



JOHNSTOWN CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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LANDMARK

The EU funded Landmark project with the EU stakeholder workshop (<http://landmark2020.eu/eu-stakeholder-workshop/>) past 20th of October held in Bruxelles finished a series of 32 stakeholder workshops run in 5 EU countries (Ireland, France, Austria, Germany and Denmark). The Consortium partners met on 7-10 of November 2011 in Switzerland at the Roundtable n 4 host by ETH University and discussed about the work done in the past 18months of the project and on the next steps.



HEALTH & SAFETY (H & S) IN THE LABS

Protect your eyes; you might only have one chance

Safety glasses - may be adequate when the potential splash is minimal, such as when opening eppendorf/falcon tubes.

Chemical Splash Goggles - should be worn when there is potential for splash from a hazardous material, provides more protection than safety glasses.

Face Shield – use when working with large volumes of hazardous materials, either for protection from splash to the face or flying particles. Face shields must be used in conjunction with safety glasses or goggles.



2016 YEAR END CUT OFF DATES:

Please note the date for raising last purchase orders for 2016 is **Tuesday, 22nd November 2016.**

Last day to set up a new supplier (for payment in 2016) is **Tuesday, 15th November.** If you need to use a supplier that is not on Integra, please ensure that a set up form has been completed before this date.

Other Dates to Remember:

Stock-take will take place **Wednesday, 30th November** (Store will be closed).

Friday, 16th December is the last date to enter expenses to be paid in 2016. Please continue to enter 2016 expenses incurred after this date.

LAND DRAINAGE THEORY COURSE

The inaugural Land Drainage Theory & Design course has just finished with site visits to Cork, Meath, Clare and Roscommon. Participants ended with a field exam in Elphin, Co. Roscommon.



Congratulations to Dominika and Donal and also to Konrad and Marina who recently got engaged. We wish them every happiness for their future together.

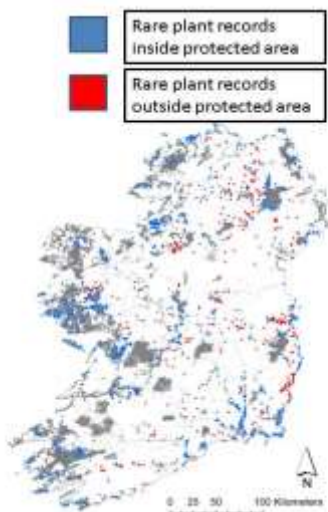


CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Aidan Walsh, who recently passed his PhD examination.

As an example of his research, Aidan found that farmland areas outside of designated sites can have high biodiversity value. This information is necessary to ensure effective strategies for conservation of farmland biodiversity. A conservative estimate suggests that about 22–40% of areas with plant species of conservation concern do not overlap with designated areas (Natura 2000 and Natural Heritage Areas). For individual plant species, on average about 80% of records coincided with designated areas, but this value ranged from 0% to 100% depending on the species. Thus, preventing the extinction of many of these plant species of conservation concern relies on the conservation of farmland areas that occur outside of designated areas.

For more info, see Walsh et al. 2015. The distribution of vascular plant species of conservation concern in Ireland, and their coincidence with designated areas. *Journal for Nature Conservation* 24: 56-62.



WELCOME to Golnaz Ezzati



Who has joined Teagasc as a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Early Stage Researcher on INSPIRATION (managing soil and groundwater impacts from agriculture for sustainable intensification). INSPIRATION combines different fields of agriculture, environmental monitoring, modelling, and decision making to develop low-technology management practices and innovative technology applications in the field of sustainable agriculture by bringing 15 researchers together.

WELCOME also to Brendan Healy

who joins us as our new Analytical Chemist working in the soil lab. Brendan has a degree in Chemistry and Maths and completed his PhD in NUI Maynooth. in the area of physical chemistry. He joins us from the Forensic Science Laboratory where he has spent the last 13 years as a Forensic Scientist. We wish him well in his new role in Teagasc.

and WELCOME to

Dr Nenia Micha who has started work in the new post of Modeller on the Agricultural Catchments Programme. Nenia is coming to us from the RERC in Athenry where she has been working for almost two years on the Harmony project and before that a project on technology adoption.

She completed her PhD in Reading University in 2014 and her primary degree is in agricultural science. She is a native of Greece and has worked there for several years before doing her PhD as an agronomist, researcher and teacher.

SOIL FERTILITY CONFERENCE



Speakers at the Soil Fertility Conference held recently at the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny.

CROP NUTRITION COURSE



Participants at recent Crop Nutrition Course Johnstown Castle.

Upcoming Event



- **Children's Christmas Party:**

Sunday 4th December, in Castle. **Forms due in before FRIDAY 18TH November.**



- **Staff Christmas Party:** Thursday 15th December, Talbot Hotel. Full details later.