

New forestry publications from COFORD

COFORD – the National Council for Forest Research and Development – is an agency of the Department of Agriculture and Food, and is responsible for co-ordinating and funding forest research and development in Ireland. This includes the transfer of technology and information from the research and development arena to the public domain where it can be adopted and implemented. The technology transfer effort is a key component of COFORD's activities, and includes development and maintenance of the websites, the production of publications and hosting of workshops, seminars and conferences.

The latest publications from COFORD include:

- *Brackloon - the story of an Irish oak wood* by Deirdre Cunningham
- *Small-scale forestry and rural development - The intersection of ecosystems, economics and society.* Edited by Sarah Wall
- *Forest Research and Development in Ireland 2004 - Underpinning industry Development.* Edited by Eugene Hendrick
- *Carbon sequestration and Irish forest ecosystems.* Editors: Kevin G Black and Edward P Farrell
- *The socio-economic contribution of forestry in Ireland* by Áine Ní Dhubháin, Marie-Christine Fléchar, Richard Moloney, Deirdre O'Connor and Tim Crowley
- *Plant quality – a key to success in forest establishment.* Edited by Lauren MacLennan and John Fennessy
- *Handbook on structural timber design to Eurocode 5 (IS EN 1995-1-1) rules* by James Harrington, Malcolm Jacob and Colin Short



Hardwood Matters is a catalogue to co-ordinate the sale of hardwood timber in Ireland, and is produced by COFORD every six months. It features 'for sale' and 'wanted' sections and is used by producers and buyers at no charge.

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The COFORD website – www.coford.ie – contains information about the research projects currently and previously funded by COFORD under the National Development Plan 2000-2006.

It contains the bookshop where publications can be downloaded or ordered, as well as a calendar of events. Bookmark the site to keep up to date with what's planned in the near future.

COFORD also manages www.woodenergy.ie which contains information about the wood energy industry, and has a free on-line advisory service.

Woodspec is the guide to designing, detailing and specifying timber in Ireland. It is available in hard copy and also in full on the website managed by COFORD - www.woodspec.ie. This site also features a free on-line advisory service. The hard copy version of woodspec has been revised and will be made available early in 2007.

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- *A review of forest recreation research needs in Ireland* by Michael Cregan and William Murphy
 - *COFORD Annual Report 2005*
- COFORD Connects is series of practical information notes, which review various aspects of forestry. The notes are produced on an ongoing basis and presented in a purpose-made folder. Emphasis is on practical recommendations to facilitate the implementation of research findings. The notes are available online and also in hardcopy, free of charge.
- Forestry and Wood Update* is a free monthly e-newsletter containing information about COFORD activities as well as articles of general interest to the forest sector from local and international sources – to subscribe go to www.coford.ie



Sarah Wall (GMIT), editor of the proceedings of the IUFRO conference on small-scale forestry and rural development, with Minister Mary Wallace TD, at the launch of the conference and publication in Galway. Photo: Mike Shaughnessy



Authors of the Eurocode 5 handbook, Malcolm Jacob, James Harrington and Colin Short, review the booklet with Dr Eugene Hendrick, COFORD Director (2nd from left). Photo: Declan Corrigan

Pat Doody, Dr Conor O'Reilly, John McCarthy, John Fennessy and Dr Kevin Black – contributors to the plant quality conference - discuss the proceedings. Photo: Declan Corrigan



At the launch of the reports "Carbon sequestration and Irish forest ecosystems" and "The socio-economic contribution of forestry in Ireland" were Dr Richard Moloney (UCC), Dr Eugene Hendrick (COFORD Director), Deirdre O'Connor (UCD), Dr Kevin Black (UCD), Minister Mary Wallace TD, Dr Áine Ní Dhubháin (UCD), Marie-Christine Fléchar (UCD) and Prof. Ted Farrell (UCD). Photo: Declan Corrigan



John Fennessy (COFORD), Aeneas Higgins (SIF), Kevin Collins (Forest Service), William Murphy (Coillte) and Michael Cregan (Consultant), members of the working group responsible for the review of forest recreation research needs in Ireland. Photo: Declan Corrigan