

Registration Form



The registration fee is €80 and includes morning and interval refreshments, lunch and conference booklet. Cheques to Technical Director, Society of Irish Foresters, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

Name

Company/organisation (if relevant)

Address

Email

Please enclose cheque €80, to be made payable to Society of Irish Foresters and forwarded to Technical Director, Society of Irish Foresters, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow or by electronic payment as follows:

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This event qualifies for CPD points for registered foresters and architects.

FORESTRY AS A CENTRAL PILLAR IN THE BIOECONOMY

Forestry and forest products national conference



Johnstown House Hotel
Enfield, Co. Meath

Wednesday 30 May 2018

Organised by the Wood Marketing Federation and the Society of Irish Foresters

AGENDA

- 08.15 Registration, refreshments and conference literature.
- 09.00 Introduction – “Taking wood outside its comfort zone.” – Donal Magner, Wood Marketing Federation, Society of Irish Foresters and Forestry Editor, *Irish Farmers Journal*.

SESSION 1:

Chairperson: Fergal Leamy, *Chief Executive, Coillte*

- 09.10 Keynote conference address: Andrew Doyle, *Minister of State with responsibility for forestry at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*.
- 09.35 Forestry as a central pillar in the Irish bioeconomy – achievable deliverables during the timescale of Project Ireland 2040. – Gerard Murphy, *Managing Director Coillte Forest*.
- 10.00 “Recognising the role of forests in a sustainable European bioeconomy is fundamental.” – Prof. Pekka Leskinen, *Head of Bioeconomy Programme, European Forest Institute*.
- 10.25 Converting from black to green energy – the importance of localised wood energy solutions. – Kenny McCauley, *McCauley Wood Fuels Ltd*.
- 10.50 Break – coffee, tea.

SESSION 2:

Chairperson: Dr. Sandra O'Connell, *Director of Architecture and Communications, Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland*.

- 11.15 Extending the life of wood – multi-species multi-use in wood design and renovation. – Karen McEvoy, *Director, Bucholz McEvoy Architects*.
- 11.40 Timber cities – the role of wood in sustainable high rise buildings. – Markus Lager, *Kaden + Lager Architects, Berlin*.
- 12.25 Research & development needs in shaping forestry and the bioeconomy. – Prof. Kevin O'Connor, *School Of Biomolecular & Biomedical Science in University College Dublin; founder and CEO of Bioplastech Ltd*.
- 12.55 Open forum and discussion.
- 13.30 Close of conference and lunch.

Cover: Mixed species forest, Glanmore, Co. Wicklow (left) and high-rise building in cross-laminated timber (CLT) in Heilbronn, Germany, designed by Kaden + Lager Architects, Berlin (right). Opposite: Interior Meath County Council Offices, Enfield, Co. Meath, designed by Bucholz McEvoy Architects. Photography courtesy of Magner Communications, Kaden + Lager Architects and Bucholz McEvoy Architects.

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FORESTRY AS A CENTRAL PILLAR IN THE BIOECONOMY

The role that the forestry and the forest products sector can play in the bioeconomy is outlined in *Growing the Irish Forest Bioeconomy*. Submitted to the Department of the Taoiseach, this comprehensive report outlines how forest biomass has a triple carbon benefit:

- Carbon is sequestered as forests grow.
- Forest biomass can be used to make products which displace materials with high embedded carbon such as steel, aluminum and concrete, as well as generating energy which displaces fossil fuels.
- At the end of its useful life, wood products can be recycled into carbon neutral thermal energy.

With timber production in Ireland forecast to double to 8.1 million m³ by 2035, *Growing the Irish Forest Economy* made twelve proposals which positioned forestry as a central pillar of Ireland's national policy on the bioeconomy. Featuring Irish and international speakers, the National Forestry Conference will assess the role of forestry in the bioeconomy throughout the growing and production cycles.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference is aimed at stakeholders throughout the forestry and forest products sector including policy makers, forest owners, foresters and forestry companies, researchers, State agencies, local authorities, timber processors, architects, engineers and end users.

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Further information: Society of Irish Foresters (086 2582240, info@soif.ie) and Wood Marketing Federation (086 2607883, info@wood.ie).