



TIMBER IN GROUND CONTACT

Protection and treatment of wood to enhance its life in fencing and other ground contact applications

Free half day seminar organised by the Wood Marketing Federation

Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park, Dublin

Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 9.00am

Issues: A panel of experts will examine issues relating to enhancing the life of timber in ground contact as well as addressing the challenges and opportunities for home-grown timber in replacing non-renewable materials.

Who should attend? The conference is aimed at private and public specifiers including architects, engineers, designers and developers along with timber preservation companies and treaters, third level colleges, State companies and agencies including Coillte, Teagasc, NSAI, Enterprise Ireland and the National Roads Authority (NRA). It will also be of interest to forestry companies, agricultural advisors, farmers and representative groups – IFA, ICMSA – and the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

SEMINAR AGENDA

08.45 Registration and coffee

09.45 Introduction: **Paul Harvey**, Chairperson, Wood Marketing Federation

Conference chairperson: **Dr. Annette Harte**, Senior Lecturer, NUI Galway

10.00 Seminar launch: **Tom Hayes TD**, Minister of State with responsibility for forestry at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

10.15 Opening address: International perspective – preservative techniques – **Ed Suttie**, Director (Research) BRE (Building Research Establishment).

10.45 A sawmillers practical approach to timber in ground contact – **Andrew Kidney**, Production Director, Balcas Timber Ltd.

11.15 Improving the quality of timber in ground contact – **Janet Sycamore**, Operations Director at Timber Decking and Cladding Association (TDCA).

11.45 From the user's point of view – **Donal Slattery**, Purchasing Manager, FRS Fencing Systems.

12.15 Standards and specifications for fencing – IS 435 (timber post and rail), IS 436 (farm fencing) and IS 437 (stud fencing) – **Barry Matthews**, Certification Officer, NSAI (TBC)..

12.45 Panel discussion

13.00 Close of conference – **Paul Harvey**, Chairman, WMF

Registration from 08.45 The event is free but attendees must register by **August 29:**
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