

A Showcase of recent progress in Soils Research and Identification of future requirements and challenges for the EPA Soils Research Strategy 2007-2013.

Programme

09.00-09.30:		Coffee/Registration
09.30-09.40:	Introduction	<i>Larry Stapleton (Director, EPA)</i>
Session 1 <i>(Chair: Owen Carton, Programme Leader in Environment, Teagasc)</i>		
09.40-11.10:	The EPA Soil and Subsoil Mapping Project	Robert Meehan/Reamonn Fealy (Teagasc)
11.10-11.30:		Tea/Coffee
Session 2 <i>(Chair: Nick Holden, UCD School of Agriculture & SSSI Secretary)</i>		
11.30-11.50:	The National Soils Database	Deirdre Fay (Teagasc)
11.50-12.10:	A National Project on Soil Biodiversity	Olaf Schmidt (University College Dublin)
12.10-12.30:	The Soil Organic Carbon Project	Gerard Kiely (University College Cork)
12.30-12.50:	Digital Soil Information System for Ireland – Scoping study	Karen Daly/Deirdre Fay/Reamonn Fealy (Teagasc)
12.50-14.00:		Lunch*
Session 3 <i>(Chair: John Scullion, University of Wales)</i>		
14.00-14.40:	The ENVASSO Project – Environmental Assessment of Soil for Monitoring across Europe	Mark Kibblewhite (National Soil Resources Institute, Cranfield University, UK)
14.40-15.10:	Welsh Soils/Priddoedd Gymraeg: a current perspective and future challenges	Michelle Clarke (NSRI Welsh Regional Centre)
15.10-15.30:		Tea/Coffee
Session 3 <i>(Chair: Peter Loveland, NSRI Cranfield University, UK)</i>		
15.30-16.50:	Open floor discussion	
16.50-17.00:	Conclusions	

*: Lunch will be provided at the Tullamore Court Hotel Restaurant