



FARMING FOR CONSERVATION IN THE BURREN

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BurrenLIFE Closing Seminar **'Celebrating Five Years of Achievement'**

Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort, Co. Galway
Monday 9th November 2009

Registration: From 9.00-9.30am – Tea & Coffee on arrival

Opening: **Setting the Scene**
9.30 – 10.00 Opening and Welcome – Dr. Brendan Dunford – BurrenLIFE Project (BLP)
Celebrating the Successes of the BLP – Dr. Brendan Dunford
Seminar Objectives – Dr. Brendan Dunford

Chair – Dr. Brendan Dunford

Session 1: The Socio-Economics of Farming For Conservation

10.00 – 10.45 Dr. Thomas van Rensburg, Dr. Hugh Kelley and Dr. Lava Yadav – NUI Galway
Farming for Conservation in the Burren & the Bigger Picture – Who is Willing to Pay?
10.45– 11.00 Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir – BurrenLIFE Project
Farming for Conservation – The Household Picture & the Wider Community
11.00 – 11.15 Discussion – Q&A Session

Tea / Coffee available

Chair – Dr. Brendan Dunford

Session 2: Environmental, Ecological & Agricultural Monitoring

11.15 – 11.40 Dr. James Moran – Sligo Institute of Technology
Agricultural Monitoring and Analysis –Key Issues Emerging
11.40 – 11.45 Discussion - Q&A Session
11.45 – 12.15 Dr. Pamela Bartley – Hydro-G Consultants
Insights Gained from the Development of a 'Risk of Nutrient Export Model'
A Groundwater Perspective
12.15 – 12.20 Discussion - Q&A Session
12.20 – 12.45 Dr. Sharon Parr – BurrenLIFE Project
Some Initial Findings of the BLP's Ecological Monitoring Work
12.45 – 13.00 Discussion - Q&A Session

Lunch Break 13.00 – 14.00

Lunch to include beef supplied by the Burren Beef & Lamb Producers Group Limited

Chair – Dr. Sharon Parr

Session 3: Heritage and the Community

14.00 – 14.15	Mr. Patrick McCormack – BurrenLIFE farmers <i>A Case Study of Farming for Conservation & Heritage Management</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Ms. Aisling Keane – BurrenLIFE Project <i>BurrenLIFE's Heritage Education Programme – Key Results</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir – BurrenLIFE Project <i>The BLP Experience of Building Partnerships</i>
14.45 – 15.00	Discussion - Q&A Session

Coffee Break 15.00 – 15.15

Chair: Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir

Session 4: The Future of Farming For Conservation & The Next Steps

15.15 – 15.25	Dr. John Cross – National Parks & Wildlife Service <i>Summary of the Underlining Scientific Importance of BurrenLIFE</i>
15.25 – 15.35	Dr. Andy Bleasdale – National Parks & Wildlife Service <i>'AfterLIFE' - The Next Three Years</i>
15.35 – 15.45	Mr. Michael Davoren – Chairperson, Burren IFA <i>The Hopes and Aspirations of Burren Farmers</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Dr. Brendan Dunford – BurrenLIFE Project <i>Overview & Recap on Main Themes Emerging</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Discussion & Open Forum
16.30	Closure & Word of Thanks

Tea / Coffee Available for Departing Guests