aalborg University, Copenhagen
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.15 **Session 3: Project Finance and Case Studies (including Q&A)**
Russell Smyth, Director & Corporate Finance division at KPMG
Garrett Monahan, Lawyer & Partner at Arthur Cox
Francesco Panzeri, Demetra
- 16.00 Conference End
- 16.30 **AGM**
- 18.00 **Closing Evening Dinner**

Register now on Eventbrite

- IrBEA Member Conference with lunch: €100
- Non Member Conference with lunch: €200
- Trade Stand Conference with lunch (two delegates): €400

If you would like to attend the evening meal the following prices apply:

- IrBEA Member Conference Lunch, Drinks and Evening Dinner: €150
- Non Member Conference, Lunch, Drinks and Evening Dinner: €250
- Trade Stand Conference Lunch, Evening Drinks and Dinner (two delegates): €500

For more information about this important event, please contact Teresa O'Brien on **086 1256 709** or email **contact@irbea.ie**



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