

BPTA Tuber Classification Training

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November 2013

Scottish Agricultural Science Agency, Gogarbank, Edinburgh



Your Association in conjunction with SASA is planning to hold a Tuber Classification Training Course on Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November 2013 at Gogarbank, Edinburgh.

Following a one day refresher course in 2012 this year will see a return to a full 2-day course.

An illustrative programme for the event is enclosed. The course will attract BASIS points.

The cost of attendance will be £400 per delegate to include lunches and morning and afternoon coffees.

The course does not attract VAT.

A minimum attendance of 10 delegates is necessary to make this course viable. If this number is not achieved the course will be cancelled.

The participant with the best combined score in the practical tests undertaken in this and in the Growing Crop course held earlier this year on 2nd and 3rd July 2013 will be awarded The Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy, and with their partner will be invited as a guest of the BPTA President to the 2013 Annual Dinner & Dance which is planned to be held on the evening of Friday, 22nd November 2013.

Please complete and return by email the enclosed application form as early as possible and by 18th October 2013 at the absolute latest. Please do not send payment at the moment. An invoice will be issued in due course.

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I would like the following individuals to attend the Tuber Classification Training Course 2013.

Company

1st Attendee..... Email

2nd Attendee..... Email

3rd Attendee..... Email

4th Attendee..... Email

5th Attendee..... Email

6th Attendee..... Email

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Provisional Course Programme

Day 1	
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome and Overview of Scottish SPCS
09.30 – 09.50	Introduction to countable diseases – Rots
09.50 – 10.00	Introduction to Inspection procedures
10.00 – 10.10	Demonstration of countable diseases – Rots
10.10 – 10.25	TEA / COFFEE BREAK
10.25 – 10.35	Introduction to countable diseases – Skin blemish diseases and physiological disorders
10.35 – 10.50	Demonstration of countable diseases – Skin blemish diseases and physiological disorders
10.50 – 11.00	EU Review of tolerance tables
11.00 – 11.15	Inspection Procedures: Inspectors' Instructions
11.15 – 12.25	Inspection Procedures Practical aspects including demonstration of faults
12.25 – 13.15	LUNCH
13.15 – 13.30	Export Tuber Inspections
13.30 – 13.50	Export Tuber Inspections practical aspects
13.50 – 14.35	Review of demonstration material - skin blemish diseases, rots and other faults
14.35 – 15.00	Practical and written tests
15.00 – 15.15	TEA / COFFEE BREAK
15.15 – 15.35	Industry view of official Inspections
15.35 – 15.45	General discussion/questions and views
15.45 – 16.15	Review of Practical test and Discussion

Day 2	
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome
09.35 – 09.45	SPCS in context Scotland, EU and the World
09.45 – 10.00	Epidemiology of surface diseases
10.00 – 10.15	Epidemiology of rot diseases
10.15 - 10.30	TEA / COFFEE BREAK
10.30 – 11.00	Demonstration in pathology lab – Skin blemish diseases, rots and other pathogens
11.00 – 12.00	Tour: Potato stores, labs and glasshouses, PCN, Virology
12.00 – 12.30	Demonstration of Virus Elimination Procedures
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 14.00	Tour of SASA Labs - Monoclonal, Molecular
14.00 – 14.30	Demonstration of Nuclear Stock
14.30 – 14.45	TEA / COFFEE BREAK
14.45 – 15.35	Scientific talks on current topics (10 minutes each) Dickeya legislation and developments (tbc) PCN update including farm saved seed for ware etc. (tbc) Potato viruses (tbc) Epitrix (tbc) Zebra Chip (tbc)
15.35 – 16.00	Final Overview and General Discussion