

DOCTRID IV Conference

Queens University Belfast

27th & 28th April 2015

Monday 27th April

08:30-9:30 Registration

09:15-09:30 Signing of MoU with Dundalk IT and Designability

09:30-10:00 Welcome Address

Professor Ian Gray, Conference Chair. Vice-President for Research Emeritus, Michigan State University

Professor Patrick Johnston, President and Vice Chancellor, Queens University Belfast.

Sr Goretti Butler, Provincial, Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services

Professor Lou Anna Simon, President, Michigan State University

10:00-10:20 Update on ASSISTID and Hegarty-MSU Fellowship Programmes

Prof Brian Harvey, Director of Research DOCTRID Research Institute

Prof Michael Leahy, Michigan State University

10:20-11:20 Gaps and innovation in service delivery. Theme Coordinator, Prof Michael Leahy, Michigan State University

Speaker: Mr Christy Lynch, CEO, KARE, IRELAND

Respondents: Mr Mitch Tomlinson, CEO Peckham Inc, Michigan, USA

Mr Denis Cronin, CEO Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services, IRELAND

11:20-11:45 Coffee

11:45-12:00 Prof Tony Byrne, Chairman of PEAT (Parents, Education as Autism Therapists)

12:00-13:00 Social Inclusion. Theme Coordinator, Dr Geraldine Leader, NUI Galway

Speaker: Dr Jennifer Clegg, University of Nottingham, UK

Respondents: Dr Ed Hall, University of Dundee, UK

Dr Bronagh Byrne, Queens University Belfast, UK

Dr Christine Linehan, University College Dublin, IRELAND

13:00-14:00 Lunch



14:00-15:00 **Prevention and Epidemiology.** *Theme Coordinator: Dr Nigel Paneth, Michigan State University*

Speaker: Prof. Bernard Dan, Children's Hospital Brussels and Free University of Brussels, BELGIUM

Respondents: Dr. Jean Kerver, Department of Epidemiology and Statistics, Michigan State University, USA

Prof. Anthony Staines, School of Nursing & Human Sciences, Dublin City University, IRELAND

15:00-15:15 Service User presentation

15:15-16:15 **Future of Assistive Technologies.** *Theme Coordinator, Dr John Dinsmore, Trinity College, Dublin*

Speaker: Dr. Gerald Craddock, National Disability Authority and Centre for Excellence in Universal Design, IRELAND

Respondents: Dr. John Gilligan, Dublin Institute of Technology, IRELAND

Ms. Lynnae Ruttledge, National Council on Disability, USA

16:15-16:45 **Closing remarks:** Prof Ian Gray & Prof Brian Harvey

16:45-18:00 **Drinks Reception and Poster Session**

19:00-late **Conference Dinner**

Tuesday 28th April-Workshops

These workshops will build on key questions and challenges raised in each of the four themes from the previous days' meeting. The workshops are a platform to identify collaborative opportunities and facilitate discussions around action points and future directions of research into Assistive Technologies

08:30-08:45 Opening of workshop – Prof Ian Gray

08:45-09:30 **Hegarty Fellows Platform**

Prof Michael Leahy Michigan State University and Hegarty Fellows
(*Dr June Chen, Dr Stacy Clifford-Simplican, Dr Carolyn Shivers*)

09:30-10:00 **Coffee**

10:00-12:00 **Workshops**

Workshop I: **Social Inclusion:** *Theme Coordinator, Dr Geraldine Leader, NUI Galway*

Workshop II: **Gaps and Innovation in Service Delivery:** *Theme Coordinator, Prof Michael Leahy, Michigan State University*

12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-15:00 **Workshops**

Workshop III: **Future of Assistive Technologies:** *Theme Coordinator, Dr John Dinsmore, Trinity College, Dublin*

Workshop IV: **Prevention & Epidemiology:** *Theme Coordinator: Dr Nigel Paneth, Michigan State University*

15:00-16:00 Summary and Action Points from Workshop Theme Leaders and final comments by Prof. Ian Gray and Prof. Brian Harvey

16:00 Conference Close