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Update From IPAV's CEO, Pat Davitt



Dear Member

I am delighted to bring you IPAV's April newsletter in advance of Easter.

The last 13 months have been very a difficult time for all, I really admire the extraordinary resilience members have demonstrated during this time. Over the last year we have lost some very good friends, I sympathise with all their families and friends, and for the members or their family who have been diagnosed with COVID, I wish all a very speedy return to great health.

To the forefront of members' minds, is understandably the Level 5 Plus Restrictions outlined in the [Property Services Providers Guidance to implementing Plan for Living with Covid 19](#). IPAV has and continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes on member's behalf, with a priority to return to the original Level 5 also outlined in the above document.

Most recently, IPAV was invited by Minister Peter Burke to submit our views to the Department of Housing to lobby and support a speedy return to Level 5. Adding to this, I asked, and thank the PSRA and the SCSi for adding their views to the correspondence [available here](#) sent to the Minister on the 11th March. I have since highlighted to the Minister '*Such a minor change will have such a major effect*' for all PSP's.

I was indeed disappointed that this small change was not included in Tuesday's announcement, however, I am mindful of the continued Covid situation, the threat it poses and public health guidelines that remain in place.

Notwithstanding the above, today, I have been back to Minister Burke and while I'm an optimist at heart, I believe depending on case numbers, this small change might happen sooner than later. I thank the Minister and his officials for all their help and the minute I receive some good news I will be back to all members.

In the meantime, I want to thank all members for holding firm with the present guidelines. I am acutely aware from speaking to so many members the effect the guidelines are having on Members, Staff, Vendors and Purchasers.

Without question, we have experienced a year like no other, and for many, the familiar Easter customs must again be put aside. However, I firmly believe we are heading towards better times. The vaccine rollout is due to be ramped up, allowing a level of both social and economic activity to resume.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their continued help and support, especially evident from our recent NPS survey. The team and I very much appreciate it and are very proud of the result.

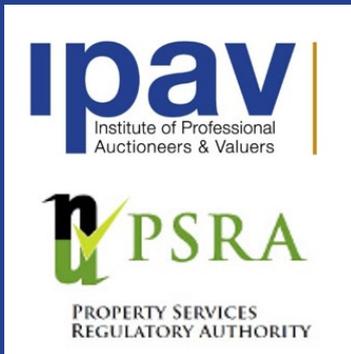
I wish you and your family a very happy and Holy Easter and I look forward to meeting you all later in the year.

Publication of PSRA Code of Practice

IPAV welcomes the recent publication of the PSRA's Code of Practice. Maeve Hogan, CEO of the PSRA states *"the Code of Practice outlines the standards required of property services providers to ensure the delivery of professional property services to those who engage with the sector. It establishes a framework for the professional conduct for PSPs in their day to day practices of providing property services"*. IPAV recommends members take some time to familiarise themselves with this document, and to have a copy to hand. The below link provides the Code of Practice in pdf format from the PSRA's website: [Code of Practice - 'Property Services Providers - Delivering a Professional Service'](#)



IPAV PSRA CPD Webinar - Additional Places Available



We are pleased to advise IPAV's PSRA CPD webinar taking place at 9.15am, Thursday 22nd April has now been extended to facilitate increased demand. Full attendance at this event provides IPAV Members and Licensed Agents the opportunity to fulfil their 2021 PSRA CPD requirements, by obtaining 5 CPD hours from 1 event. Mandatory topics; Regulation & Minimum Standards, and Anti-Money Laundering will be covered, including additional topics; Management Companies, The (A) Licence, Data Protection, Expert Witness, and Residential Tenancies. Registration costs €75.

[IPAV PSRA CPD Webinar: Click Here To Register](#)

Recent Changes To Tenancy Legislation

Following Tuesday's Cabinet decisions, the current Emergency Period has been extended until midnight of 12th of April. The RTA 2020 introduced a 10-day grace period for ending tenancies, which means that the earliest a tenant can be made to leave their rental accommodation during the current Emergency Period is midnight of 23rd of April 2021. These temporary restrictions are based on new Emergency Periods, which impose restrictions on travel outside of a 5-kilometre radius of a person's place of residence.

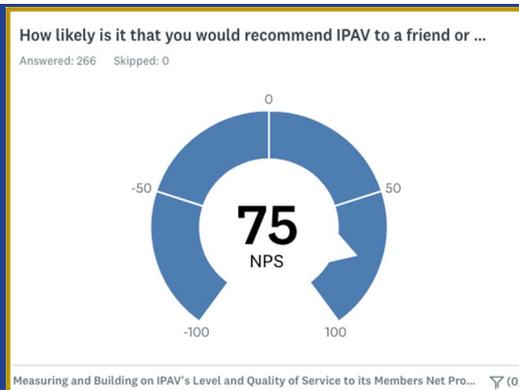
For tenants affected by Covid-19, where tenants have been economically impacted by Covid-19 and, consequently, are unable to meet their obligation to pay rent, thereby risking tenancy termination, last week the Houses of the Oireachtas passed the Residential Tenancies Bill, 2021 which extends the application of its enhanced tenancy protections for a further three months from 13 April to 12 July 2021. It also introduces a change to the Residential Tenancies Act 2020 to include rent arrears as one of the exceptions to ending a tenancy during an emergency period linked to 5kms restrictions (along with anti-social behaviour and other exceptions). These changes are expected to be signed into law in the coming days.

**Very Positive Results
From Our Recent Member Satisfaction Survey**

The results are in from our recent satisfaction survey with an overall score of 75. This is up from 61 in 2020. Some of the highlights members liked are included below:

Communications - *“Keeps members informed of all that is happening in the business and gives members a security of being affiliated to a recognised organisation”*

Branding - *“IPAV is an excellent brand and organisation for agents to be a part of, in particular for independents. They give the industry a voice.”*



Over the coming months we will be analysing the feedback and incorporating into our improvement plans for the year. Thanks again to all of the members who participated in the survey. For more details on our results please [click here](#)

Webinar Recording: Examining CAP 2023 With The Experts

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Examining CAP 2023 With The Experts

Chair: Tom Crosse RIPA REV MMCEPI
IPAV 50th President
with
Francis Morrin
Head of CAP Entitlements Division
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Topic: CAP 2020 and beyond - changes in Direct Payments
related can expect

James McDonnell
Financial Management Specialist
Teagasc
Topic: Land Lease and Basic Payment

11th March 2021 12pm - 1pm

If you missed IPAV's March Webinar, Examining CAP 2023 with the Experts, or would simply like to look back on the discussion, the recording is now available at [IPAV - Examining CAP 2023 with the Experts/youtube.com](#). We are very grateful to Francis Morrin and James McDonnell for their excellent presentations and Q&A participation and to Tom Crosse IPAV's 50th President for chairing the event and to all members who took part.

Professional Indemnity Insurance Exclusive Rates For IPAV Members

Many members have recently contacted IPAV regarding increases in PI Insurance renewals. [Campion Insurance](#) continue to provide exclusive discounted rates for IPAV members for Professional Indemnity Insurance. Contact Michael O'Hara on 090 66 65138 or Danielle Mee on 090 66 30283 for quotation and advice on your cover requirements.



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European Climate Law and Real Estate

In a CEPI interview with Telmo Baltazar from the Portugese

representation to the EU outlined the Union's ambitions regarding climate change and the Green Deal. The key priority is agreeing the European Climate Law to make it legally liable to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. The Climate Law would set the foundations for other policies, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, efficiency of buildings and renovations which will help reach European climate neutrality by 2050. The interview in full is available on IPAV's website at: [CEPI Meets#15](#).



Donal Hynes RIP

With great sadness, we offer our sincere condolences on the passing of Donal Hynes, to his son Healy and daughter Donna and to all his family and friends, he was laid to rest on the 27th March. Donal was a founding member of IPAV and served as IPAV's 4th President from 1976-1978. He founded his firm, located on Church Street, Athlone, Co Westmeath in 1967, now trading as REA Hynes. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

IPAV Virtual EGM - 6th May 2021

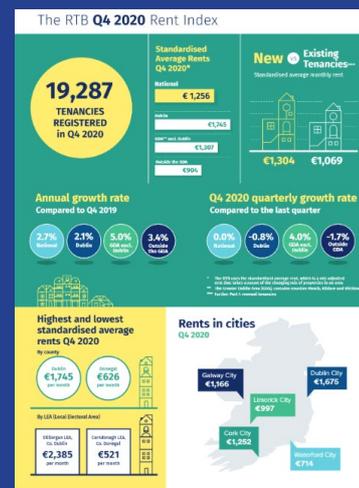


IPAV will be holding its virtual EGM on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 12 noon to update our Memorandum and Articles and also add some very important items that will help us to look forward to the next 50 years. IPAV members with voting rights will receive by post, in hard copy, IPAV's official EGM Notice, Form of Proxy and copy of its draft constitution (IPAV's Memorandum and Articles of Association). Members will also receive the EGM notice and documentation by email.

RTB Q4 2020 Rent Index and RTB Research and Data Hub

The RTB recently published the quarterly Rent Index for Q4 of 2020. The index shows annual national standardised average rent stayed the same at €1,256 for both Q3 and Q4 of 2020. The release of the Index also coincided with the launch of the interactive RTB Research and Data Hub. The RTB Research and Data Hub is the home for important rental data and statistics and will grow over time. Members who are involved in the residential rental sector should take a moment to visit the below links for further details from the RTB website:

- [RTB Rent Index Q4 2020](#)
- [RTB Research and Data Hub](#)



IPAV 2021-22 Membership Subscription - Due 1st April



Thank you to all members who paid their 2021-22 membership subscription in advance and today 1st April by direct debit. For any member who has not paid by direct debit, please check your invoice for payment details and should you have any queries please email Serena

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