

The Role of Co-operatives in Improving Producer Influence in the Global Food Supply Chain



38th ICOS National
Conference

The Killeshin Hotel
Portlaoise
Co Laois

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Programme

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- 09.30 – 10.00** Registration and Tea/Coffee
- 10.00 – 10.15** President welcomes Delegates
- 10.15 – 10.40** Opening Address Simon Coveney, T.D.
Minister for Agriculture, Marine and Food
- 10.40 – 11.10** **The Challenges Facing Producers in the Global Food Chain**
Alan Renwick, Professor of Agriculture & Food Economics, UCD
- 11.10 – 11.40** **The Approach of US Agricultural Co-operatives to Competing in Global Markets**
Professor Mike Boland, Agribusiness Management, University of Minnesota
- 11.40- 12.10** **The Role of the Smaller UK Independent Abattoir/Meat Processor**
Norman Bagley, Director, Association of Independent Meat Suppliers
- 12.10 – 12.30** Q&A
- 12.30 – 13.45** LUNCH
- 13.45 - 15.15** Workshops
- Workshop 1**
An Overview of Trends and Prospects in the Global Dairy Sector
Chairman: Martin Keane, Chairman, ICOS Dairy Committee
Speaker: Véronique Pilet, Chief Economist, CNIEL
Facilitator: TJ Flanagan, Dairy Policy Executive, ICOS

Workshop 2

Producer Organisations - Threat or Opportunity for Livestock Marts?

Chairman: Michael Spellman, ICOS Mart Committee

Speaker: Michael McHugh, Agri Consultant

Facilitator: Ray Doyle, Livestock Services Executive, ICOS

Workshop 3

Using the Co-op Model to Strengthen the Artisan Food Supply Chain

Chairman: Seumas O'Brien, Chairman, ICOS Rural Business Committee

Panel: Aine Macken Walsh, Teagasc/NUIG

Gerry Reilly, Director, CMP

Nicholas Dunne, CEO, Kilowen & Irish Food Co-op

Kenneth O'Connor, Project Manager, Food Academy Programme

Facilitator: Suzanne Campbell, Agri Journalist

15.15- 15.45 **Launch of the Plunkett Institute for Co-operative Governance**

TJ Flanagan, Dairy Policy Executive, ICOS

15.45- 16.15 **Presentation of Workshop Findings and Recommendations**

Martin Keane, Chairman, ICOS Dairy Committee

Michael Spellman, Chairman, ICOS Mart Committee

Seumas O'Brien, Chairman, ICOS Rural Business Committee

16.15 - 16.30 **Q&A**

16.30 - 16.45 **Concluding Remarks**

Seamus O'Donohoe, CEO, ICOS

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Fee for ICOS Members: €110 []

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