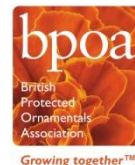


Technical Seminar Wednesday 21st January



‘Muck and Magic.’

Chair: Chris Need

- 9:00 – 9:15 Introduction. Chris Need, BPOA Technical Committee Chair
- 9:15 – 9:45 The Sustainable Growing Media Task Force projects.
Neil Bragg (Bulrush)
- 9:45 – 10:00 Transition to responsibly sourced growing media.
Dr Barry Mulholland (ADAS)
- 10:00 - 10:30 Use of coir in bedding plant production.
Arjan van Leest (Jiffy)
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Use of coir in bedding plant production – a grower’s experience.
Chris Need (Roundstone Nurseries)
- 11:15 – 11:30 Alternative growing media for boxed lily production (PO BPF 002a).
Lyndon Mason (L&RM Consultancy Ltd)
- Q&A
- 11:45 - 12:15 Practical aspects of diffused light and photoselective coatings.
Dr Simon Pearson (Freiston Associates Ltd)
- 12:15– 12:45 Understanding crop and pest responses to LED lighting (CP 125).
Dr Phil Davis (STC) and Dr David George (STC)
- Q&A
- 12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

Technical updates.

Chair: Chris Need

- 13:45 – 14:35 MOPS – Managing ornamental plants sustainably (CP 124).
Jude Bennison (ADAS) and Dr Martin McPherson (STC)
- 14:35 – 14:50 Strategies for the control of black root rot (*Thielaviopsis basicola*) in bedding plants (HNS/PO 190).
Dr Erika Wedgwood (ADAS)
- 14:50 – 15:10 Crop trial centres - for the cut flower (PO BPF 002a), and bedding and pot plant (PO 019) sectors.
Lyndon Mason (L&RM Consultancy Ltd) and Chloe Whiteside (ADAS)
- 15:10 – 15:30 Monitoring metalaxyl-M sensitivity of downy mildew infection of *Impatiens* (PO 011b/012).
Dr Phil Jennings (Fera).
- Q&A
- 15:45 **Tea and depart**