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Native Oyster Network – UK & Ireland Conference Agenda

1st and 2nd April 2025, Galway, Ireland

Day 1

13:00 | Registration & Lunch

14:00 | Conference Open & Welcome

14:10 | Plenary Presentation: Current status of native oyster in Ireland – Oliver Tully

14:30 | Session 1: Network Member Speed Updates

- Anna Kellagher, *Sea Synergy*
- Brecht Stechele, *Oyster Heaven*
- Brian Rice, *Surviving and growing: Positive indications for Native Oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) restoration in Dublin Bay*
- Danny Renton, *Seawilding*
- Eric Holden, *Natur am Byth*
- Eric Holden, *Restoration Forth*
- Henry Short, *Tees Rivers Trust*
- JoseMaria Fariñas-Franco, *Oisre Conamara and an upcoming project, BRICONS, with UCD, TCD and QUB*
- Maria Hayden-Hughes, *Wild Oysters*
- Nick Baker-Horne, *Native Oyster Restoration Northern Ireland – progress*
- Philine zu Ermgassen, *IUCN Ecosystem Red Listing the European native oyster reef ecosystem.*
- Stefano Carboni, *NORA Update*

15:30 | Break

16:00 | Session 2: Restoration Monitoring & Advances in Methods

- Luke Helmer, *Solent Oyster Restoration*
- Paul Brooks, *Restoration of native oysters in Ireland: New and current projects and barriers to implementation*
- Emma White, *Monitoring of settlement, growth and mortality of oysters on scallop shell in Galway Bay*
- Jon Dickson, *Who lives in a pear tree under the sea? Tree-reefs to induce top-down predation for crab control*
- Molly Hughes, *Adapting oyster restoration to the scale of offshore energy development in the North Sea*

17:30 | Day 1 Close - Discussion & Posters

19:30 | Evening Meal at the Harbour Hotel.

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Day 2

9:10 | Welcome to Day 2

9:15 | Session 3: Modelling, Site Selection & Climate Change

- Mateja Švonja, *Guiding Oyster Restoration – From Habitat Suitability Modelling to Preliminary Field Results From Oisre Conamara*
- Dr Md Salauddin, *Experimental Study on Oyster Reefs as a Nature-Based Solution for Coastal Protection*
- Tom Scanlon, *Oyster Larvae Dispersion Modelling in Loch Craignish, Loch Melfort and The Solent*
- Lara Schmittmann, *From currents to connectivity: biophysical tools for *Ostrea edulis* restoration*
- Stefano Carboni, *Future proofing Native Oyster restoration initiatives in mediterranean shallow coastal lagoons: ShellfishBoost Project*

10:30 | Break - Coffees

11:00 | Session 4: Biosecurity – INNS & Disease

- Jose M. Fariñas-Franco, *Bonamia/genetics and biodiversity in Kilkieran and Bertraghboy Bay in Galway*
- Tim Bean, *Non-invasive detection method for *Bonamia ostreae* infected *Ostrea edulis**
- Gurjameer Ramday, *Monitoring Success in Biosecurity*

11:45 | Workshop 1 (Policy) – Introductory talks

- Cass Bromley
- Sorchá Ní Longphuirt
- Roger Proudfoot

12:30 | Lunch & Posters - Conference close for online attendees.

13:30 | Barriers Workshop 1: How can policy makers help to facilitate oyster restoration? Led by Oliver Tully

15:00 | Break - Coffees

15:30 | Barriers Workshop 2: Oyster production and seed supply. Led by Philine zu Ermgassen

17:30 | Wrap up and Day 2 Close

Pub trip.