

Registration Opens

08.00

16.40

Session Questions and Discussion

Exploring the application of catchment science to the environmental and economic challenges facing farmers, policy makers and regulators

DAY 1 Schedule

Conference Introduction and Opening Address 09.00 10.00 Session 1: Detecting change and lag times - patience and policy implementation Chaired by Mr Andy Fanning (EPA) 10.00 Short-term (<5yr) decisions and long-term (>15 yr) responses of catchment systems. Dr Nicholas Howden, University of Bristol, UK. 10.15 Large-scale fluctuations of Atlantic Ocean weather patterns and water quality in agricultural river *Dr Per-Erik Mellander*, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland. 10.30 Detecting the blue shoots of recovery in agricultural catchments. Dr Alice Melland, University of Southern Queensland, Australia. 10.45 Time lag in effects of mitigation measures on phosphorus loss across the transfer continuum in a monitored dairy grassland catchment. Dr Paul Murphy, University College Dublin, Ireland.Break..... 11.30 Using high-frequency water quality data to assess sampling strategies for the EU Water Framework Directive. Prof Andrew Wade, University of Reading, UK. 11.45 Antecedent conditions, hydrological connectivity and anthropogenic inputs: dominant factors affecting nitrate and phosphorus transfers to agricultural headwater streams. Dr Faye Outram, University of East Anglia, UK. 12.00 Impact of legacy soil phosphorus (P) on P loss in runoff from a grazed grassland hillslope. Dr Rachel Cassidy, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, UK. 12.15 Environmental parameters regulating groundwater nitrate attenuation & gaseous accumulation in two **agricultural river catchments.** *Mr Eoin McAleer*, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland. 12.30 **Session Questions and Discussion**Lunch..... 14.20 Session 2: Integrated management, stakeholder engagement and catchment economics Chaired by Dr Tom Kelly (Teagasc) 14.20 A spatial analysis of the major forces affecting ecological status of rivers across the Republic of Ireland. Prof Cathal O'Donoghue, Teagasc, Ireland. 14.35 FyrisSKZ: Model support for estimating the cost efficiency of riparian buffer zones to reduce phosphorus losses from agricultural land. Dr Dennis Collentine, University of Gävle, Sweden. 14.50 Social Learning and the farming sector, adapting to the Water Framework Directive in Scandinavia, Scotland and Ireland. Dr Micheál Ó'Cinneide, Director, EPA, Ireland. Focus on Nutrients, a voluntary on-farm initiative that benefits both the environment and the economy. 15.05 **Dr Stina Olofsson**, Swedish Board of Agriculture.Break...... Developing sustainability indicators to evaluate changes in farm level nutrient 15.50 management efficiency through time. Dr Cathal Buckley, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland. 16.05 Engagement of dairy farmers in the Lake Rotorua Catchment in meeting nutrient loss targets on dairy farms in the Lake Rotorua catchment. Mrs Sharon Morrell, Massey University, New Zealand. An advisory-industry perspective to nutrient management in the Agricultural Catchments Programme. 16.20 Mr Dermot Leahy, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland and Mr John Walsh, Timoleague Catchment Farmer.

09.00 Day 2 Welcome

09.10 Session 3: Soil analysis and nutrient management—achieving environmental and agronomic goals

Chaired by Dr Stan Lalor (Alltech)

- **09.10** Fertile soils: friend or foe for a clean catchment? *Dr Jaap Schröder*, Wageningen University, Netherlands.
- **09.25** Soil variability impacting nutrient source mobility. *Dr Noeleen McDonald*, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland.
- **09.40** Optimising soil fertility leads to efficient fertilizer use. *Dr Tim Sheil*, Alltech Bioscience Centre, Ireland.
- **O9.55** The management of a marginal acid organic soil to decrease phosphorus losses and meet an ecological target. *Mr Bernard Simmonds*, AgResearch, New Zealand.
- 10.10 Variability in farm and field scale phosphorus balances within and between high status river catchments in the Republic of Ireland. *Dr Will Roberts*, Teagasc, Ireland.
- 10.25 Session Questions and Discussion

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11.15 Session 4: Adaptive management approaches to reducing nutrient loss risk

Chaired by Mr Bill Callanan (DAFM)

- 11.15 Adaptive management approaches for reducing nutrient mobilisation and transfer in surface flows. *Dr Mairead Shore*, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland.
- 11.30 Research for Catchment Attenuation Processes (ReCAP): Advancing knowledge and tools to account for nitrogen transport and transformation in NZ agricultural catchments. *Dr Ranvir Singh*, Massey University, New Zealand.
- **11.45** Targeting critical source areas benefits both farmers and water quality. *Dr Faruk Djodjic,* Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.
- 12.00 Groundwater control of biogeochemical processes causing phosphorus remobilization in vegetated riparian wetlands. *Mr Remi Dupas*, INRA, France.
- 12.15 Development and validation of a sub-field scale phosphorus critical source area index which utilises LiDAR DEMs and GIS. *Mr Ian Thomas*, ACP, Teagasc, Ireland.
- 12.30 Session Questions and Discussion

.....Lunch.....

14.10 Session 5: Disentangling the impact of multiple stressors on aquatic ecology

Chaired by Dr Mary Kelly-Quinn (UCD)

- 14.10 Linking agricultural fine sediment pressure and impacts on aquatic ecology for informing catchment management across England and Wales. *Prof Adie Collins*, Rothamsted Research, UK.
- 14.25 Real time ecology' to understand the nutrient and community dynamics of headwater streams. Implications for biomonitoring and policy from the River Eden Demonstration Test Catchment programme. *Dr Maria Snell*, Lancaster University, UK.
- **14.40** Assessing the impacts of climate change on catchment sensitivity to phosphorus pollution. *Ms Kirsty Ross,* Lancaster University, UK.
- 15.25 Is the pressure-specific invertebrate index PSI an ecologically relevant tool for determining water quality sedimentation targets? *Dr Miriam Glendell*, University of Exeter, UK.
- 15.40 Combining sediment flux and fingerprinting to target soil erosion and sediment management strategies in agricultural catchments. *Ms Sophie Sheriff*, Teagasc, Ireland.
- 15.55 Processes controlling the response of algal blooms to nutrient enrichment in estuaries and coastal waters around Ireland. *Dr Sorcha Ni Longphuirt*, EPA, Ireland.
- 16.10 Session Questions and Discussion
- 16.30 Conference Closing Session and Discussions (Lead by Prof Phil Jordan, University of Ulster and ACP)
- 17.30 Conference Close (Gala Dinner Follows at 19.30)