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**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**Irish Peat Society Annual Meeting and Field Trip**

**Fens**

**Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare**

**Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October 2016**

The 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Irish Peat Society will take place in the Keadeen Hotel on the 11and 12th October 2016. The theme of the meeting will be fens.

**Programme 11th October 2016**

Chaired by Donal Clarke from the International Peat Society.

***1pm Conference Registration and Lunch***

**2.00pm Annual General Meeting and Report of the Irish Peat Society**

**2.20pm Catherine O’Connell, Overview of the Status of Fens in Ireland, Irish Peatland Conservation Council**

**2.35pm Kathy Duff, Case Study of Pollardstown Fen, Independent Consultant**

**2.50pm Paul Johnston, Hydrogeology of Pollardstown Fen, Trinity College Dublin**

**3.05pm Patrick Crushell & Peter Foss, Fen Surveys of Ireland, Wetland Surveys Ireland**

**3.20pm Shirley Clerkin, Engaging Communities about Wetlands and Fens, Monaghan County Council**

***3.40pm Coffee Break***

**4.00pm Maria Long, "The protected *Vertigo* species of fens - what you need to know", Independent Ecologist**

**4.15pm Jo Denyer, Ecology and identification of fen bryophytes, Denyer Ecology**

**4.30pm Mark McCorry, The development of new fen habitats on cutaway bog, Bord na Móna**

**4.45pm Maurice Eakin, European Union report on the quality of fens in Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service**

***5.00pm Conference ending***

**Programme 12th October 2016**

***8.00am Registration Desk Open***

***8.30am Bus departs Keadeen Hotel Car Park for Pollardstown Fen***

***9.00am Pollardstown Fen, Co. Kildare. Meet with National Parks and Wildlife Service, Kathy Duff, Paul Johnson (TBC) and Maria Long***

***11.30am Lodge Bog, Co. Kildare to see Sphagnum moss restoration trials. Meet with Tadhg Ó Corcora, Irish Peatland Conservation Council***

***1pm Lunch in the Lullymore Heritage Park***

***2pm Lullymore Biodiversity Area. Meet with Mark McCorry and David Fallon, Bord na Móna***

**Membership Fees of the Irish Peat Society**

The Irish Peat Society will be collecting membership fees at the meeting to cover the 2016/17 year. Please see the fees attached

**Register Your Interest Now**

We encourage your participation in this event focusing on Fens. **Please register your interest by Friday 30th September** by filling in and **returning the attached registration form** to: tony.mckenna@bnm.ie

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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| **Personal Details** |
| Name:  |  |
| Organisation |  |
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| **membership Fee**  | **(payment on arrival)** |
| Corporate: €250 |  |
| N.G.O.: €100 |  |
| Individual: €40 |  |
| Concession: €20 (£20 for N.I. Members) |  |
| Student: €20 |  |
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| **Tuesday 11th** |  |
| Lunch |  |
| **Y/N** |  |
| Seminar Attendance |  |
| **Y/N** |  |
| **Wednesday 12th** |  |
| Field Trip Attendance |  |
| **Y/N** |  |
| Lunch |  |
| **Y/N** |  |
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| Do you have any special dietary requirements? |
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**Membership Fees**

 **Irish National Committee**

**of the**

**International Peat Society**

**11th and 12th October 2016**

**A. Fee schedule**:

The following fee structure is applicable to 2016/17:

Corporate: €250

N.G.O.: €100

Individual: €40

Concession: €20 (£20 for N.I. Members)

Student: €20

**B. Membership entitlements**: Membership will include the right to vote at the A.G.M., the receipt of “Peatlands International”, concessionary fee at Irish events, membership benefits of the International Peat Society, reduced fee at International Peat Congresses. Corporate and N.G.O. membership entitles employees of the member organisation to participate in I.P.S. and Irish Peat Society activities at the member rate.

**C. Payment and use of funds**: Payment should be made to the Irish Peat Society, c/o Mr Pat Fitzgerald, Bord na Móna p.l.c., Main Street, Newbridge, Co Kildare. It is requested that this payment be made as soon as possible: payment will be accepted at the A.G.M. and seminar on 11th and 12th October 2016 and receipts will be given. The funds received will go towards the costs of running the Society and organising annual seminars. An organisation or individual requiring an invoice should contact pat.fitzgerald@bnm.ie or tony.mckenna@bnm.ie .

**D. Northern Ireland members**: I.P.S. members in Northern Ireland have traditionally paid their fees to the U.K. National Committee. It is recommended that this should continue. Northern Ireland members of the U.K. I.P.S. organisation are entitled to full participation in all Irish Peat Society activities at the reduced member rate.