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Personal Message from Pat Davitt, CEO, IPAV



Just a short note to welcome the New Year and hope all members have a safe, happy, holy and prosperous 2017. I would like to mention a few items that we may all find useful as our new year unfolds. I have linked a document called 'Enduring Power of Attorney' available [here](#). For members who deal with clients on an on-going basis who are made 'A Ward of Court' this document may well be of interest. Over my 33 years of auctioneering practice 'A Ward of Court' is one of the most disturbing events for both clients & their families that one can imagine. I have considered the possibility of not being able to handle my own affairs very seriously and personally completed an 'Enduring Power of Attorney' during 2016. I would prefer to have my affairs dealt with by the people I love and trust. Obviously I hope my trustees will never have to use the document, but if it comes to that, the decision is made.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention page 11 of your 2017 IPAV diary, where IPAV's newly established 'Members Assist Committee' is listed. I'm sure if I tried for the rest of my life, I would not be able to find 6 harder working & experienced members, from all parts of Ireland and walks of life, than those who have volunteered themselves to be a part of this committee. Impressively, between them, they've over 150 year's practical experience in our profession.

Many members tell me they would love to discuss different ideas with other members who are on the same footing, or sometimes just get a second opinion. You now have an opportunity to do this through the help of this new committee if you so wish. Don't think it's not for you, a problem shared is a problem halved and a problem discussed is a problem simplified. Any of these members will be delighted to confidentially help and offer advice and if they cannot help or advise themselves, you can be sure they will put you on the right road.

IPAV's Charity Donation to the Capuchin Day Centre



Brother Kevin Crowley & President Alan Redmond

A huge thank you to all IPAV members, colleagues and friends who supported and so generously donated to the Capuchin Day Centre at our recent President's Charity Lunch. As a result of all our efforts, IPAV's CEO Pat Davitt and our President Alan Redmond presented Brother Kevin Crowley with a cheque in the sum of €8000.00 which will go directly towards much needed frontline facilities.

CEO Visits Roscommon Agents



(l-r) IPAV CEO Pat Davitt, James Kilcoyne Jr. MIPAV (CV) TRV & James Kilcoyne Snr. MIPAV

Father & Son IPAV members James Kilcoyne Snr. and James Kilcoyne Jr. look to a bright 2017. IPAV's CEO visited them in their Ballaghadreen office in December, when they were just tidying up the last of the land lettings and looking forward to many new instructions coming in for the New Year.

SEAI Grants for homeowners and landlords



Better Energy Homes is a Government programme which gives fixed cash grants for insulation and heating system upgrades, helping to make homes more comfortable and cheaper to run. It is available to all owners of homes built before 2006. Details of this programme are available from SEAI by clicking [here](#).

Measures Introduced in line with the Rental Strategy



The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Mr Simon Coveney TD, introduced a number of changes affecting both landlords and tenants as part of a rental strategy launched in December. New provisions now in place include: **1) Rent Predictability Measures 2) 4 year tenancies to be replaced by 6 year tenancies 3) Quarterly publication of Dispute Resolution Timelines.** A useful guide is available [here](#) from our website. A full article relating to these measures, together with IPAV's commentary, will be published in IPAV's latest Property Professional Magazine which will be posted to members shortly.

PSRA Audits



We have received a number of calls from members who have been very concerned about their PSRA audit. The PSRA's audits are in place to measure and ensure compliance with the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011. It is not the intention of the PSRA to withdraw licences, but to govern and ensure licensee's understanding and compliance with the law. In August 2016, IPAV emailed members the PSRA's *GUIDE to Conducting Audit Inspections* which you can access in pdf version [here](#) from the PSRA's website. This is a very useful document to read before an audit takes place.

The REVASE Project



The Resources for Education in Valuation Standards in Europe (REVASE) project is continuing at pace to deliver its training resources for EVS 2016. For a compressive overview of this ambitious and innovative project, we recommend you take a look at David Magor's presentation available [here](#). David is the Chief Executive & honorary member of the Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation and was honoured an OBE.

IPAV's Young Professionals Network



(l-r) YPN Chair Raymond Smith, IPAV Member Regina Mangan, YPN Vice Chair Niamh Giffney, IPAV CEO Pat Davitt, YPN Committee Member Jack Long

On behalf of YPN, thank you to everyone for their support and attendance at their Christmas get together. On the night, €300.00 was raised for their chosen charity The NeoNatal unit in the Rotunda Hospital and thank you to all of you who kindly donated. For further information on

YPN please feel free to email yppn@ipav.ie. Details of their Galway Spring seminar will be circulated shortly.