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# Nuffield Ireland 2008



"A Whole Island Experience"

5<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> June 2008

BELFAST - DUBLIN - KILKENNY - KERRY





## INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

### Conference Venue

Nuffield 2008 will take place in three different cities in Ireland, starting in the resurgent City of Belfast, moving down to the Capital City, Dublin, staging our conference in the medieval City of Kilkenny and concluding our tour in Killarney.

### Conference Dates

Belfast	5th - 8th June 2008
Dublin	9th - 10th June 2008
Kilkenny	11th - 14th June 2008
Post Conference Tour - Killarney	15th - 18th June 2008

### Registration

Registration for Nuffield 2008 should be made using the official registration form (see pages 15 and 16) or preferably by logging onto [www.nuffield.ie](http://www.nuffield.ie). Completed forms should be sent to Therese Dolan, Conference Partners Ltd., 2nd Floor Heritage House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14, Ireland.

### Registration Fees

Fee Type	By 19th March 2008	After 19th March 2008
Full Main Delegate Fee	€1,550.00	€1,650.00
Dublin & Kilkenny Delegate Fee	€925.00	€1,025.00
Kilkenny Delegate Fee	€500.00	€600.00
Post Conference Tour Killarney	€525.00	€525.00

### Payment

All payments should be made in Euro and made payable to Conference Partners.

### Registration Fee Cancellation Refund Policy

Before 1st April 2008	Full Refund
Before 15th April 2008	75% Refund
After 15th April 2008	No Refund

### Access by Air

Belfast and Dublin are easily accessible from the UK, continental Europe and the east and west coasts of the USA. There are 29 scheduled international destinations and 47 scheduled airlines flying into Dublin airport. Log onto <http://www.belfastairport.com/en/> and [www.dublin-airport.com](http://www.dublin-airport.com) for more information.

### Conference Organisers

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### Conference website

[www.nuffield.ie](http://www.nuffield.ie)

### Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been held for delegates at specially discounted rates. Early booking is essential. Please refer to pages 11 and 12 for details.



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## WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Scholar,

Cead Mile Failte to the Island of Ireland for our 2008 International Conference which is now only months away. Come and savour this ancient and mystical land. Enjoy the wonderful landscape while learning about this Island's dynamic economy which co-exists with the effort to reconcile a turbulent past.

We have a mixture of social events and technical tours on which you will have the opportunity to absorb the culture of Ireland and sense its enormous history. In the calm and easy going manner of the Irish you will have the opportunity to meet old friends and perhaps make new ones. At the same time you will be able to participate and learn about and from best practice Irish agriculture. We have developed a programme with a view to encourage more of the younger and returning Scholars in the hope that they will continue to embrace the life long Nuffield experience.

On 13th June in the medieval City of Kilkenny we are hosting our one day Conference. Agriculture is undergoing its most significant transformation in 200 years as commodity prices soar due to demand pressure rather than supply pressure. We are hoping to get a better understanding of the situation with our Conference titled "Global Production Agriculture - What part will you Play?" We have invited a panel of eminent international speakers from the industry who we will enlighten us on the future prospects of global production agriculture. Having attended this conference we firmly believe that you will return to your business as you did from your Nuffield Scholarship, motivated and optimistic about the role that production agriculture will play in your future.

Our tour begins in Belfast on June 5th and finishes on the 18th June in Kildare. Do not miss the opportunity of a lifetime and join us in Ireland in 2008.

On behalf of the organising committee

Grainne Dwyer

Thomas Horgan

Jim McCarthy, Joint Chairperson, Organising Committee

Campbell Tweed, Joint Chairperson, Organising Committee

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Registration Fee includes:

- Welcome Reception on Thursday 5th June
- All Technical Tours
- All Social Events in Belfast, Dublin and Kilkenny. (except for Optional Social Events)
- Conference Materials
- Daily morning and afternoon refreshments and luncheon

### Cancellation Refund Policy - Nuffield 2008

Before 1st April 2008	Full Refund
Before 15th April 2008	75% Refund
After 15th April 2008	No Refund

### Special Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements, need special accommodation or need to provide our staff with emergency contact information, please submit your request on the registration form.



## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

### Belfast Programme

#### Thursday 5th June 2008

14:00 - 16:00	Registration Opens, Europa Hotel, Belfast
18:00	Welcome Reception

#### Friday 6th June 2008

08:30 - 17:00	Technical Tours
	Option 1: Dunbia (Dungannon Meats) & Hillsborough Institute including Moy Park presentation.
	Option 2: Gary McHenry, Dairy Farm & Hillsborough Institute including Moy Park presentation
Evening	Tour of Stormont, Limited Tickets Available Gala Dinner at Stormont

#### Saturday 7th June 2008

08:30 - 17:00	Technical Tours
	Option 1: Bushmills Distillery, Dunluce Castle, Giants Causeway & Limavady Farm Visit
	Option 2: Walking Tour of Derry & Limavady Farm Visit
Evening	Barbeque at Limavady Farm

#### Sunday 8th June 2008

Morning	Free time (optional tours of Belfast City available)
13:00	Lunch at Ulster Folk & Transport Museum
14:30	Tour of Ulster Folk & Transport Museum
Evening	Free time

### Dublin Programme

#### Monday 9th June 2008

8:00	Travel from Belfast to Newgrange
11:00	Tour of Newgrange, Knowth or Trim Castle
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Option 1: Christy Reynolds, Navan, Dairy Farm
	Option 2: Kilmainham Gaol Visit
17:30	Arrive at Dublin Conference Hotels
Evening	Dinner in Guinness Storehouse

#### Tuesday 10th June 2008

	Technical Tours
	Group 1 - Dairy
8:00	Tullynally Estate, Thomas Pakenham/Michael Murphy/Kevin Commins, Dairy Farm
13:00	Lunch
14:00	James & Audrey Tallon, Navan, Dairy Farm



## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 10th June 2008

Group 2 - Beef & Sheep	
8:00	Grange Beef Research Centre, Dunsany, Co. Meath
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Paul & Mary Maguire, Collon, Co. Louth, Sheep Farm

Group 3 - Arable	
8:00	Michael Hoey, Dublin, Arable Farm
13:00	Lunch
14:00	John Rogers, Dublin, Arable Farm

Optional Tour of Dublin and Wicklow for Partners available, see page 9

Evening State Reception, Dublin Castle  
Optional Irish Night

### Kilkenny Programme

#### Wednesday 11th June 2008

Technical Tours	
Group 1 - Dairy	
7:00	Moorepark Dairy Research Centre, Fermoy, Cork, Ballydague Farm
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Moorepark Dairy Research Centre, Fermoy, Cork, Curtains Farm

Group 2 - Beef & Sheep	
9:00	Andrew and Deirdre Maloney, Edenderry, Sheep Farm
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Sir & Lady Anthony J. O'Reilly, Castlemartin Stud Farm, Kilcullen, Beef Farm

Group 3 - Arable	
8:30	Jim & Attracta McCarthy, Castledermot, Arable Farm
10:00	High Cross in Moone, Castledermot
11:30	Oak Park, Carlow
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Walter Furlong, Wexford, Arable Farm & Agri-business

Option for Partners to travel direct from Dublin to Kilkenny at 14.00 hrs

Evening Free Night in Kilkenny

#### Thursday 12th June 2008

Morning	Free time in Kilkenny
14:00	Tour of Kilkenny Castle
Evening	A Night at the Dogs, Clonmel



# OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Friday 13th June 2008 - Conference, Lyrath Estate Hotel

Global Production Agriculture - What part will you play?

1. Production Agriculture
2. Market Demand & Trends
3. Commodities meeting Consumer needs
4. Future Technologies

9:00	Plenary Sessions
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Plenary Sessions
17:00	Conference Ends
Evening	Gala Dinner, Lyrath Estate Hotel





## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

### BELFAST



#### Thursday 5th June - Welcome Reception:

The evening will begin with a reception followed by drinks and a fork supper in the Europa Hotel, Belfast which will provide an opportunity for delegates to meet in a relaxed environment.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Friday 6th June - Gala Dinner:

The gala dinner will be held in the historic parliament buildings, Stormont, Northern Ireland. The evening will begin with a drinks reception, followed by entertainment.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Saturday 7th June - Barbeque:

A barbeque will take place at Hugh and Patricia McCollum farm, this will be a very relaxed and informal evening.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*

### DUBLIN



#### Monday 9th June - Guinness Storehouse

Located in the heart of Dublin, GUINNESS STOREHOUSE® is an exciting and unusual destination. This evening will start with a tour of the Guinness Storehouse followed by a sumptuous meal in the Arrol Suite which is surrounded by high windows overlooking the brewery and beyond to Dublin, the room occupies almost an entire side of this massive building.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Tuesday 10th June - State Reception

A reception will be held with drinks and finger food in the historic State Apartments of Dublin Castle hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Food. Situated on an ancient Celtic Site, Dublin Castle was used by the British from the time Elizabeth I until Irish Independence.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Tuesday 10th June - Optional Irish Night

A traditional Irish evening will take place at The Merry Ploughboys. Dublin's favourite traditional ballad band The Merry Ploughboys will entertain you along with a contemporary *River Dance* style dancing paired with a delicious meal.  
Cost: €85.00 includes dinner, entertainment and return transportation. A cash bar will be available for beverages.

### KILKENNY



#### Thursday 12th June - A Night at the Dogs!

A particularly unique Irish sport, dog racing gives you an opportunity to have a spot of fun, maybe place a bet and have a win. The evening includes admission to the track and a 3 course dinner.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Friday 13th June - Gala Dinner

The Gala dinner will be held in the Lyrath Estate Hotel. This evening begins with a drinks reception, followed by sumptuous food and an exciting entertainment programme.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*



#### Saturday 14th June - Barbeque

A barbeque will be held in the Lyrath Estate Hotel, this will be a very informal, relaxed evening with good food, drinks and music.  
*Cost included in Registration Fee*





## TECHNICAL TOURS

Friday 6th June

### **Dunbia (Dungannon Meats)**

This visit is to a Beef, Lamb & Pork Meat Retail Packing factory, owned by the Dobson Brothers who have developed one of the leading Beef & Lamb slaughtering and processing groups in the British Isles in the last 25 years, serving a range of leading UK retailers using modern techniques. The visit will include the Value Added and New Product Development Departments.

### **Gary McHenry, Dairy Farm**

Gary McKenna is a fourth generation farmer with son Michael in place as his successor. Gary moved to the current farm in 1986. Started milking in 1995. 150 cows average yield 8,000 litres. Owns 50Ha rents 62Ha. No alternative crops. Grass based farm. Michael investing on farm through New Entrants Scheme.

### **Hillsborough Research Institute**

The facility at Hillsborough is Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Hillsborough site, formerly the Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland. We will be looking at their Sheep and Climate Change research among other projects.

### **Moy Park**

Moy Park is a leading vertically integrated chicken producing, processing and food service company. There are chicken growing or breeding egg producing units on 450 livestock farms in Northern Ireland. Producing and marketing internationally.

Saturday 7th June

### **Option 1 - Giants Causeway, Bushmills Distillery & Dunluce Castle**

For a fascinating visit to the Antrim coast with a spectacular land and seascape taking in the Old Bushmill's Distillery, Dunluce Castle and the Giants Causeway.

### **Option 2 - Walking tour of Derry**

Few places in these islands can offer such a compelling and unique experience for the visitor as the Walled City of Derry - its setting on the steep hills overlooking the wide sweep of the River Foyle, its distinctive architecture and its famous walls all provide enormous appeal. Add to this a potent history - evidence of which runs from the earliest times right up to the recent past - and all of this adds up to a story that is interesting, relevant and substantial.

### **Farm Visit at Limavady**

Hugh and Patricia McCollum, Broharris, Limavady, 121Ha grassland running 150 continental beef cows, selling Aberdeen Angus progeny through AA Quality Beef Co-Operative of which Hugh is Chairman. There is also some arable cropping.

Sunday 8th June

### **Ulster Folk & Transport Museum**

Today you will visit The Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. This is one of Ireland's foremost visitor attractions with many historic houses and buildings relocated from across Northern Ireland. The award winning galleries of the Transport Museum display Ireland's most comprehensive transport collections from horse drawn carts to Irish built motor cars, from the mighty steam locomotives which graced our railways to the history of ship and aircraft building. We will start with lunch at the museum and then follow with a tour in the afternoon.



## TECHNICAL TOURS

Monday 9th June

### Newgrange

In the heart of the Boyne Valley, Co. Meath, you will visit the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, which interprets the archaeological heritage of the Boyne Valley, which includes the megalithic passage tombs, the oldest and largest Neolithic burial chamber in Europe (3000BC), which predates the Egyptian Pyramids.

### Afternoon Tour

#### Option 1 - Christy Reynolds, Gillstown Farm, Navan, Co. Meath.

264Ha, 350 Cows yielding 9,000 litres. Holstein Friesian genetics. Split calving supplying 40% liquid market and 60% manufacturing milk.

#### Option 2 - Kilmainham Gaol

One of the largest unoccupied gaols in Europe, covering some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation from 1780s to the 1920s. Attractions include a major exhibition detailing the political and penal history of the prison and its restoration. The tour of the prison includes an audio-visual show.

Tuesday 10th June

### Group1 - Dairy

This day will afford delegates the opportunity to compare and contrast the two types of dairy farming systems in Ireland.

**Tullynally Estate**, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath - Michael Murphy/Thomas Pakenham/Kevin Commins Partnership. 178Ha 440 Jersey cross-bred spring calving herd. Producing in excess of 90% of milk from grazed grass. In 2006 ravaged by disease and now in year two of a five year control programme. Low cost farming system.

**James & Audrey Tallon** The Maryland, Ardcath, Garristown, Co Dublin.  
245Ha farm. 300 Cows with average yield 9,000 litres. High Cost with high inputs resulting in high yielding Holstein Friesian Herd.

### Group 2 - Beef & Sheep

**Grange Beef Research Centre** is situated in the home of beef production in Ireland. All studies carried out here are independent of commercial funding there maintaining objective and relevant research.

Issues to be addressed on the tour include:

- Suckler Beef Systems and Residual Feed Intake
- Dairy Calf-to-Beef Systems and Beef Index studies
- Beef Carcass assessment
- Beef Quality
- Forage Conservation
- Beef Production from Grassland
- Welfare and Health
- Labour use on Beef Farms
- Animal Bioscience Centre

**Paul & Mary Maguire**, Grangegeeth, Collon, Co. Louth.  
115Ha, 1200 Ewes in expansion programme. Indoor lambing. Effective use of labour with batch lambing. Efficient grass utilization.

### Group 3 - Arable

**Hoey Brothers**, Country Crest Foods, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

770Ha. Crops Grown include potatoes, onions, vegetables and cereals. Vegetable packing unit for supermarket multiples including Tesco. Separate division for making oven ready meals. Own transport company. Employs 110 people.



## TECHNICAL TOURS

### Group 3 - Arable cont'd

John Rogers, Co Dublin.

1400Ha Crops Grown. 160Ha Potatoes, 16Ha Onions, 1,000Ha Wheat, 100Ha Winter Barley, 80Ha Oats and 40Ha Maize.

#### Optional Tour for Partners - €80.00

This will start with a tour of Georgian Dublin, followed by a tea and scones in Trinity College and a visit to the Book of Kells. We will then lunch in the Cellars Bar of the prestigious Merrion Hotel. In the afternoon we will travel to Powerscourt House and Gardens, one of the world's greatest gardens. Powerscourt is situated in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains, it is a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces and ornamental lakes. The 11th Century Palladian House now incorporates an innovative shopping experience, terrace café and house exhibition.

Wednesday 11th June

### Group 1 - Dairy

#### Moorepark Dairy Research Centre

Moorepark is the top Dairy Research Centre in Europe with highly relevant and up to date research being carried out for the benefit of dairy farmers and the industry. All studies carried out are independent, being funded by dairy farmers and the Department of Agriculture & Food.

Issues to be addressed on the tour include:

- Crossbreeding Trials
- Low Cost Wintering Facilities
- Optimum levels of feeding of Cows
- Optimum Cow for Grass Based System
- Grazing Management for high Milk Solids Production

### Group 2 - Beef & Sheep

Andrew & Deirdre Moloney, Edenderry, Bord Bia Quality Sheep Producers 2006/07

213 Ha farm. 150 suckler cows, split calving. 600 ewes. All lambs finished off grass. Excellent grassland management and utilization

Sir & Lady Anthony J. O'Reilly, Castlemartin Stud Farm, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare

300Ha. 250 Pedigree Charolais Cattle. 100 Brood Mares and 70 of their progeny in training worldwide. This is the oldest and largest established Charolais herd in Ireland. Its foundation is based and continues to be on the best genetics in the World.

### Group 3 - ARABLE

Jim and Attracta McCarthy, Castledermot

728Ha. Crops include Winter Wheat, Winter Oats and Oilseed Rape. Co-founder of one of the first large scale investment funds in Agriculture. Managing Director of Argentinean Farming Company.

**High Cross in Moone** - Marked by the ruins of a medieval church near the vicinity of Moone Abbey, is the site of an ancient monastery. The church is believed to have been founded by St. Palladius, who came to Ireland in 431. It was later dedicated to St. Columcille.

**Oakpark Research Centre, Carlow**

View the state of the art Bio technology laboratory and renewable energy research.

Walter Furlong, Wexford.

809Ha. Highest yielding crops in Ireland. Crops grown Winter Wheat, Oilseed Rape, Barley and Oats. Grain merchant with 35,000 tonnes of grain storage. Agriculture inputs - wholesaling and retailing.



## POST CONFERENCE

### POST CONFERENCE TOUR - €525.00

An optional 4 day post-congress tour is available for those delegates and partners who would like to extend their time in Ireland. The tour will take place in Killarney and will only take place if there is a minimum of 30 persons booked.

#### Day 1: Sunday 15th June 2008

Coach departs from the Conference Hotels in Kilkenny for Killarney. En route we will visit the Rock of Cashel, A spectacular group of Medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale including the 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. After lunch we will travel to Killarney and visit Muckross House and Gardens. Situated in Killarney National Park, Muckross House and Gardens are among the most popular of Irish visitor attractions. Queen Victoria paid a visit here, to the Herbert family, in 1861. The House was later owned, in turn, by Lord Ardilaun (of the Guinness family) and by the Bourn Vincents. Today, many of the rooms in this magnificent mansion have been restored to their original Victorian splendour. Between the months of April and July, Muckross Gardens are spectacularly adorned with the red and pink flowers of mature Rhododendrons. Other garden features include a Sunken Garden, a Rock Garden and a Stream Garden. An Arboretum, containing many trees from the Southern Hemisphere, was established here in 1972.

#### Day 2: Monday 16th June 2008

Kerry Group Plc executives will welcome you at their headquarters and give an overview of their Worldwide operations. In the afternoon we visit John King, Muckenaugh, Lixnaw, Co. Kerry. 54Ha Mixed Enterprise, dairy and beef cattle. 70 dairy cows, 32 replacement heifers and 32 cattle finished at 22 months. Spring calving. Fragmented farm. Example of efficient performance in adverse conditions. Dinner this night will be in the famous Molly Darcys', your evening will begins with a lesson on the history of Irish Whiskey and a tasting session. Followed by Irish music and "craic" and also a contemporary "Riverdance" style dancing, paired with a delicious meal.

#### Day 3: Tuesday 17th June 2008

Today will be spent travelling around The Ring of Kerry. This is part of the mystical & unspoilt region of Ireland that has attracted visitors for hundreds of years. Its spectacular beauty is beyond question and it is a natural centre for outdoor pursuits including golf, watersports, cycling, walking, riding and the very best fishing for salmon & trout. The Ring of Kerry has some of the finest beaches in Europe that provide all the facilities for a traditional seaside holiday. Above all the Ring of Kerry provides an amazing insight into the ancient heritage of Ireland - see the Iron Age Forts & Ogham Stones, Old Monasteries and a landscape carved out of rock by the last Ice Age 10,000 years ago.

#### Day 4: Wednesday 18th June 2008

We will depart Killarney early this morning for Coolmore Stud. The Coolmore farms stand in and around the old market town of Fethard, Co. Tipperary. They occupy some of the finest land in Ireland. Horsemanship runs deep around here, and the Magnier family have been standing prized stallions in this region since the mid-nineteenth century. Our final visit will be to the spectacular Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare, these are a delight to view and landscaped to visitors on the "Path of Life" from the cradle to the grave.

#### Rates

€525 per person this costs includes the following:

- 3 Nights in twin accommodation including full Irish Breakfast
- Lunch Daily
- Irish Night at Molly Darcy's
- Entrance for all visits and tours
- Coaching for four days
- English- Speaking Guide for the four days

Single room supplements will apply at €45 per night

Please remember to book your accommodation with us on Wednesday 18th June if required.



## ACCOMODATION

### BELFAST HOTELS

#### Europa 4\*

Superbly located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, the world famous 4 star Europa Hotel simply epitomizes indulgence. Step into the spacious grand foyer and you'll instantly feel a special warm welcome.



#### Days Hotel 3\*

Opened in 2003, the Days Hotel Belfast is Northern Ireland's largest hotel. It offers more bed space than any other hotel in Northern Ireland. Each room in the hotel has a double size shower and has warm and comfortable décor.

### DUBLIN HOTELS

#### Radisson SAS, St. Helens 5\*

This hotel is one of Dublin's newest 5 Star hotels. Set on beautiful grounds, this hotel was formerly one of Ireland's most historic houses and has been meticulously restored and adapted to provide luxury accommodation for both corporate clients and tourists.



#### Stillorgan Park Hotel 4\*

Located on the Stillorgan dual-carriage way, the Stillorgan Park Hotel is a contemporary property, with well appointed and air-conditioned accommodation, Mediterranean style restaurant and luxurious bar. The city centre is a short taxi journey away.

#### Quality Hotel 4\*

This 4 star hotel offers comfortable bedrooms and superb Club Vitae Health & Fitness Club with swimming pool and fully equipped gym.



#### Paramount Hotel 3\*

This hotel is one of Dublin's most cosmopolitan hotel situated at the edge of the famous Temple Bar area. The hotel is tastefully designed in very elegant 1930's style of architecture.

### KILKENNY HOTELS

#### Lyrath Estate Hotel 5\*

Set amid 170 acres of mature parkland and just 2 kilometres from beautiful Kilkenny City, Lyrath Estate Hotel fuses stunning contemporary hotel design with the elegance of its original 17th century house, meeting and exceeding everything you would expect from a leading hotel.



#### Pembroke Hotel 4\*

The newly built 4\* deluxe Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny offers a unique designer element to both the leisure and corporate guest alike. Situated just off Kilkenny High Street this intimate and stylish hotel is truly a gem in the heart of Kilkenny city.

#### Rivercourt Hotel 4\*

This is the sister hotel of the Lyrath Estate Hotel, nestled in a private courtyard, this four-star Kilkenny city hotel rests serenely on the banks of the River Nore. Secluded from the bustling and winding city streets, the Kilkenny River Court Hotel is overlooked by Kilkenny's majestic 12th century castle.





## ACCOMODATION

### KILKENNY HOTELS



#### Springhill Court Hotel 3\*

At the three star Springhill Court Hotel relaxation begins from the moment guests arrive. This Kilkenny hotel is home to some of the finest facilities and friendly, efficient staff in the area. The hotel has a great location close to Kilkenny town -an area brimming with culture and activities.

Venue	Rating	Single B&B	Twin/Double B&B per person sharing
<b>BELFAST</b>			
Europa Hotel	4 Star	€170.00	€100.00
Days Hotel	3 Star	€125.00	€74.00
<b>DUBLIN</b>			
Radisson SAS St. Helens	5 Star	€178.00	€95.00
Stillorgan Park Hotel	4 Star	€135.00	€85.00
Quality Hotel	4 Star	€149.00	€82.50
Paramount Hotel	3 Star	€125.00	€75.00
<b>KILKENNY</b>			
Lyrath Estate Hotel	5 Star	€150.00	€92.50
Pembroke Hotel	4 Star	€115.00	€85.00
Rivercourt Hotel	4 Star	€142.00	€89.00
Springhill Court Hotel	3 Star	€120.00	€82.50



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Ireland

Ireland is an island on the north western edge of Europe. It is 486 kilometres long and 275 kilometres wide. Ireland has 3,172 kilometres of coastline – the longest coastline per head of population in Europe. Ireland, with its beautiful scenery, offers a range of attractions to the tourist including ancient archaeological sites and monuments, a variety of sporting activities such as fishing, riding and golf, as well as traditional dancing and music.

### Population

5.5 million

### Belfast

Belfast is the capital city of the North of Ireland and is situated at the head of Belfast Lough. The City was once famous for its shipbuilding industry, notably Harland and Wolff, who built the RMS Titanic. In the past Belfast was also the centre of the Irish Linen industry and had a thriving rope making industry. The population of Greater Belfast stands at approximately 600,000. The city has undergone a metamorphosis in recent years with over £300m investment in the tourism infrastructure and is now emerging as a dynamic destination for conferences, meetings and events. Belfast's city rich in Victorian and Edwardian architecture standing side by side with new state of the art convention centres and hotels; a city filled with atmospheric pubs and fine restaurants, a city where the people and the humour is renowned.

### Dublin

Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, is built on the River Liffey and is also situated beside the sea, yet close to both the countryside and mountains. A city of fine Georgian buildings, Dublin has been influenced by its Danish, Norman and English antecedents. It has excellent stores and shops, museums, antique shops and a range of pubs and restaurants. Among the goods for which Ireland is particularly well known are tweed, knitwear, linen, glass, lace and silverware. These can be purchased from most department stores or specialist handcraft shops. It has four major theatres, including the world famous Abbey theatre, concert facilities, art galleries and cinemas. There is a wide variety of sporting facilities including golf courses, sailing and racecourses.

### Kilkenny

Kilkenny is a medieval city of 24,000 people acclaimed internationally as a centre for craft and design. Technology, Tourism, Craft & Design and food processing are the main industries in the county. Each year Kilkenny hosts a number of international festivals and the city is a very popular tourist destination. This medieval city is characterised by many beautifully restored buildings and winding slipways - it is small and compact enough to explore on foot, yet full of fascinating historical buildings and contemporary shops, design galleries and restaurants. The ancient city of Kilkenny was named after a 6th century monk St Canice. His memory lives on in the beautifully restored St Canices Cathedral, built overlooking the city in the thirteenth century. Kilkenny Castle, one of the most magnificent castle's in Ireland was built by the Normans who arrived in the city during the 12th century.

### Climate

Ireland enjoys a temperate climate with mild winters and relatively cool summers. Mean daily temperature in June and July is 18 C. However it is always wise when travelling to Ireland to pack a rain mac or umbrella.

### Documentation

Everyone entering Ireland must have a valid passport, or in the case of European Union Member States, a national identity card. Visas are required for some countries. Delegates should check with their local Irish representation. A valid driving license is required to drive in Ireland.

Please note that it can take up to 8 weeks to process a visa application and early application is recommended. The Conference Organising Committee, or its agents, cannot accept any responsibility for visa applications. Where a delegate is unable to attend because of failure to obtain a visa on time, the normal cancellation policy for registration fee will apply. Please contact [therese@conferencepartners.ie](mailto:therese@conferencepartners.ie) if you require a letter of invitation for your visa application.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Shopping Belfast

Belfast has great shopping, there are many Shopping Malls, Markets, Boutiques and high street shopping to choose from. Visit Lisburn Road for some of the hippest shops and a relaxed, laid back atmosphere with a bohemian European vibe. Rumble through stalls at St. George's Market, try the Gargantuan Castle Court Mall, the new Flagship Center and the upmarket Queen's Arcade, which has a host of exquisite jewellers on display. Northern Ireland is home to a thriving linen and tweed industry, with both modern and traditional creations. Visit the Craftworks Gallery (Bedford Street) for linen, tweed and colorful knitwear ranges from the looms of Donegal. Shopping hours on Mon - Sat are from 9.30am - 5.00pm (Thursday 9.00pm). Some larger Stores open on Sunday from 1pm - 5pm.

### Shopping Dublin

Dublin has a busy city centre shopping area around Grafton Street and Henry Street. There is a huge range of products to bring home - from traditional Irish hand-made crafts to international designer labels. Things to buy: woollen knits, tweeds, crystal, Claddagh rings, pottery, silver and music. Shopping hours are from 9.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, with shops open until 8.00pm on Thursdays, and many shops open from 2.00pm - 6.00pm on Sunday.

### Shopping Kilkenny

Shopping with Style Since the 12th century, Kilkenny has been a thriving cosmopolitan merchant centre. Today, Kilkenny offers a truly original and eclectic shopping experience that retains its sophisticated edge. As a centre of excellence for traditional and contemporary craft and design, Kilkenny has long been an important destination for those looking for pottery, offers an impressive collection of boutiques, craft shops and gourmet food stores as well as international high street brands. Shopping hours are from 9.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Saturday with late night shopping on a Thursday until 8.00pm. Many shops are open on Sundays from 2pm - 6pm.

### Insurance

The Conference Organising Committee or its agents, will not be responsible for any medical expenses, loss or accidents incurred during the congress. Delegates are strongly advised to arrange their own personal insurance to cover medical and other expenses including accident or loss. Where a delegate has to cancel for medical reasons, the normal cancellation policy will apply. It is recommended that citizens from EU countries bring with them a current EHIC card.

### Tax Refunds

Value Added Tax (VAT) is charged at 21% on most goods. Cash back is the simplest and most widely used VAT refund service that issues cash refunds on departure for a handling fee. Ask for cash back form when you make your purchase.

### Tipping

A small tip is appreciated for good service. Tipping is not usual in bars. Tip cabs 10% and porters €2 per bag.

### Currency

The currency in Northern Ireland is Sterling and Republic of Ireland is the Euro.

### Credit Cards

Major credit cards are widely accepted.

### Smoking Policy

Under Irish and Northern Irish law smoking is not permitted in pubs, restaurants, hotel lobbies and all enclosed public buildings.

### Electricity

220 volts

### Time

From March to October, Ireland operates on Greenwich Mean Time + 1 hour.

### What to Pack

Include jeans and casual wear. Jacket and tie for fine dining. Rainwear and comfortable shoes are advised.





## REGISTRATION FORM - register online at [www.nuffield.ie](http://www.nuffield.ie)

### Personal Details - Only one delegate per form (the registration maybe photocopied if necessary)

Mr/Ms First Name  Surname   
 Address for correspondence  City   
 Postal Code  Country   
 Country of Awarded Scholarship  Year of Scholarship

### Contact Numbers:

Office  Home   
 Email

### Registration Fees

Registration Fees (€ Euro)	Early Fee - By 19th March 2008	Late Fee - After 19th March 2008
Full Delegates	€1,550.00	€1,650.00
Dublin & Kilkenny Delegate	€925.00	€1,025.00
Kilkenny Delegate	€500.00	€600.00

Total A:

### Social Programme - Please refer to page 6 for futher details

Date	Evening Functions	
Thursday 5th June	Welcome Reception	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 6th June	Gala Dinner Stormont	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 7th June	Barbeque	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 9th June	Guinness Storehouse	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 10th June	State Reception	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 10th June	Optional Irish Night (limited tickets)	€ x <input type="text"/> tickets <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 12th June	A Night at the Dogs!	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 13th June	Gala Dinner, Lyrath Estate	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 14th June	Barbeque, Lyrath Estate	included x 1 ticket <input type="checkbox"/>

Total B:

**Technical Tours** - Please refer to pages 7 -9 for further details - these tours are included in the registration fee but please indicate interest to ensure a ticket.

Date	Tour
Friday 6th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Dunbia (Dungannon Meats), Hillsborough Research Institute & Moy Park presentation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: Gary McHenry, Dairy Farm, Hillsborough Research Institute & Moy Park presentation
Saturday 7th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Bushmills Distillery, Dunluce Castle, Giants Causeway & Limavady Farm Visit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Walking Tour of Derry & Limavady Farm Visit
Sunday 8th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Ulster Folk & Transport Museum
Monday 9th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Newgrange & Farm Visit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Newgrange & Kilmainham Gaol Visit
Tuesday 10th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 1: Dairy Technical Tour
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 2: Beef & Sheep Technical Tour
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 3: Arable Technical Tour
Wednesday 11th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 1: Dairy Technical Tour
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 2: Beef & Sheep Technical Tour
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 3: Arable Technical Tour
Thursday 12th June	<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Kilkenny Castle



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**Optional Tours**

Friday 6th June	Walking tour of Hillsborough	included x <input type="text"/>	tickets
Friday 6th June	Tour of Stormont (Limited Tickets Available)	included x <input type="text"/>	tickets
Tuesday 10th June	Dublin & Wicklow Tour	€80 x <input type="text"/>	tickets
Wednesday 11th June	Direct Coach to Kilkenny from Dublin	included x <input type="text"/>	tickets
15th - 18th June	Post Conference Tour	€525 x <input type="text"/>	tickets
Dietary Requirements (please specify) <input type="text"/>			

Total C:

**Accommodation**

A limited number of rooms at specially discounted rates have been negotiated for delegates. Early booking is essential. Accommodation bookings should be returned by 14th March 2007. Please refer to pages 11 for details on accommodation

Please tick:  I do not require accommodation  
 I do require accommodation

Arrival date  Departure date  No of nights

Special Requests

Name of person(s) sharing

Please indicate whether the person sharing is a  Delegate  Accompanying Person  Other

**Hotel Accommodation**

Single Room(s)  Double Room(s)  Twin Room(s)(2 single beds)  Other (specify)

Please list your hotel in order of preference

Belfast 1st  2nd

Dublin 1st  2nd

Kilkenny 1st  2nd

Belfast Total:  Dublin Total:  Kilkenny Total:  Total D:

While every effort will be made to allocate your first preference, should your first choice of hotel be fully booked, accommodation will be reserved for you in your second choice of hotel.

**Payment**

Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard or bank drafts. Company cheques, euro cheques NOT drawn on an Irish bank are NOT acceptable methods of payment. Bankers drafts must be free of charge to the receiver, drawn in euros on an Irish bank and made payable to Conference Partners Ltd. If bank charges are incurred the delegate will have to pay these before registration. Please note that reservations will not be confirmed until full prepayment has been received.

Please tick method payment:  Visa  Mastercard  Bank Draft

VISA/Mastercard Card NO:  Expiry Date(Month/Year):

Signature:  Date:

**Cancellation Policy**

Registration Fee: Full refund before 1st April 2008; 75% Refund before 15th April 2007;  
 NO REFUND after 15th April

Accommodation: Full refund before 1st April; 2 nights will be charged any cancellations after 1st May 2008.

**Returning The Form:**

You can register online at [www.nuffield.ie](http://www.nuffield.ie)

Please complete and return to Therese Dolan: Nuffield 2008, Conference Partners Ltd., 2nd Floor, Heritage House, Dundrum Office Park, Dublin 14, Ireland.

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