

Ethics and the Environment Conference 2007

Exploring the Ethical Issues

Tuesday, 9th October, Merrion Room, Royal Dublin Society, Dublin 4.

- 9:30 - 10:00 Conference Registration
- 10:00 - 10:10
Conference Launch
Dr. Dolores Dooley - Chairperson, Irish Council for Bioethics
- 10:10 - 10:35
Climate Change: What does it mean for Ireland?
Dr. Rowan Fealy - Senior Researcher, Irish Climate Analysis and Research Units (ICARUS); Lecturer, Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth
- 10:35 - 10:45 Questions
- 10:45 - 11:10
Global Climate Change: The Ethical Dilemma
Professor Donald A. Brown - Associate Professor, Environmental Ethics, Science, and Law, Penn State University, USA; Director of the Pennsylvania Consortium for Interdisciplinary Environmental Policy
- 11.10 – 11.20 Questions
- 11:20 - 11:40 **Tea and Coffee Break**
- 11:40 - 12:05
Sustainable Energy: The Ethical Aspects
Dr. Brian Motherway - Head, Industry Programmes, Sustainable Energy Ireland
- 12.05 – 12.15 Questions
- 12.15 - 12:40
Ethical Approaches to Waste Management
Mr. Brian Meaney - Senior Scientific Officer, Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ireland
- 12:40 - 12:50 Questions
- 12:50 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 - 14:25
Biodiversity and Bioprospecting: Balancing Conservation, Access, Innovation and Benefit Sharing
Dr. Kristin Rosendal - Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Lysaker, Norway
- 14:25 - 14:35 Questions

- 14:35 - 15:00 ***Nanotechnology – Environmental Friend or Foe?***
Professor Wiebe E. Bijker - Professor of Technology and Society, Department of Technology & Society Studies, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 15:00 - 15:10 Questions
- 15:10 - 15:20 **Summary Remarks**
Professor Peter Whittaker - Former Council Member, Irish Council for Bioethics
- 15:20 - 15:40 General Discussion

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