



# **BPTA Tuber Classification Training**

**Thursday 9th & Friday 10th November 2017**

**Scottish Agricultural Science Agency, Gogarbank, Edinburgh**

**Your Association in conjunction with SASA is planning to hold a Tuber Classification Training Course on Thursday 9th & Friday 10th November 2017 at Gogarbank, Edinburgh.**

**An illustrative programme for the event is enclosed. The course has been awarded 12 BASIS points and 5 NRoSO points.**

**The cost of attendance will be £456 per delegate to include lunches, refreshments and VAT.**

**A minimum attendance of 8 delegates is necessary to make this course viable. If this number is not achieved the course will be cancelled.**

**The BPTA member participant with the best combined score in the practical tests undertaken in this and in the Growing Crop course held earlier this year on 4th & 5th July 2017 will be awarded The Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy, and with their partner will be invited as a guest of the BPTA President to the 2018 BPTA Industry Dinner or to an equivalent event.**

**Please complete and return by email the enclosed application form as early as possible and by 27th October 2017 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 2017.

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