



The poster features a circular logo on the left with a laurel wreath border. Inside the wreath, it says 'ICSA' at the top, '25 YEARS' in the center, and 'FIGHTING FOR FARMERS' at the bottom. Below the logo, it says 'in partnership with' followed by the Zurich logo and the word 'ZURICH' in large blue letters. To the right of the logo, the main title 'ICSA 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner' is written in green, followed by the date and time 'Friday 7 September at 7pm in Hotel Kilkenny' in purple. Below this, it lists special guests: 'With Special Guests Phil Hogan' (EU Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development) and 'Michael Creed TD' (Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine). At the bottom, it says 'Tickets available now' and provides contact information: 'For all enquiries, please contact ICSA on 057 8662120 Or email info@icsaireland.com'. On the right side of the poster, there is a photograph of Phil Hogan speaking at a podium. The podium has a blue sign with the word 'Commis' visible. Behind him, a screen displays the words 'CULTURAL POLICY' and 'AGRICOLE COMMUNE'.

ICSA is hosting its 25th anniversary gala dinner at Hotel Kilkenny on 7 September.

Special guests and keynote speakers will include the **EU Agriculture Commissioner Phil Hogan** and **Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed TD**.

Pre-dinner, we will host '**Small Talk - Big Issues**' conversation circles to discuss solutions to the most intractable problems facing Irish farming and rural society. This will be followed by reception drinks and a four course meal with wine.

After dinner there will be a sports panel discussion, facilitated by RTE's Marty Morrissey, featuring three nationally known GAA and rugby superstars with a farming background.

Music on the night by The Irish Rovers

Running Order

Pre-dinner 'Small Talk - Big Issues': 6pm

Drinks reception: 7pm

Dinner: 8pm

Guest speakers: 9pm

Sports panel: 10pm

Music: 11pm

Small Talk – Big Issues

At 6pm there will be a number of conversation circles in breakout rooms/areas. The idea is that 15-20 people from our guest list, including senior ICSA officers, farmer members and relevant people from the wider agri-food sector will have a solutions focused discussion on key intractable problems or contentious debates.

It starts with an icebreaker talk by an individual who outlines his/ her story and how the topic has impacted them. With the aid of a facilitator, the conversation is steered towards ideas on how to find solutions or what are the pros and cons of the argument.

In other words, a type of brainstorming session.

The objective is to propose ways in which ICSA can help farmers and contribute to finding solutions in the work we do lobbying, participating on government committees and working groups or in hosting practical farming events such as farm walks and KT (knowledge transfer) events.

Keynote Speakers



Phil Hogan EU Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development



Michael Creed

Minister for Agriculture Food & the Marine



Patrick Kent

ICSA National President

Sports Panel

Following dinner the worlds of sport and farming will come together with a panel discussion, facilitated by RTE's Marty Morrissey, featuring three nationally known GAA and rugby superstars with a farming background.



Message from Phil Hogan

EU Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to be associated with the 25th anniversary of the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association. It is indeed coincidental that, at a time when the Commission has proposed significant changes to the Common Agricultural Policy, ICOSA should have emerged as a farming lobby group following the MacSharry Reforms in 1992.

ICOSA has proven to be an effective and articulate voice on behalf of the farmers it represents over that quarter of a century. Over the last nearly four years, ICOSA has always engaged with me, my cabinet and the services of DG AGRI on a constructive and positive basis and I look forward to our continued engagement over the next year or so, when there is still so much to be done to support farmers in the areas of CAP reform, UTPs etc.

Having published our proposals for the future of the CAP, I hope that we can start the negotiations shortly. It is important that ICOSA's voice is heard so that we can deliver a reform to the policy that delivers genuine simplification for farmers and facilitates the modernisation and improved competitiveness of agricultural production.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my congratulations on reaching this important milestone and I wish ICOSA every success for the next 25 years"

Phil Hogan

Tickets

For ticket enquiries, please contact ICSA on 057 8662120 or email info@icsaireland.com

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