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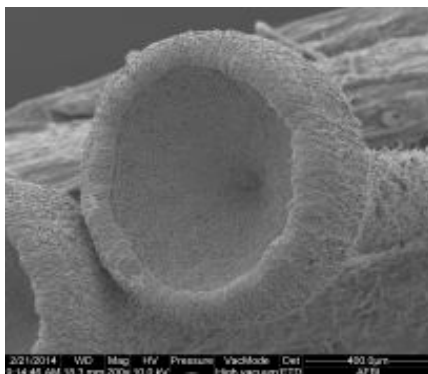
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The ARD Committee pictured with AFBI staff during their recent visit to AFBI Loughgall

### Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development visit AFBI Loughgall

The Assembly Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) recently visited AFBI Loughgall for an update on the research and development work being undertaken in support of the local agri-food sector ..... [Full story here](#)



Apothecia of *H. fraxineus*. These are about 2mm across

### ASH DIEBACK: A potentially devastating disease!

Ash dieback was first diagnosed in Northern Ireland in November 2013 in a small number of infected ash trees at a recently planted site. All of the ash trees in the batch were removed and destroyed. Following this positive finding, throughout 2013 and 2014 the Plant Health Inspectorate of DARD carried out an intensive survey of recently planted ash trees across Northern Ireland ..... [Full story here](#)



Mark Linton, the AFBI High Pressure facility manager congratulates Jacquelyn Stewart of Squeeze Wheatgrass on her quality award.

### AFBI research on high pressure helps deliver industry awards for improved food quality

Research at AFBI supports the view that high hydrostatic pressure can be a very successful "cold pasteurisation" treatment for a wide range of foods ..... [Full story here](#)



Harvested whole willow stems stacked for drying with waterproof cover fitted

### **AFBI Research highlights effective approach to drying willow stems**

In Northern Ireland, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) have set a number of important renewable energy targets, including 10% heat from renewable sources by 2020 ..... [Full story here](#)



Workshop participants vote to prioritise areas discussed at the scoping workshop

### **AFBI promotes 'Agri-Precision' initiatives**

Scientists at AFBI Hillsborough recently organized a highly successful scoping workshop in the area of 'Precision Technology' ..... [Full story here](#)



The group from the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-operative Society (LNFCS) who recently visited AFBI facilities

### **Lough Neagh fishermen updated on AFBI research on Lough Neagh eels**

AFBI recently hosted a visit from the Lough Neagh Fishermen's Co-operative Society (LNFCS) to discuss the current DCAL funded research programme on Lough Neagh eels ..... [Full story here](#)



Professor John Davis (pictured left) presents Dr Fischler with a copy of EuroChoices

### **AFBI Researcher invited to present to EU Milan Expo Conference**

Professor John Davis of AFBI was recently invited by the European Commission to participate in a recent conference in Milan to initiate the scientific programme of the Milan Expo ..... [Full story here](#)



Potato blight on cv. Up-to-date showing the pathogen (Phytophthora infestans) sporulating on the underside of a leaf

### **AFBI Potato Blight Warning**

AFBI and CAFRE have issued the first potato blight warning for 2015. Full infection periods were recorded between 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July at sites across Northern Ireland ..... [Full story here](#)

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Did you know?

**AFBI have announced plans for a major Dairy Open Day which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at AFBI Hillsborough ....**

AFBI have recently announced plans to host a major Dairy Open Day later this year under the theme "Surviving Today – Planning for Tomorrow" ... [Full story here](#)

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