



Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

**Date: 2-4 November 2010**

**Venue: Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Republic of Ireland**

## **BACKGROUND**

In the International Year of Biodiversity what do we have to celebrate? What has been achieved? What targets have been met? What still needs to be done? What tools are available to improve biodiversity conservation in the future?

Heads of State and Government undertook in 2001 to halt the decline of biodiversity in the EU by 2010 and to restore habitats and natural systems. In 2002, they also joined some 130 world leaders in agreeing to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss globally by 2010.

In May 2006, the European Commission adopted a communication on ["Halting Biodiversity Loss by 2010 – and Beyond: Sustaining ecosystem services for human well-being"](#). The Communication underlined the importance of biodiversity protection as a pre-requisite for sustainable development, as well as setting out a detailed [EU Biodiversity Action Plan](#) to achieve this.

Biodiversity is vital to regulating climate change and reducing its negative impacts by making ecosystems more resilient; biodiversity and climate change must be tackled in a coordinated manner and given equal priority.

This conference aims to:

- investigate how biodiversity policies and legislation including the Common Agricultural Policy, Fisheries Policy and the Marine and Coastal Access Bill) are affecting and driving biodiversity conservation;
- showcase biodiversity tools and methods available to ecologists; and
- review case studies of some of the more practical methods used in biodiversity projects.

The conference will consider future targets and approaches to biodiversity conservation.

## **BOOKING**

Early booking is advisable – places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. **REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE CAN ONLY BE DONE ONLINE.**

To register for the conference please  
[and to book your place.](#)

**The final booking date will be Friday 29 October 2010.**

## **PROGRAMME**

**\*\*\* Speakers are currently being contacted for all the 'TBC' slots below and will be announced below once they have confirmed they will give a presentation at the conference**

### **TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2010**

**18.00 Irish Section AGM**

**19.00 Dinner**

**20.30 After dinner speaker:**

*Dr John Cross, Woodland Specialist at National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)*

## **WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2010**

### **SESSION 1. BIODIVERSITY: WHERE WE ARE NOW?**

*Chaired by Professor Steve Ormerod FIEEM (Cardiff University)*

**09.00 Introduction, Health & Safety briefing**

**09.10 Ministerial Address**

*Mairead McGuinness, MEP*

**09.35 World Governments Fail to Deliver on 2010 Biodiversity Target**

*Damon Stanwell-Smith, UNEP WCMC*

**10.00 The Economics of Biodiversity and Ecosystems – A Tool to Improve Understanding and Impact?**

*Speaker TBC*

**10.25 The International Year of Biodiversity**

*Speaker TBC*

**10.50 Discussion**

**11.00 Tony Bradshaw Best Practice Award – Summaries of the Finalists (3 x 5mins)**

**11.15 Tea/Coffee Break**

**11.45 Pick up packed lunches and assemble for field excursions**

**SESSION 2. FIELD EXCURSIONS**

**12.00 Depart for field excursions (excursions to be announced shortly)**

**17.00 Return from field excursions, Tea/Coffee**

**17.30 AGM**

**19.00 President's Wine Reception**

**19.30 Conference Dinner**

**21.30 Tony Bradshaw Best Practice Awards and other presentations**

**THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2010**

**SESSION 3. LEGISLATION, POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

**Chaired by: Jenny Neff CEnv FIEEM (Ecological Advisory and Consultancy Services)**

**09.00 Introduction**

**09.05 Influencing the Common Agricultural Policy to Deliver Biodiversity Gains**

*Dr John Finn, Biodiversity and Agri-Ecology, TEAGASC*

**09.30 Marine Biodiversity and the Future Implementation of the Marine and Coastal Access Bill**

*Patricia Almeida-Villella MIEEM, Head of Data and Knowledge Management and Neil Wellum, Head of Marine Conservation Environment Team (Marine Management Organisation)*

**09.55 Influencing the Common Fisheries Policy to Deliver Biodiversity Gains**

*Speaker TBC*

**10.20 Taking Biodiversity into Account during the Planning Process**

*Gerry Clabby, Fingal County Council*

**10.45 Discussion**

**11:00 Tea/Coffee Break**

**SESSION 4. BIODIVERSITY TOOLS**

**Chaired by: Jenny Neff CEnv FIEEM (Ecological Advisory and Consultancy Services)**

**11.30 Biodiversity Data – Collection, Storage, Future?**

*Liam Lysaght, Director, National Biodiversity Data Centre*

**11.55 BISE and Baseline: New Tools to Combat Biodiversity Loss in Europe**

*Speaker TBC*

**12.20 The Role of Museums in Biodiversity Conservation (Collections and Research)**

*Matthew Jebb, Director of Dublin Botanical Gardens*

**12.45 Discussion**

**13.00 Lunch**

**SESSION 5. CONSERVING AND MANAGING BIODIVERSITY**

*Chaired by Penny Anderson CEnv FIEEM (IEEM President)*

**14.00 The Bord na Mona Rehabilitation Plan (Peat Bog Restoration)**

*Catherine Farrell MIEEM, Bord na Mona*

**14.25 Sustainable Agriculture in the Burren**

*Sharon Parr, Project Scientist, The Burren Farming for Conservation Programme*

**14.45 Practical Measures to Conserve Freshwater Pearl Mussels**

*Evelyn Moorkens MIEEM, Self-Employed Consultant*

**15.10 Discussion**

**15.25 Tea/Coffee Break**

**SESSION 6. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

*Chaired by Penny Anderson CEnv FIEEM (IEEM President)*

**15.55 The Living Landscapes Approach to 21st Century Nature Conservation**

*Heather Thompson, Chief Executive, Ulster Wildlife Trust and Paul Wilkinson, Head of A Living Landscape, Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts*

**16.20 Developing Post-2010 Biodiversity Targets**

*Speaker TBC*

**16.45 Ecologists and the Future of Biodiversity Conservation**

*Speaker TBC*

**17.10 Discussion**

**17.20 Sum up and Conference End**

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**PRICES (conference fees are exempt from VAT)**

**Day Delegate Rate \***

(3 November 2010)

**Day Delegate Rate \***

(4 November 2010)

**Two Day Combined Delegate Rate**

(3-4 November 2010)

**Dinner**

(2 November 2010)

**Conference Dinner**

(3 November 2010)

**IEEM Members**

**£98.50**

(€117.50) \*\*

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**£186.50**



(€222.50) \*\*

**£36.50**

(€43.50) \*\*

**£46.50**

(€55.50) \*\*

**Non IEEM Members**

**£129.50**

(€154.50) \*\*

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**£248.50**

(€296.50) \*\*

**£46.50**

(€55.50) \*\*

**£57.00**

(€68.00) \*\*

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**£217.50**

(€259.50) \*\*

**£46.50**

(€55.50) \*\*

**£57.00**

(€68.00) \*\*

**IEEM Members**  
**(student, retired, abeyance, deferred)**  
(limited number of these reduced price places)

**£52.00**

(€62.00) \*\*

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**£104.00**

(€124.00) \*\*

**£36.50**

(€43.50) \*\*

**£46.50**

(€55.50) \*\*

**\* All the above day delegate rates include tea and coffee and lunch but no dinner or accommodation**

**\*\* All the amounts in Euros are calculated at the time of going to press and if paying by Euro cheque, these can be calculated with the most recent exchange rate. All credit card payments are taken in pounds sterling.**

## ACCOMMODATION

IEEM has an allocation of rooms at the Royal Marine Hotel which delegates are responsible for booking direct with the hotel themselves. A negotiated reduced rate of €85 bed and breakfast rate has been agreed with the hotel which, at the time of press, is equivalent to £70.50.

To book one of the allocated rooms at the hotel, please download the following [accommodati on booking form](#), fill out your details and email it directly to the hotel: [reservation@royalmarine.ie](mailto:reservation@royalmarine.ie) or fax it to +353 (0) 1 2712511.

For further details about the conference hotel please visit their website <http://www.royalmarine.ie/> or telephone them on +353 (0) 1 23000 30.

If you would like to stay somewhere other than the Royal Marine Hotel, then alternative hotel information can be found on the following websites (although please bear in mind that all conference activities will be taking place in the Royal Marine Hotel):

<http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/accommodation>

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## **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

When booking, please advise us if you have any special dietary requirements.

## **CONFIRMATION OF BOOKINGS**

Bookings will be confirmed by email.

## **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Publicity information may be inserted into conference packs at a cost of £150.00 (excl. VAT) per leaflet (A5, A4 or A3 folded to A4). For further information please contact [Nick Jackson](#) .

There is also a limited number of places for organisations to book exhibition space at the conference at a cost of £400.00 (excl. VAT). For further information and availability contact [Nick Jackson](#)

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

This programme is correct at time of printing, but may be subject to change without notice. The most up to date programme will be available on the IEEM website.

## CANCELLATION

In the event of cancellation, a 50% refund will be made if advised before **22 October 2010**; no refunds after

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. All cancellations must be received in writing. Substitutions can be made at any time.

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Attendance at this conference counts towards the CPD requirements for IEEM members.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact [Nick Jackson](#) .