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Fertilizer Association of Ireland announce Spring Scientific Meeting 2013.

The Fertilizer Association of Ireland have announced details of their Annual Spring Scientific Meeting to be held in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary on Tuesday 5 February at 2.30 pm. The theme of the seminar will be: "Outlook and Best Practice for Fertilizer Use and Soil Fertility."

This year's seminar will be headlined by Dr. Noel Culleton, who will deliver a paper on a recent study he conducted analysing future fertilizer N and P usage within the production targets of the Food Harvest 2020 report.

Stan Lalor from Teagasc will present a practical paper looking at the importance of focussing on nutrient offtakes in formulating fertilizer advice. Matching fertilizer inputs to the crop being removed is a critical step in soil fertility management. The "Nutrient Calculator Wheel" that was launched by the Fertilizer Association in 2012 will be presented as a practical tool to assist in nutrient recommendations for grassland and tillage crops. A copy of the nutrient wheel will be available to all attendees on the day.

The Association is also delighted to welcome Emmanuel Piron, from Irstea in France, who will present a paper on the technological advancements in fertilizer spreading technology. The importance of even application of fertilizers is critical to maximising the return from fertilizer inputs and for growing even crops. This presentation will discuss the importance of spreader set-up and calibration and the physical properties of the fertilizer being applied in ensuring correct and even application rates.

The seminar will be chaired by Justin McCarthy, Irish Farmers Journal. Full proceedings booklet of the papers will be available on the day. Admission fee is €10. All are welcome.

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