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## Branch Meritorious Award

## Padraig O’Kane

MIAgrE

Padraig (Paddy) O’Kane MIAgrE has been a member of the Northern Ireland Branch Committee since 2009 and served as Branch Chairman for 2 years (2014/15 and 2015/16.)

After a period with Redrock Engineering Padraig joined Triolet and is currently Area Sales Manager for Triolet in Ireland, supplying farmers and anaerobic digester operators throughout the island with silage feeders and mixer wagons. He is well known to the agricultural engineering manufacturing and supply sectors throughout Ireland and the UK, and as such has been instrumental in using these contacts to arrange numerous Branch meetings during his period on the committee.

As recently as this month (October 2023) Padraig arranged a Branch trip to Ballywalter Farms in Wexford to see the latest Triolet automatic feeding system in operation on a large 500 cow dairy unit.

This was followed the next day with a visit to a local Case IH dealer and the huge 100,000 tonne grain drying and storage facility in Enniscorthy operated by Cooney Furlough Grain Co.

Padraig was also instrumental some years ago in helping organise the Branch visit to Krone and Triolet in Holland and Germany and is a positive contributor to Branch and Committee meetings. He is one of those busy people who will be the first to offer to help and can be relied upon to deliver on his commitments.

As well as his very busy work schedule and his involvement in the Institution, Padraig is an active member in his local community in North Antrim and numerous other rural organisations. For example, he was recently heavily involved in organising the World Sheepdog Trials held in Northern Ireland.

We believe Padraig would be a very worthy recipient of a Branch Meritorious Award.

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