



KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

CONFERENCE 2018

Shaping the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) - Through the Eyes of the Next Generation

Friday 28 September 2018

09.00-16.00

Teagasc Ashtown Conference Centre

ADMISSION FREE

Who should attend?

This conference will appeal to all those working in public and private agricultural extension. This will be an important networking event for those interested in improving how knowledge created is exchanged between the key players within the farming sector.

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Conference Programme

09.00	Arrivals and Registration - Viewing of Poster presentations		
09.30	Conference Opening		
9.45	SESSION 1 Improving agri-environmental management Chair: Thomas Ryan, IFA	Brian Duggan	Determine how to improve Knowledge Transfer in Integrated Pest Management on tillage farms
		Peter Linden	Decision support tools for farmers on water quality analysis
		Emma Swan	Dissemination of best practice management for rush control
		Amy Connolly	Using Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) to deliver soil fertility advice under GRASS10
		Gavin Doherty	The BGDG Scheme
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	
10.25	SESSION 2 Thinking ahead on agricultural education Chair: Mr James Maher, Teagasc	Kevin Cunningham	Engaging Agricultural Students: The influence of Course Design and Teaching
		Sinead Flannery	The training and preparation of ag college teachers
		Lorraine Delahunty	Evaluation of future role of and support for practical learning
		James Lynch	Alignment of education planning and choices to longer term business and succession needs on dairy farms
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	
11.05	COFFEE/TEA BREAK		
11.30	SESSION 3 Challenges and opportunities in Dairy Knowledge Exchange Chair: Roberta McDonald, Aurivo Cooperative Society	Wesley Fennell	An examination of categories of dairy farmers in Mayo based on their adoption of certain farming technologies
		Padraig Fogarty	An examination of why dairy farmers who were trained in grass measuring during their role as Monitor Farmers discontinued the use of this technology
		Cormac Brennan	The implementation of NMP recommendations by a targeted dairy discussion group
		Philip Kennedy	How can agricultural extension services support Irish dairy farmers using AMS systems
		Suzanne Groome	Dairy farm employment - perspectives of employers and employees
		Oisin McGlynn	Engaging the middle 3rd of dairy farmers - Glanbia joint programme
		Rachel Spillane	Improving profit on winter milk farms - use of a co-design approach to enhance KT packages
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	
12.30	LUNCH BREAK		
	Poster Presentations		
13.30	SESSION 4 Discussion Groups – realizing their potential Chair: Mr George Ramsbottom, Teagasc	Anne Marie Flanagan	Dairy discussion groups, social capital and resilience
		Elaine Clifford	Evaluating KT groups in the tillage sector
		Michael McGonigle	Evaluating KT groups in the beef sector
		Fergus Bogue	WhatsApp as a Knowledge Transfer Tool for Dairy Discussion Groups
		Marie Flynn	Investigation into the use of WhatsApp group chats to transfer knowledge to beef farmers in Ireland
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	

14.15	SESSION 5: Profit and Innovation Chair: Mr James Healy, Macra na Feirme	Ciara O'Donovan	Proxy indicators for farm profitability and efficiency measurement for Knowledge Transfer
		John Moriarty	Develop and assess digital and visual tools for Knowledge Transfer in the pig industry
		Jayne Smith	Commercial agronomists - their role in the AKIS
		Kathleen Lonergan	The thinking process of innovative and entrepreneurial farmers
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	
15.05	SESSION 6: Farm Health and Safety Chair: TBC	Claire McAulliff	Farm advisors experience with client mental health issues
		Tracey O'Connor	Using discussion groups to change H&S behaviour
		Q&A and Panel Discussion	
15.30	Closing Session – Professor Tom Kelly and Professor Jim Kinsella		
16.00	Conference Close		