

**Symposium on
Insect Pests of Trees: Meeting Future Challenges**

24th January 2011, NUI Maynooth
Room JH4, John Hume Building, North Campus

Insects attack trees at all stage of the cycle from planting to harvest, including in the nursery. Trees of all kinds (including conifer plantations, native woodlands, energy crops, amenity) face challenges from insect pests- either new species which currently do not occur here, species that are present but may become more serious as climate changes, and species that are becoming increasingly difficult to control as chemical agents become more restricted.

- 9.45 **Coffee**
- 10.10 Welcome/Introduction - Christine Griffin and Hugh Evans
- 10.30 Exotic pest threats to Irish forests- Gerard Cahalane
- 10.55 Forest pests and climate change: UK research - Hugh Evans
- 11.20 Downscaling Global Climate Models for Future Climate Scenarios: Drivers for Insect Pest Assessment- John Sweeney
- 11.45 Coppice production, climate change, and willow beetles - Ciaran Pollard
- 12.10 Emerging insect pests of *Eucalyptus*: the role of biological control- Jan-Robert Baars
- 12.35 Lunch**
- 14.00 Development of *Metarhizium anisopliae* for black vine weevil and thrips control in trees and nurseries –Tariq Butt
- 14.25 *Hylobius* (pine weevil) control - living up to our FSC commitments - Aoife Dillon
- 14.50 Predicting and controlling forest pests in Ireland - Chris Williams
- 15.15 Discussion/ stakeholder input
- 16.00 **Close**

Registration by 17th January to Dr Christopher Williams, Department of Biology, NUI Maynooth
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