

Wildlife Aware Training courses in Ireland

It is to be expected in the next year or so following the introduction of European Union legislation on sustainable use of rodenticides and other biocides, that 'Wildlife Aware' accreditation will become compulsory for operatives providing rodent pest management services. Increasingly invitations issued by both industry and public bodies and agencies to tender for provision of rodent pest control services seek responses from pest management companies and organizations that are CRRU Ireland Supporters' Club members that employ 'Wildlife Aware' accredited technicians.

A 'Wildlife Aware' Training course for professional pest control technicians has been prepared by CRRU Ireland in association with IASIS¹. The course is offered twice yearly at each of three locations by trained 'Wildlife Aware' course providers. The next 'Wildlife Aware' courses to be offered will take place on the following dates at the locations indicated: –



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- 30th October 2014, DAFM Laboratories, Backweston Campus
- 18th November 2014, Teagasc, Moorepark, Fermoy
- 20th November 2014, Ballyhaise College, Co Cavan



Persons wishing to register to participate in one of these courses should download the registration form from the IASIS website - <http://www.iasis.ie/coursesavailable.php>. Completed registration forms can be returned to IASIS, at 31A Ravens Rock Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18 or in pdf form to info@iasis.ie. The course fee of €210 includes the cost of accreditation in the year of successfully passing the course examination.

Persons successfully completing the 'Wildlife Aware' course will on application made be included on an IASIS register and be entitled to use the CRRU/IASIS 'Wildlife Aware' logo in their businesses. The logo serves to inform customers and potential customers that the individual rodent pest control technician has been trained in the responsible and effective use of rodenticides, such that impact on wildlife is minimized.

Further information can be obtained from the website www.thinkwildlife.org

¹ Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards Ltd, Companies Registration Office Number 202978