

XXXI EURAGRI conference

Strategic management of agricultural and life sciences research organisations – interfaces, processes and contents

25-26 September 2017, TEAGASC Ashtown, Dublin Ireland



New developments - scientific, technical, societal and political - influence not only the agenda for research but also research structures, resource requirements (human and otherwise) , education and training programs and interfaces with partners and the users of research. They also have an impact on research funding and management and the way research is evaluated and monitored.

Teagasc and EURAGRI invite you to address the different dimensions of research management in the context of an evolving European research agenda. We wish to focus on the functions and challenges of research organisations concerning organisational and strategic management including planning and implementation.

We wish to discuss how changing research agendas influence what we do and how we do it. We want to create the opportunity to discuss a plurality of ideas, visions and experiences on how to execute the diverse demands and strategies. The Conference Programme should appeal to researchers, research managers, users and funders.

Monday 25 September

- 9:00 **Welcome**
TEAGASC (Gerry Boyle) and EURAGRI (Pascal Bergeret)
- 9:15 ***Challenges in the agro-food sector and rural areas – what are the expectations concerning research?***
Michael Creed, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Marine, Ireland (tbc.)
- 9:45 ***Strategic management of agricultural and life sciences research organisations – interfaces, processes and contents.***
Tom Richardson Agrisearch, New Zealand
- 10:30 Coffee
- 11:00 **Reporting from EURAGRI workshops**
- ***Diversity – a strategic key issue for future European agro, food and bio-economy research***, Uno Svedin & Bettina Heimann EURAGRI
 - ***Challenges of Research Impact Assessment for Agricultural Research***, Jean-Luc Khalfaoui CIRAD

- 11:30 **Panel I: Interfaces; research and interaction with different actors**
- **Private businesses** Farmers: Kevin Twomey, Ireland
Firms : (tbc.)
 - **Authorities** Local: Joe Crockett, Ireland
Regional: Fabio Boscaleri, Tuscany Region, Italy
 - **Communities** Nevena Alexandrova-Stefanova, UN FAO
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Panel II: Processes and implementation issues**
- **Programming/Managing Funding:** Frank o'Mara, Director of Research TEAGASC
 - **Monitoring and Impact (assessment):** Eliecer Lopez, IRTA, Spain
 - **Funding Issues:** Ingrid Petersson, Director, FORMAS, Sweden
- 15:00 Departure to **Grange Animal and Grassland Research and Innovation Centre**
- 17:30 Departure from hotel
- 18:00 **General Assembly**, Castleknock Hotel (members only)
- 19:00 Departure **conference dinner**

Tuesday 26 September

- 9:00 **Post Horizon 2020**
Ciaran Mangan, DG Research & Innovation, EU Commission
- 9:45 **Panel III: Content, adaption to (complex) research agenda**
- **Challenge driven research:** Christian Huyghe, Director Agriculture INRA, France
 - **Staff skills for trans,-multi and inter disciplinary research:** Nils Vagstad, Director NIBIO, Norway and Liz Elvige, Imperial college, UK
 - **Staff skills and technical development:** Frank Ewert, Director, ZALF, Germany
- 10: 45 Coffee
- 11:45 Breakout sessions – 3 groups (Interfaces, Processes, Content)
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:15 Reporting from breakout sessions
- 15:00 Rounding up and closing of conference